



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Watery Events in Alice Springs**

Visitors to Alice Springs retail outlet Home Timber and Hardware will be given the chance on Saturday to win a 5-star water saving washing machine.

Department of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts (NRETA) Water Conservation Officer Michelle Walker said Saturday's giveaway would be a key highlight of the NT Government's Waterwise Rebate Scheme Promotion Day.

Ms Walker said Saturday's Promotion Day comes on the back of today's World Water Day, where DKA COOLMob joined NRETA in holding a stall at Alice Plaza.

"Visitors to Alice Plaza were today encouraged to more efficiently use their water resources, as will visitors to Home Timber and Hardware on Saturday," Ms Walker said.

"Alice Springs residents are among the highest water users anywhere in Australia but there are many ways they can each play a role in water conservation.

"One such way is to take advantage of the NT Waterwise Rebate Scheme where Alice Springs residents can claim a rebate of up to \$50 by purchasing specific water saving devices from several hardware stores.

"Another way of creating waterwise awareness is by getting visitors to Home Timber and Hardware on Saturday to fill out our Waterwise Survey, providing them the chance to win a great water saving washing machine."

Visitors to today's stall included Wurgle the Water Drop and students from Anzac Hill High School.

Anzac Hill High School teacher Gary Van Uitregt said the school would be undertaking a 15 week enriched learning program called "Our Place".

Mr Van Uitregt said the program would include building a shelter, bush and medicine gardens, vegetable garden, chook pen and a hub space incorporating murals and mosaics.

"This program will not only make their learning relevant to world issues of today but will link their learning across several key learning areas such as maths and technology and design in relation to the research, design, plan and construction of the shelter," Mr Van Uitregt said.

"Another example will be the investigation and selection of plants in our bush gardens to the key learning areas of science and Indigenous language and culture.

"The school will also benefit because of a real welcoming community space where students can learn and benefit from their own efforts and the community has also been invited to participate."

Ms Walker said “Coping With Water Scarcity” is this year’s World Water Day theme that focused on raising awareness about global water scarcity and the need for people to work together in managing water resources.

“Lots of people took time out of their day to have a look at what we had on offer today,” Ms Walker said.

“If residents missed out on World Water Day today they can head down to the Rebate Scheme Promotion Day at Home Timber and Hardware on 24 March from 9am until 1pm.

“Apart from claiming their \$50 rebate and doing their best to win a washing machine, they can also enjoy a sausage sizzle and learn more about water conservation.”

Ms Walker said people must be at Home Timber and Hardware on Saturday at 12.30pm to claim their washing machine should they be lucky enough to win it.

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