



# Media Release



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Minister for Water Security

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City of Unley

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## **RECYCLED WATER FOR UNLEY'S OVALS, RESERVES**

The City of Unley will be able to keep its ovals and reserves green as the latest customer to sign up to the \$76.25 million Glenelg to Adelaide Park Lands Recycled Water Project.

Minister for Water Security Karlene Maywald says Unley Council has entered into an agreement with SA Water to receive up to 50 million litres of recycled water a year from the GAP project to irrigate their public green spaces.

“This agreement is a great outcome for the environment, for the people of the City of Unley and the local government,” Minister Maywald says.

“The City of Unley will be able to keep its parks and reserves green for residents and visitors, without needing to draw water from the mains water supply.

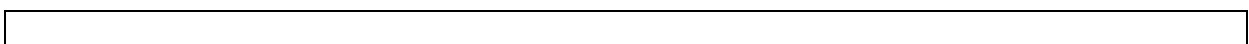
“The prolonged drought has taken its toll on much of our State’s open space, leaving many of parks, gardens and ovals looking dry and parched.

“It is great news that local government including the Adelaide City Council and now the City of Unley can have access to a more sustainable substitute to traditional water sources.”

City of Unley Mayor Richard Thorne said the signing of the agreement with SA Water means council’s public open spaces will be returned to their former glory.

“The long-term GAP agreement will provide our council with 50 million litres of high quality recycled water for the irrigation of Goodwood and Unley ovals, Forestville Reserve, Orphanage Park and several smaller local parks.

“Construction of the new access pipeline will take place this year and we hope to have the water available for use next summer.



“I also congratulate the Commonwealth and State Governments on their investment in constructing the pipeline from Glenelg to Adelaide, which has provided us with the opportunity to lock in this cornerstone GAP water supply agreement.

“The supply agreement will provide a significant and long-term alternative source of water that provides both economic and environmental benefits for the people of Unley.”

Mr Thorne says the GAP agreement is only one element of the council’s overall water sustainability strategy.

“Other projects on the go include stormwater harvesting and aquifer storage and recovery, water sensitive urban design and greater use of rainwater tanks,” he says.

“The City of Unley will also continue to investigate the feasibility of several stormwater harvesting/reuse schemes within our boundaries, including Ridge Park Reserve and Johnstone Terrace, Wayville, to further reduce our dependence on mains water.”

Unley parks and reserves that will benefit from the GAP pipeline include:

- Forestville Reserve
- Goodwood Oval
- Orphanage Park
- Unley Oval
- McLeay Park
- Leicester St Playground
- Unley Village Green
- Henry Codd Reserve

Minister Maywald says SA Water is continuing to negotiate with further potential customers who have shown a strong interest in hooking up to the recycled water project.

“SA Water has completed commercial negotiations with more than 15 customers who are in the final stages of signing GAP agreements,” she Maywald says.

The GAP project was completed last month, four months ahead of schedule, to link Adelaide’s Parklands with the Glenelg Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The project has the capacity to provide up to 5.5 billion litres of high-quality recycled water a year to replace water previously taken from the mains and less secure ground water sources.

