



WATER TANKS ROLL OUT INTO MORE COUNTRY CLUBS

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Due to the resounding success of the *Tanks for Country Football* water initiative, the West End Community Fund (WECF) has released funding for a further 20 water tanks.

The *Tanks for Country Football* water initiative began in July 2009 with the aim of providing valuable water supplies to some of South Australia's driest football fields. Forty tanks have been provided over the past two years and have been warmly received by the clubs.

The next 20 tanks will be placed in low rainfall areas of the state that require additional water to lighten the burden on their grounds and support clubroom water usage.

Jake Parkinson, Regional Director for Lion Nathan South Australia and Chair of the WECF was pleased to announce further funding for country clubs around South Australia.

"The WECF committee is fully committed in its support of this initiative. Water is a major issue in many parts of the state and these tanks play a valuable role in helping communities manage some of the effects of a lack of water."

West End has long been a supporter of sport at all levels in South Australia, and we're delighted to support a program that helps local communities keep their sporting traditions alive – both on and off the footy field."

SA Water has continued their support of the Tanks for Country Football initiative, by contributing \$1,000 towards a pump and plumbing costs, once the tanks are installed.

SA Water Head of Operations Rob Dowling said there had been a great response to the program which provided country football clubs with an incentive to become water wise by capturing and storing their own rainwater. I.

"Sporting organisations help bring communities together. Through this program SA Water is assisting country sporting grounds and clubrooms to become more water efficient.

"This is a win for the community, football clubs and the environment."

The WECF couldn't fulfil the initiative without the advice and management of the clubs, in association with the Community Football Board (CFB) at the SA National Football League.

CFB Chairman, David Shipway, who has been involved with the program since the early days when he corralled SA Water, Davey Pumps and Team Poly Tanks to supply vital equipment, was pleased to see the extension of the initiative.

"We have been delighted with the *Tanks for Country Football* Program which has now delivered 50 rainwater tanks to football and sporting clubs in low rainfall areas throughout the state. Our thanks go to all the supporters of this program, it has been very much appreciated by the clubs who have received tanks to date," David said.

The new water tanks will roll out across the state in the next few weeks.

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About the WECF

The West End Community Fund has been set up to manage the funds from the Water Fountain at the iconic West End Brewery, which has been dispensing fresh filtered water from natural aquifer underneath the brewery since 2000.

In 2002, after public consultation a charge was imposed, with funds going to South Australian charities and managed by the Adelaide Bank Charitable Foundation. In September 2008 this foundation closed due to the Bendigo Bank merger.

Today, the West End Community Fund is managed by a Committee which includes Lion Nathan SA representatives and external well known legend Les Burdett. The Committee endeavours to assist communities in need with appropriate funding and solutions-based initiatives.

HOW ARE FOOTBALL CLUBS CHOSEN by the Community Football Board?

General selection guidelines and stipulations:

1. Allocated to communities very reliant on water or in marginal or low rainfall areas
2. Spread over all the state
3. Only 1 tank per league in each proposed allocation
4. All recipients have advised a need for increased water storage and value the need to conserve usage

ROUND 5 TANK DESCRIPTIONS

1. Border Downs Tintinara – Mallee; Coonalpyn Oval

This club shares two home grounds – Coonalpyn and Tintinara. The regions climate can be very marginal; 2010 has been better than average, but the seasons preceding have been poor and in some years bordering on drought. The area relies heavily on cropping and the production of cattle and fat lambs.

2. Central Eyre – Mid West; Warramboe Oval

Central Eyre FC shares facilities between the tiny townships of Kyancutta and Warramboe on Central Eyre Peninsula. Both facilities are reliant on mains water in a low rainfall region as little opportunity for water conservation is available due to both ovals serving as virtual outposts in a large farming community.

3. Kimba – Eastern Eyre

Kimba Districts FC is one of the most proactive clubs in the region in regard to facility development. They are currently in the process of finishing their new clubrooms which has incorporated an enormous amount of in-kind work to keep costs as low as possible. The tank would complement the new project as well as the towns' general stance in regard to water conservation in a low rainfall district.

4. Lock – Great Flinders

Locks FC are one of the first clubs on the Eyre Peninsula to promote water conservation measures within their township. The club members developed a storm water runoff program in two dams on the edge of the town. The storm water runoff is then used to water the town oval as well as the small but vital green areas of Lock. The tank at the clubrooms would make the club self-sufficient as the showers etc are the only aspect of the club reliant on mains water. Lock is located centrally on the Eyre Peninsula in a low rainfall farming district.

