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## Water For Life in the Shoalhaven

By using our water more efficiently we can save our drinking water for drinking, and Shoalhaven City Council are currently using automated irrigation systems assisted by harvested water, at four sporting field sites across the Shoalhaven.

Installed over the past four years, the systems harvest water to supplement the town water supply therefore reducing water consumption.

Currently operating at the following four sites; West Ulladulla Sports Complex, Lighthouse Oval Ulladulla, Rugby Park and Ison Park South Nowra, sites were chosen where a suitable area was available to capture clean water and a reasonable quantity. All of these sites have in ground irrigation systems controlled automatically by weather stations, therefore minimising water consumption. Additionally irrigation is carried out at night reducing evaporation.

The NSW Government also has a number of initiatives to ensure our ongoing water supply. For more information on what the NSW Government is doing to conserve our water, please visit the Water For Life website at [WWW.waterforlife.nsw.gov.au](http://WWW.waterforlife.nsw.gov.au)

Shoalhaven City Mayor Councillor Paul Green said he encourages all landowners and residents in the Shoalhaven to use water wisely by installing water efficient fixtures, appliances and equipment and rainwater tanks.

"There is no doubt that water is one of our most valuable resources" Clr Green said.

"Water for life is a great incentive and one we can all be a part of" Clr Green said.

For further information on Council's water saving initiatives, you can contact Shoalhaven City Council on 1300 66 22 46, or visit Council's internet site at [www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au](http://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au).

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