

# Be part of Macedon Ranges' water future

We're looking at how to best manage and protect the water that helps this beautiful region thrive.

Water is vital in all communities – and right now, we're looking at all the options to manage water in the Macedon Ranges well into the future.

We're working to make sure we're prepared to have enough water in a dry period, and manage extra water when it's very wet. That includes finding the best ways to use our recycled water, which is always in strong supply. Find out more and have your say.

## We want to hear from you

To make sure we continue to support a healthy environment and resilient community, we want to hear from the people who understand and care about the Macedon Ranges.

Visit [yoursay.gww/macedonrangeswaterfuture](https://yoursay.gww/macedonrangeswaterfuture) to:

- Find out more about the challenge
- Share your views in our survey
- Find out about pop-up events to chat with the team and have your say in person
- Express your interest in joining our community panel.

You can also email us at [engagement@gww.com.au](mailto:engagement@gww.com.au)

Have your say by 5pm 31 October 2022



### Water in the Macedon Ranges

Most water the community uses comes from rainfall. This is captured in protected catchment areas, after entering rivers and streams. We filter and treat it before piping it to the community.

This water is used in most homes and businesses for drinking, cleaning, bathing, washing clothes, flushing toilets and anything else you might use water for at home.

After water is used, it becomes wastewater. Wastewater flows into the sewerage network to our recycled water plants, where it's carefully treated.

### Wastewater is always in plentiful supply

As populations grow, this supply increases – even if individuals are careful about their water use.

### Recycled water in Macedon Ranges: a snapshot



Macedon Ranges has four recycled water plants:

- Gisborne
- Riddells Creek
- Romsey
- Woodend



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In 2021, Macedon Ranges' four recycled water plants:

- treated enough wastewater to fill 5000 Olympic swimming pools\*
- Supplied enough recycled water to customers to fill 2000 Olympic swimming pools\*\*

\*11.9 billion litres \*\*5.3 billion litres

### Preparing for the future

We need to be prepared to manage water in the driest and the wettest of years to come, and find sustainable ways to use our recycled water.

#### Wet years mean:

- An abundant supply of water in our natural waterways
- More water entering our network
- Fields and gardens need less manual watering: they're watered directly by rain.

#### Dry years mean:

- Water is scarce
- We need to make sure there is enough water for all the things the community needs
- A great opportunity to find good uses for recycled water, so drinking water can be conserved for where it's needed.

To help us get the balance right, we want to hear from you: the people who live and work in the Macedon Ranges. Your values, priorities and understanding of the region are important in helping us get this right.

Find out more about the challenge and how you can have your say at:  
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