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National Water Week in the Top End

The Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport (NRETAS) invites Territorians in the Top End to celebrate National Water Week from 18 – 24 October 2009.

NRETAS water conservation officer Kylie Climie said interactive stalls will be set up in the Casuarina and Palmerston Shopping Centres during National Water Week to let the public know about water consumption and water conservation.

“Using interactive tools, educative on-line games and competitions we are trying to help Territorians to reduce their water consumption by providing individual water saving advice on where and how they can use less water in their homes,” Ms Climie said.

“Gardens in the Northern Territory account for approximately 65 per cent of water used in the home, therefore effective garden construction, choice of plants and appropriate reticulation systems play an important role in saving water in the garden.

“Throughout National Water Week NRETAS water conservation officers will provide advice on household water usage

“We’ll also be letting people know where to find out further information through the interactive stalls as well as online through the NRETAS, Power and Water Corporation and SaveWater Alliance websites.”

Ms Climie said National Water Week helps encourage the community to use less water, save money and help the environment.

“This year’s theme is ‘Securing our Water Future’ with key messages including; water supplies are limited, our water comes from a number of different sources and most importantly, we’re all responsible for our water future,” Ms Climie said.

“We urge all Territorians to come along and visit one of our interactive stalls during National Water Week and learn more about what they can do to help secure the Territory’s precious water resources now and in the future.”

For more information go to www.nt.gov.au/nreta/water or www.nationalwaterweek.org.au.

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