

We need to conserve water...

Outdoor watering is the biggest user of water in households in the Mackay region. To ensure we have enough to go around, we all need to conserve water where possible.

Did you know?

Sprinklers use: 1000 litres per hour

Hoses use: 600-900 litres per hour

Hosing the driveway: 75 litres per 5 minutes

Filling the pool: Up to 54,000 litres



Tip 1: Don't use water in the heat of the day between 10am and 4pm. The water will evaporate before it hits the ground.

Tip 2: Spreading a layer of mulch around your plants retains moisture. Your plants will need less water.

Tip 3: Use a swimming pool cover to reduce evaporative losses. You could save between 11,000 and 30,000 litres of water each year.

The best way to keep track of your water usage is to sign up to council's free myh2o website:

myh2o.qld.gov.au

Saving water in the garden is simple

Check out Mackay Regional Council's Plantastic Water Saving Guide at

PLANTASTICMACKAY.COM.AU

Create your water-saving garden in 4 simple steps

You can select:



WATERING
REQUIRED



MATURE
HEIGHT



SOIL TYPE



PLANT STYLE

It pays to pick your plants



For more info visit:

mackay.qld.gov.au/savewater

QUEENSLAND'S TOP DROP

Mackay's water voted "Best Tasting Water" in Queensland



Your guide to our region's water





Top drop in Queensland

Water from our Nebo Road Water Treatment Plant has been voted the 2018 Best of the Best Queensland Water Taste Test Grand Champion.

The competition puts the best tap water from across Queensland in a blind taste test, with entries judged on colour, odour and taste.

Straight to your tap

Mackay Regional Council provides treated water services to more than 107,000 consumers.

It is vigorously tested at council's water laboratory, which is NATA (National Association of Testing Authorities) accredited.

Each year, we produce about 12,000 ML of high quality water, and service consumers using more than 1200km of water mains.

Delivering for residents

In 2017/18, council:

- Completed the \$2.3million Mt Pleasant Reservoir refurbishment
- Installed a new production bore to improve the Eton water supply
- Installed 3.9km of new water mains
- Laboratory conducted over 350,000 water tests
- Provided in-kind support to local environment groups, university and TAFE students

2018/19: \$26.4 million has been allocated in the current budget for water and wastewater infrastructure projects.



Our assets

- 1 dam
- 2 pump stations
- 3 water treatment plants
- 11 water treatment facilities
- 38 reservoirs
- 36 water pump stations
- 27 groundwater bores

These assets are valued at more than \$800 million.



Innovation recognised

Mackay Water Services has been recognised at the 2018 Australian Water Association Queensland Branch Awards.



Winner - Program Innovation (under 250,000 end users), MiSewer.

Finalist - Project Innovation (under 250,000 end users), Mt Pleasant No.1 Reservoir refurbishment.

Mt Pleasant No.1 Reservoir has also been shortlisted in the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia Awards.