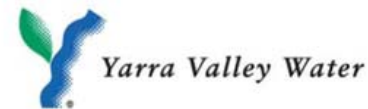


Stage 3 water restrictions

Announced 16 March 2010

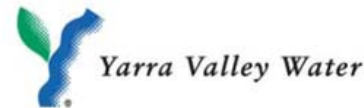
Information Session

31 March 2010



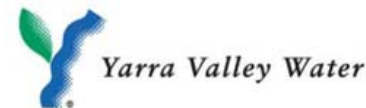
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- Gardens - Public & Residential
- Compliance
- Further Information
- Questions



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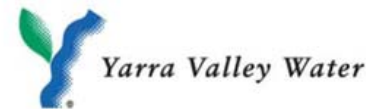
- More water for sportsgrounds
- More water for exempt playing surfaces
- More water for parks and gardens
- More watering times for residential gardens
- Target 155 to remain in place



Changes for Stage 3

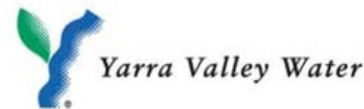
How is this possible? As a result of:

- Greater confidence in future supply
- Tarago Reservoir re-connection
- Sugarloaf Pipeline
- Desalination Plant project
- Storages up 90 billion litres compared to same time as last year
- Water usage reduction, e.g. turf transitions



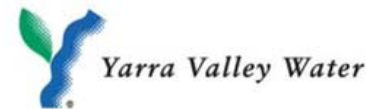
Sportsgrounds - currently

- Water Conservation Plan approvals mostly now under 'Allocations' style WCP
- Some organisations still under '1 in 4'
- Transition to drought tolerant species and practices being undertaken by most organisations – reducing watering volume requirements at each ground



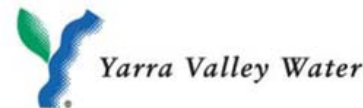
Sportsgrounds – under Stage 3

- 50% more water allowed
- An organisation operating under a 1 in 4 approval has to re-apply under an ‘Allocation’ style to be able to water more than their 1 in 4 nominated grounds
- Watering up to 3 in 4 grounds (or more) is available only under ‘Allocations’ approval



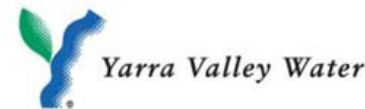
Sportsgrounds – under stage 3

- 12.5% more water has been added to current 'Allocations' approvals for through to 30 June 2010 – this has been made available ASAP after the announcement.
- Water utilities will negotiate with each organisation before 30 June for 2010-11 approvals with a 50% increase on the 2009-10 volume.



Exempt Playing Surfaces

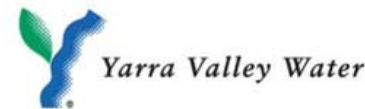
- Tennis Courts
- Lawn Bowls, Croquet & Trugo greens
- Turf Wicket for Cricket, Turf practice Wicket
- Golf Tee or Green (but not approaches)
- Hockey Pitch
- Baseball/Softball fields



Exempt Playing Surfaces

Tennis Courts

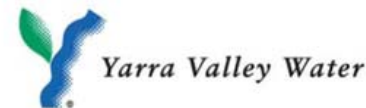
- Water Conservation Plan (WCP) application required, court chemical treatment no longer mandatory
- Guidelines for Water Conservation Plans (WCPs) available with application form on utilities' websites



Exempt Playing Surfaces

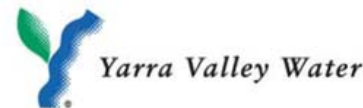
Tennis Courts – Guidelines for WCPs

- **For red porous courts**
 - Hand-held hose watering is allowed before each set/session
 - Watering is not allowed at the completion of play. The court is to be bagged
 - All courts can be watered lightly with a hand-held hose in accordance with watering guidelines developed by Tennis Victoria
 - Watering provisions for courts for hot and windy days
- **For all courts**
 - Must not exceed water use allocation issued by the water utility
 - May need (preferably) to have a separate water meter for court irrigation supply



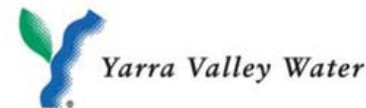
Exempt Playing Surfaces

- Lawn Bowls, Croquet & Trugo greens
 - Water Conservation Plan application required
 - 6:00 – 8:00 am Sunday, Wednesday and Friday for automatic or manual sprinkler, spray or drip irrigation
 - 6:00 – 8:00 am Monday, Wednesday and Friday for hand-held hose watering



