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## **Get Wise for World Water Day**

In celebration of World Water Day, the Alice Springs community can learn more about our precious water resources with the Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport (NRETAS) holding a free public information session on Alice Springs' water resources this Tuesday, 22 March 2011.

NRETAS Water Resources Planner Anne Pye said the free public information session forms part of a series of sessions being held throughout the year to inform people about water management and water issues in Alice Springs.

"The theme for this year's World Water Day is *Water for Cities: Responding to the Urban Challenge*, which aims to spotlight and encourage government, organisations, communities and individuals to actively engage in the issues of urban water management," Ms Pye said.

"At the information session on Tuesday, representatives from NRETAS will discuss the Alice Springs Town Basin, which is filled up by flows in the Todd River and is used to water green space around Alice Springs."

"There will also be a presentation about the Mereenie Aquifer which supplies most of Alice Springs' drinking water."

Ms Pye said World Water Day is an important day for recognising the value of water and to raise the awareness of the importance of preserving this precious resource.

"We're extremely lucky here in Alice Springs in that our water is very high quality, as it is sourced from underground supplies and is filtered through the rock into the aquifer in a process that takes thousands of years," Ms Pye said.

"Many populations around the world aren't as fortunate as we are, and it is important to teach all Territorians not to take fresh water for granted."

The free public information session will be held at 5pm in the Andy McNeil Room of the Alice Springs Council Chambers, 93 Todd Street Alice Springs.

For more information on World Water Day go to [www.worldwaterday.org](http://www.worldwaterday.org)

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