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Water filling station trial to be launched in Milton this Thursday

This Thursday the 15th of April, will see the launch of a water bottle filling station to be trialled in Milton. The station will be located on the prince's highway near the pedestrian crossing. This is the first of its kind to be installed in the Shoalhaven.

Director of Shoalhaven Water, Carmel Krogh had suggested two sites be trialled prior to a full roll out of additional water stations 'We need to assess different kinds of drinking fountains and refill stations to make sure we are catering for that particular area so Kangaroo Valley and Milton will be the first two to be trialled and given the fact that Milton is celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2010, it is an appropriate time for installation there.'

The station incorporates both a water drinking fountain (or "bubbler"), and access points to fill re-usable bottles.

Bottled water is expensive compared to tap water and uses many precious resources in its production. The filling stations are a much cheaper as well as being an environmentally responsible option. Although installation costs will vary depending on the site, it is anticipated that there will be benefits of both an environmental and economic nature.

A number of other Councils in NSW have introduced various types of water filling stations to facilitate the availability of free tap water to the community, and to support reusable drink bottles.

Mrs Krogh also suggested that this is a great opportunity to promote the benefits of drinking tap water. 'Shoalhaven's tap water is clean, natural and healthy and we want to be able to contribute to a city that is committed to reducing its carbon footprint' she says.

The launch will take place at 2pm and be officiated by Shoalhaven City Mayor Paul Green.

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