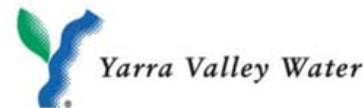
Exempt Playing Surfaces

- Turf Wicket for Cricket, Turf practice Wicket
- To ensure a pitch area does not cause a whole sportsground to be rendered unsuitable for play, approval may be granted to other organisations than a cricket club outside cricket season.
- Hand-held hose watering, only, may be conducted at:
 - 6:00 – 8:00 am Monday
 - 6:00 – 8:00 pm Tuesday and Thursday
 - 6:00 – 7:00 pm Friday



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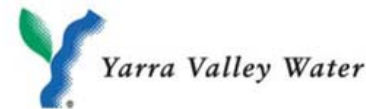
- Golf Tee or Green (but not approaches)
- Hockey Pitch
- Baseball/Softball fields
 - All above to be assessed on a case-by-case basis
 - Irrigation using drippers, sprays and sprinklers (not just drip) will be considered under a water conservation plan application
 - Application required from facility owner/manager
 - Application may be referred to water retailers exemptions working group, if and as necessary for consideration of specific aspects



Gardens – Alternate Days

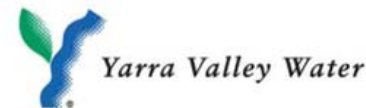
Residential and Public gardens

- Alternate days
- Even numbered and no-numbered properties can water on even dates
 - e.g. 2nd, 4th, 6th
- Odd numbered properties can water on odd dates
 - e.g. 1st, 3rd, 5th
- All properties can water on the 31st of the month



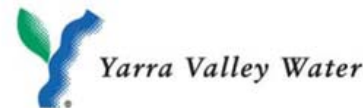
Public Gardens

- 6:00 – 10:00 am and 8:00 pm – Midnight for manual watering using drip irrigation
- Midnight – 8:00 am for automatic watering using drip irrigation
- 6:00 – 10:00 am for hand-held hose watering
- Or Water Conservation Plan application



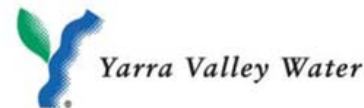
Residential Gardens

- 6:00 – 8:00 am for manual watering using drip irrigation, trigger nozzle fitted hoses, and buckets and watering cans
- 8:00 – 10:00 am, as above, as alternative for households with someone over the age of 70
- Midnight – 2:00 am for automatic drip irrigation



Other aspects

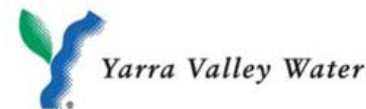
- All other aspects of the water restrictions are unchanged from Stage 3a, and have been in place since 1 April 2007



Exemptions for certain playing surfaces

An exemption may be granted during a period of restriction to water any playing surface (including an exempt playing surface, as defined in Schedule 2) if the application:

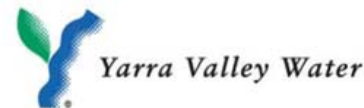
- (a) relates to a surface which is to be used for an **inter-State, national or international professional sporting competition, the dates for which were scheduled before the relevant stage of restriction was declared;** and
- (b) **is granted for a finite period, which includes the dates during which the competition is to be held,** determined after consulting the applicant.



Other Exemptions

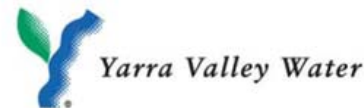
Other exemptions applications may be considered, based on:

- shift of hours requirements,
 - ground availability times for irrigation, and
 - other extenuating circumstances,
- on an individual basis



Compliance

- Water Conservation Plan approvals may be revoked if significant or ongoing breaches are occurring
- Clear breaches of any water restrictions may result in appropriate actions being taken, including:
 - **Education**
 - **Formal warning**
 - **Restriction of water supply**
 - **Penalty Infringement Notices (Fines)**
 - **Prosecution**



Further Information

- Storage and catchment information
 - www.melbournewater.com.au
- Current Drought Response Plan, application forms, fact sheets, and updated drought and restrictions details
 - www.citywestwater.com.au
 - www.yarravalleywater.com.au
 - www.southeastwater.com.au
 - www.westernwater.com.au

