

## Message from the Managing Director

So far this winter the ACT and Queanbeyan have done an outstanding job with water consumption, remaining well below our Stage 3 winter target of 105ML.

Combined dam levels are currently at 44.7%, slightly lower than at the same time last year and without further rainfall will decline when the warmer weather arrives. ACTEW will need to implement Stage 4 if our storage levels reach the low 30's (%).

The key to maintaining our dam levels and avoiding tough Stage 4 restrictions will be continued low water use and reasonable rainfall.

Let's keep up our great water wise efforts, and continue to save water throughout the rest of winter and into the warmer months.

Mark Sullivan

## Water Report

### Dam levels (1 Aug 09)

Corin: 38%  
Bendora: 74%  
Cotter: 96%  
Googong: 44%

### Rainfall (to 1 Aug 09)

Rainfall to date for 2009:  
208 mm  
Expected average rainfall to  
date: 337 mm

### Consumption (to 1 Aug 09)

Actual average water use for winter: 97 ML\* per day  
Target Stage 3 winter water use: 105 ML\* per day

\*1 ML = 1 Megalitre or 1 million litres

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## Enlarged Cotter Dam planning approvals progress

ACTEW Corporation has made good progress in gaining the necessary planning approvals which will enable us to start work on the Enlarged Cotter Dam project.

The final EIS was recently recognised as complete by the ACT Minister for Planning, allowing ACTEW to submit a Development Application (DA). ACTPLA placed the DA on public exhibition during July, and ACTEW hosted several public drop-in sessions to provide information to the community on the application. We thank the community for their involvement in this process.

To provide alternative facilities while Cotter Avenue is closed for construction of the Enlarged Cotter Dam, ACTEW has proposed upgrades to the Casuarina Sands recreational area. The DA for this work is currently available for community comment and can be found on ACTPLA's website at [www.actpla.act.gov.au](http://www.actpla.act.gov.au)

## Upgrade of the Googong Dam Spillway

Earlier this year ACTEW Corporation commenced remediation work on the Googong Dam Spillway, which involves repairing and extending the spillway's chute and retaining walls by placing concrete into eroded rock sections.

This work is necessary to ensure the structure is in line with modern design and safety standards.

Progress on the upgrade is continuing well, with more than 20% of the required works now complete. Project completion is scheduled for September 2010.



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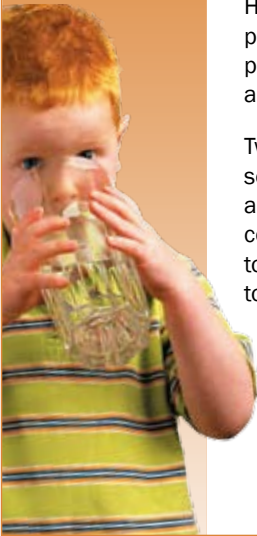
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## Canberra hotels help visitors stay water wise

ACTEW has been working with representatives from the Australian Hotels Association (AHA), to develop a plan for the promotion of water saving practices to visitors staying in hotels across Canberra.

Twelve AHA member hotels have so far volunteered to be involved and now have shower hangers and counter card products, urging guests to take shorter showers and hang towels that do not require laundering.

Other hotels interested in promoting water wise messages can contact the Water Conservation Office or their AHA representative for more information.



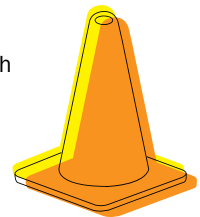
## Construction industry continues preparations

In June ACTEW held a forum with representatives from the Master Builders Association and Housing Industry Association to discuss issues relating to the construction industry and its operations under possible Stage 4 Water Restrictions.

Topics that were discussed included:

- The development of 'best practice' guidelines for the construction industry for Stage 4
- Access to 'surface water' (e.g. non potable lake water) for uses such as dust suppression and earth compaction
- Community education and awareness campaigns aimed at industry operators and the community to inform them about the industry's response to high level water restrictions.

ACTEW will continue to work closely with construction industry representatives to prepare for the possibility of Stage 4 restrictions.



## Remove the morning frost with a FREE ACTEW Ice Scraper

To save water this winter, ACTEW is offering free ice scrapers to help residents remove frost from windscreens without using water.

To get your free ice scraper contact ACTEW's Water Conservation Office on 6248 3131. Numbers are limited so get in quick!

## Visit your local nursery and get your garden ready for spring

To get your garden ready for the warmer months before they arrive, why not pay a visit to your local garden centre, nursery or irrigation dealer to:

- Pick a **mulch** for your garden and mulch or re-mulch all your garden beds
- Ask for **advice** on when to fertilise and prune your plants to get the best out of them
- Find out what **drought tolerant plants** are suitable for planting during winter
- Make sure your **irrigation system** is working properly and does not have any leaks or blockages
- Ask about **more great ways** to save water in the garden



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