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Geoff Howard MLA, Member for Ballarat East

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## **BALLAN PRIMARY SCHOOL SAVES WATER AND MONEY**

A Brumby Government program has helped Ballan Primary School to slash water use and save money, Geoff Howard MP, State Member for Ballarat East, said today.

Mr Howard said Ballan Primary had been recognised for its water saving efforts at a presentation this morning at the school after having completed the Schools Water Efficiency Program (SWEP).

“Ballan Primary is to be congratulated for its tremendous water saving efforts,” Mr Howard said.

“A water audit was conducted and Ballan was found to be water efficient in all priority areas thanks to the efforts already undertaken by the school.

Mr Howard said the \$3 million SWEP program was being offered progressively to every school in Victoria over two to three years to save water and money in schools.

“The Schools Water Efficiency Program complements many other water saving measures introduced by the Brumby Government, including Permanent Water Saving Rules, rebates for water saving products, water assessment plans for large businesses and a tiered water pricing structure to reward water savers,” he said.

“We all need to make water-saving a lifelong habit and Ballan Primary has now demonstrated and promoted this important activity.

“Over 1,735 schools have undertaken the program to become recognised as a Water Saver School.

“So far 690 of these schools have undertaken the priority installations. The work by these schools is currently estimated to save a total of 270 million litres of water each year and to reduce their bills by almost \$550,000 annually. It is anticipated that all schools that are part of SWEP will have completed their priority installations by the end of 2009.

Schools that have not yet joined SWEP, should phone 1300 727 599 to receive more information or visit the Our Water Our Future website at [www.ourwater.vic.gov.au](http://www.ourwater.vic.gov.au).

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