5. Mintaro Manoora – North Eastern; Mintaro Oval

Mintaro / Manoora FC is located in a sparsely populated area of the North Eastern Football League and includes two very small towns. The club still uses both town ovals and relies very heavily on rainfall for water supply. A strong farming community (wheat, sheep and cattle) situated very near to the Clare Valley wine region.

ROUND 5 TANK DESCRIPTIONS (cont'd)

6. Tailem Bend – River Murray

Tailem Bend FC from the River Murray Football League is located about 100 km from Adelaide. Major industries in the area include pig farming, dairying, and grain growing. Tailem Bend Oval is the one town venue for football and netball, with the club room used by locals for a variety of functions and events and reliant on water from the River Murray and its low rainfall.

7. Two Wells – Adelaide Plains

Two Wells Football Club – The club is located in the Adelaide Plains region. It services the local Two Wells township along with the neighbouring areas of Lewiston, Middle Beach & Lower Light. The area is heavily reliant on the local market garden industry. The football club has recently merged with the local Two Wells Netball Club and reliant on mains water.

8. Southern Flinders – Northern Areas; Laura Oval

The Southern Flinders FC is located in a sparsely populated area in the bottom of the Southern Flinders Ranges in a low rainfall area and includes 3 small towns (Gladstone, Laura & Wirrabara). It is a productive farming community with wheat, sheep and cattle. The club still uses all three town ovals and has won grants to do up the Laura and Gladstone club houses.

9. Strathalbyn – Great Southern

The Strathalbyn FC – a large, well run Club in a growing community on the Fleurieu Peninsula situated in a rain shadow area east of the Mt Lofty Ranges approximately one hour from Adelaide. The Club uses the Strathalbyn Oval which has a great surface and a turf pitch for cricket and lights for night football. It is an excellent facility which would only be enhanced via a tank allocation to supply the change-rooms and social club.

10. Wunkar - Riverland

The Wunkar Football Club is located approximately 30 kilometres from Loxton on the Loxton to Swan Reach road. The township is home to minimal services & a very small population. The area is reliant on the cereal agriculture industry & is in a marginal rainfall location. The football club is the centre of the areas social activities.

ROUND 5 TANK DESCRIPTIONS

Club	District League
Balaklava Football Club	Adelaide Plains
Blyth	North Eastern Football League
Booloroo Melrose Wilmington (Booloroo)	Northern Areas Football League – recipient BOOLOROO OVAL
Brinkworth, Spalding, Redhill	North East Football League
Broken Hill Football League – Jubilee Oval	Broken Hill Football League
Brown’s Well Football Club	Riverland Football League
Burra Booborowie Hallett Football Club	North Eastern Football League
Callington Football Club	Hills Football League
Central Yorke Cougars	Yorke Peninsula Football League
Cleve	Eastern Eyre Football League
Cummins Kapinnie	Great Flinders Football League
Goolwa Port Elliot (Goolwa Oval)	Great Southern Football League
Hamley Bridge Football Club	Adelaide Plains
Jervois Football Club	River Murray League
Kapunda Football Club	Barossa, Light & Gawler League
Karoonda Football Club	Mallee Football League
Keith Football Club	Keith, Naracoorte, Tintinara Football League
Lameroo Football Club	Mallee Football League
Langhorne Creek Football Club	Great Southern Football League
Loxton North	Riverland Football League
Lyrup Football Club	Riverland Football League
Mallala	Adelaide Plains Football League
Marble Range Football Club	Pt Lincoln Football League
Meningie Football Club	River Murray Football League
Moonta Football Club	Yorke Peninsula
Paskeville	Yorke Peninsula Football League
Peake	Mallee Football League
Pinnaroo Football Club	
Ramco	Riverland Independent Football League
Riverton Saddleworth Marrabel United (Riverton Oval)	North East Football League
Roxby Downs Football Club	Woomera & Districts Football League
Rudall Football Club	Eastern Eyre
Sedan/Cambrai Football Club	Hills Football League
Snowtown (NB: Extra tank supplied by Team Poly).	North Eastern Football League
Thevanard Football Club	West Coast Football League
United Football Club	Adelaide Plains Football League
United Yeelanna (Karkoo Oval)	Great Flinders Football League
West Coast Hawks Football Club	Mid West Football League
Western United Football Club	Far West Football League
Whyalla (Bennett Oval)	Whyalla Football League
Wudinna United Football Club	Mid West Football League