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Hunter residents continue to save more water

Residents across the Hunter should be proud of their water wise behaviour, with Hunter Water's annual water usage figures showing all areas across the region using less water than in the previous year.

Hunter Water General Manager Systems and Sustainability, Peter Dennis, welcomed the results - particularly those from our rural and regional areas.

"While Newcastle LGA residents are again the most water efficient in the region, it is Dungog Shire residents that have most improved their water use – by both the largest volume and the percentage of their total use," said Mr Dennis.

"Maitland and Cessnock LGAs were also close contenders for the top spot."

The top performing suburbs within each LGA, with the lowest consumption rates, were:

Suburb	LGA	Water consumption (April 2010 – April 2011)
Kurri Kurri	Cessnock	168KL
Gresford	Dungog	129KL
Cam's Wharf	Lake Macquarie	105KL
Telarah	Maitland	159KL
Newcastle West	Newcastle	109KL
Fingal Bay	Port Stephens	133KL

Mr Dennis also pointed to the success of Hunter Water's water efficiency initiatives as sign our region is committed to saving water.

"For 2010-11, Hunter Water set a target of saving 400 million litres of water through efficiency and loss minimisation programs; an impressive goal by itself," said Mr Dennis.

"But by 30 June 2011, Hunter Water had saved a massive 472 million litres of the region's precious drinking water. This has been no mean feat."

"The lower Hunter community has a strong record of water efficiency. While our storage levels are high – around 97 percent full - it is reassuring to see this water wise behaviour is continuing, which will help ensure the region remains in a good position leading into a potentially hot and dry summer."

Local residents interested in saving more water in their household can access the Hunter Water website's Water Usage Calculator for some helpful hints: www.hunterwater.com.au

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