

## Water Stewardship <sup>[1]</sup>

Water stewardship in Western Port

This is your opportunity to be at the forefront of Water Stewardship and develop a Site Water Stewardship Plan. We will provide you with assistance to develop a Plan and the training necessary. **Find out how to become a Water Steward** <sup>[2]</sup>.

### **What is Water Stewardship?**

Water Stewardship is a form of water management which can be externally accredited. It builds on existing works and planning that a site manager has already undertaken, or can be developed from scratch, and is easily implemented.

The Alliance for Water Stewardship <sup>[3]</sup> has been developing a global water stewardship system since the Millennium Drought. The system is based on:

- an international water stewardship standard against which participating organisations can be assessed;
- a credible verification program for assessing participating companies and organisations, and;
- a brand and recognition system that encourages and rewards participation in improved water management practices.?

With funding over 3 years from Helen Macpherson Smith Trust and support from our partners Inghams Enterprises, The Alliance for Water Stewardship, Mornington Peninsula Shire, Parks Victoria, Melbourne Water, South East Water and Port Phillip & Western Port CMA, water stewardship is intended to achieve four outcomes:

- Sustainable water balance (the quantity of water available)
- Good water quality
- Healthy important water related areas, and
- Good water governance.?

**Our aims for the Biosphere Water Stewardship Program are to:**

- **improve the water quality and ecology of local waterways**
- **improve water security for water users within the Biosphere**
- **improve and maintain the ecological conditions of significant receiving waters; for example, Ramsar wetlands, within the Biosphere.?**

## Elements of a Site Water Stewardship Plan

### Drivers for establishing a Site Water Stewardship Plan

- Water Scarcity
- Water Quality
- Ecosystem Health
- Social Equality or Licence to operate



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