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Water Week ceremony in Ulladulla

Shoalhaven City Council will celebrate National Water Week with a special award ceremony at the Ulladulla Civic Centre on Tuesday 7 September.

Council will celebrate National Water Week with the Tapstar Waterwise Educational Show for primary schools, a poster and sticker competition, an awareness campaign on school water use, and a competition to create a radio water advertisement. All the activities have been aligned to the educational teaching stages of the children involved.

Shoalhaven Water Director Carmel Krogh said National Water Week is a time when citizens can think about how they use water and how they can make the best use of our most precious resource.

“We have a lot of people in the city who are very aware of the water they are using,” Ms Krogh said. “Currently most households use on average 152 kilolitres each year, while the national average is 241 kilolitres each year. So you can see that Shoalhaven citizens know how to save water and how to best use our precious resource.

“We encourage all of the community to look at ways that they can continue to save and use this resource wisely but also how we can keep those nasties such as rubbish and other materials out of our water ways and catchment areas.”

National Water Week is an annual awareness week that aims to raise public awareness and improve understanding of water issues in Australia. National Water Week is the only event in Australia that provides a national focus for water issues. In 2010 National Water Week will take place on 17 - 23 October.

So far more than 700 students from city primary schools have participated in activities and competitions leading up to Water Week. All entries are to be submitted to Council by Friday 20 August for judging.

National Water Week is held across Australia in October of each year to promote water conservation. It is also timed to coincide with the upcoming summer period and is designed to assist communities to take actions that help protect and conserve a most precious resource.

Shoalhaven Water's National Water Week program includes the Tapstar Show targeting primary school children with teachers utilising the educational resources of the program to enhance their school curriculum on the subject of water conservation. The program is widely used and in 2009 involved more than 1,500 primary school children during water week and included school activities, live radio coverage of events and tours of water supply and sewerage facilities.

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