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LIFTING THE LID ON THE HISTORY OF TOILETS

Minister for Water Paul Caica said today SA Water is lifting the lid on the history of toilets as part of SA History Week 2010.

Mr Caica says *Toilets Through Time* is an opportunity for the community to learn about what happened before sewers were invented.

“This is a unique chance for people of all ages to take a step back in time and learn about one of the most common things we use in our lives every day – the toilet,” Mr Caica says.

“This event has been designed by SA Water to raise community awareness about the importance of wastewater networks and treatment.

“It’s also an opportunity to highlight past achievements and how they have contributed to today’s much-improved lifestyle.”

SA Water chief executive Anne Howe says methods of waste collection and treatment have varied throughout history.

“From chamber pots and night cartmen to the water efficient dual flush systems we have today, I think people would be surprised and relieved just how much has changed,” Ms Howe says.

“Many of us simply press the toilet button and walk away, but there have been major changes to our sewerage systems over the years to get to the modern feat of engineering we use today.

“The presentation reveals some hilarious toilet facts and children will be entertained with wastewater related activity stations.

“Also on display will be entries in the ‘design a toilet for the future’ competition, where students from years 6 to 12 have the chance to design what they thought toilets could look like one day.

“Judging by the entries we have already received, we could expect great things for the humble loo.”

Toilets Through Time is a free community event to be held in the SA Water Learning Centre on Saturday, 29 May 2010 from 10am – 3pm.

