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Inghams Awarded World-First Gold Level Water Stewardship Certification

Western Port Biosphere and Water Stewardship Australia (WSA) are proud to announce that Inghams Enterprises, Somerville is the first site in Australia and internationally to receive gold level Water Stewardship certification.

Inghams' leadership as part the Western Port Water Stewardship Project, in partnership with the Western Port Biosphere and WSA, was instrumental in the site being upgraded from core certification to gold certification.

"This is a great credit to all the staff of Inghams who were involved, but particularly Julia Seddon, Head of Business Sustainability and Hudson Cameron, Advanced Water Treatment Plant Manager", says Lance Lloyd, Water Stewardship Project Officer at the Western Port Biosphere.

Somerville Advanced Water Treatment Plant Manager Hudson Cameron, and Julia Seddon, were presented with a certificate by Kevin O'Grady representing the certifier BM TRADA.

"Interest in Water Stewardship, an externally accredited form of catchment and water management applied at a site or catchment scale, is gaining momentum with the ten site water stewardship plans now underway within the Biosphere region under our program", says Cecelia Witton, Executive Officer of Western Port Biosphere.

The Western Port Biosphere invites managers of horticultural farms, plant nurseries, chicken and livestock farms, schools and other landholders within the Western Port Biosphere to be at the forefront of Water Stewardship and develop a Site Water Stewardship Plan.

The benefits of being a Water Steward include:

- cost savings through more efficient water and fertilizer management
- a more secure water future
- recognition of good practice through a documented Water Stewardship Plan
- accreditation as a Water Steward; and
- the potential for funding for on-site works.

The Western Port Biosphere stretches from the Mornington Peninsula across the council areas of Frankston City Council, the City of Casey, Cardinia Shire to Bass Coast; as well as French Island. Our role, at the Western Port Biosphere, is to foster conservation and sustainable development by facilitating partnerships to create an environmentally, economically and socially sustainable future for Western Port.

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