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WATER SAVING GOES INTERACTIVE

Householders can calculate their weekly water use and access easy ways to save water around the home through a new interactive website launched this morning by Minister for Water Security Karlene Maywald.

Minister Maywald and SA Water Chief Executive Anne Howe unveiled the new SA Water Interactive House and Garden program at the Glen Osmond Primary School.

“The Interactive House and Garden has more than 35 helpful hints and tips for saving water in and around the home, including how to care for our wastewater network,” Minister Maywald said.

“There are plenty of ways to save water – they start from things as simple as taking shorter showers and purchasing water efficient devices, to larger projects like installing rainwater tanks.

“This new interactive program demonstrates to people of all ages, especially to South Australia’s younger generation, just how much water can be saved collectively through individual water wise choices.

“South Australians have showed their willingness to be more water wise and already this year have reduced their consumption by almost 44 billion litres compared to the same time in 2002.”

Ms Howe says the new interactive learning program is aimed at a wide range of users from adults to school children.

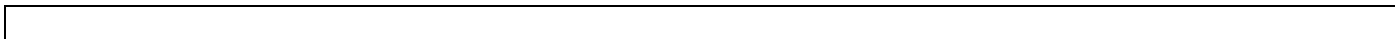
The website offers three different interactive options:

- Waterwise Tour: A tour of water saving information around the home.
- Play the Game: An interactive water saving game.
- Your Home: A water use calculator to calculate real water savings.

“One of the highlights of the program is the water use calculator - this gives the user a chance to calculate how much water they use in different areas of the home and then compare it to their estimated weekly water consumption. This type of information can be extremely helpful for people who want to better manage and monitor their water use and will identify those areas where they can save more,” Ms Howe says.

“The program will also be a useful teaching tool and will make up part of SA Water’s new school education program.”

Glen Osmond Primary School Principal Kerry Kavanagh says the Interactive House and Garden provides a practical way for students to understand how their actions can make a difference.



“This web-based program ties in well with our school’s emphasis on education for sustainability and allows students to take their learning home,” Dr Kavanagh says.

“They can interact with the learning program online at school and then introduce other members of the family to it at home.

“This program builds on students’ eagerness to learn about important topics via online multimedia texts.”

The new Interactive House and Garden website is available at www.sawater.com.au/interactivehouse

