



## Gippsland's Water Corporations Memorandum of Understanding to Deliver Benefits to Regional Communities

The four regional water corporations servicing the wider Gippsland region have recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding to form a strategic alliance.



Gippsland Water, East Gippsland Water, South Gippsland Water and Westernport Water have all agreed to the alliance. The alliance objective is to maximise opportunities and increase the effectiveness of each organisation.



The Memorandum of Understanding collectively reinforces the inherent knowledge and expertise of each corporation in managing water and wastewater systems. The objective of the alliance will be achieved through a number of strategies;



- The sharing of joint expertise to enhance overall customer outcomes and the effectiveness of the organisations.
- The adoption of joint system options where they prove to be mutually beneficial, encourage innovation and build the capability of each organisation.
- To proactively seek to identify areas of mutual collaboration, examining all possibilities for areas of cooperation in the provision of services.
- Each corporation will, as a part of its individual strategic planning processes, look for possible areas of joint cooperation.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed and celebrated at the recent Institute of Water Administrators Conference in Melbourne.

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Caption: Pictured are signatories to the alliance (L:R): *Trevor Nink - Chair Westernport Water, Richard McDowell - Chair Gippsland Water, Joan Liley - Chair South Gippsland Water, Joe Rettino - Chair East Gippsland Water*