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International water engineer learns from locals

Westernport Water is committed to strengthening international ties with the Australian water industry, receiving a visit from Sharmila Acharya, a Canadian engineer.

Sharmila was given a tour of Westernport Water's water treatment facilities, as well as an introduction to the Wonthaggi Desalination Plant under construction. She also met with several engineers to discuss the impact of heavy water usage on the environment and how Westernport Water is contributing positively through the development of a Class A recycled water plant.

Sharmila is currently undertaking her Engineering Masters degree at Melbourne University, specialising in environmental engineering. She is studying under the Rotary program and has received a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship in light of her achievements.

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries and geographical areas. The program sponsors academic year scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as for qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies.

While abroad, Sharmila serves as a goodwill ambassador to Australia and will give presentations about her homeland to Rotary Clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, Sharmila will share her experiences and lessons learned during her stay.



Photo from left Westernport Water Director and Rotarian - Trevor Nink, - Melbourne University - Sharmila Acharya, Project Manager Recycled Water and Rotarian - Keith Gregory

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