

Case study

Bondi's Beach Road Hotel has joined 20 other eastern suburbs businesses currently participating in Sydney Water's Council Partnership Pilot Program.

'This program helps monitor and assess business water consumption and identifies easy, low-cost savings,' said Sally Betts, Waverley Mayor who congratulated the businesses for joining the program.

The program has found that leaking infrastructure is a major unknown for small to medium water using businesses. Checking your water meter at the end of a work day and first thing in the morning is a quick and inexpensive way to see if you have a leak.

Inefficient tap, toilet and shower designs can also contribute to water waste and higher water bills.

Rob Brewster, who has a background in business resource efficiency, is managing the eastern suburbs section of the program. He says that businesses can save water in almost all parts of their operations, from amenity upgrades and fixing leaks to improving processes.

'Owners and managers are truly shocked to find that in many cases they can save over 15 litres of water a minute from a single bathroom basin tap just by installing a device that costs less than a take-away coffee.'

Plumbers employed to re-fit water efficient devices are also impressed by how easily water efficiency can be improved.

Plumbers, business owners and facility managers are showing a great willingness to learn more about saving water. 'They all want to go out and spread the word to their other customers,' said Rob Brewster.

Rob has identified over 21,000 litres of water savings a day at the Beach Road Hotel. These savings will reduce the hotel's water use by over 50% and save over \$20,000 a year.

'I really encourage businesses to join this program. The process is simple, involving a walk-through water efficiency assessment by a trained project officer who provides you with a detailed report of your water use and cost effective recommendations to improve efficiency.'

The report identifies leaks and outlines opportunities to retrofit and replace existing amenities, giving businesses an idea of their daily water use. Participating businesses can also receive financial assistance to implement some of the recommendations. 'So you'll not only be saving plenty of water, you will be saving money,' says Rob Brewster.

Sally Betts Mayor of Waverley congratulates Peter Tate and Rob Brewster for reducing water use by 50% and saving over \$20,000 a year.

