

# MEDIA RELEASE

## Murrumbidgee Irrigation



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### HELP YOUR GARDEN SURVIVE THIS SUMMER

Murrumbidgee Irrigation's (MI) SMART WATERING workshops are proving essential for helping residents and businesses manage water use in the urban environment over summer especially in light of the current water restrictions. Additional SMART WATERING workshops will be held this November in partnership with both Griffith City Council and Leeton Shire Council, focusing on efficient water use and smart garden planning. Dates for the workshops are Friday 2 November in Griffith and Wednesday 7 November in Leeton.

MI is conducting the workshops with the aim to help educate the Griffith and Leeton urban communities on how to reduce water usage in their gardens with simple tips on garden planning, drip irrigation systems and monitoring the amount of water used in the garden. The workshops in Griffith will be held at the Wine and Food Technology Centre of the Griffith Campus of TAFE NSW, and in Leeton at the Leeton Shire Major Dooley Library.

For a gold coin donation participants will learn about designing and installing irrigation systems, the benefits of drip irrigation, watering the smart way, soil preparation, mulching and drought resistant plants. The workshops demonstrate to participants that they can still maintain a garden using minimal water by adopting simple demonstrated methods for garden planning and upkeep, as well as how to plan a new garden that will be water smart.

The workshops run for approximately two hours consisting of both theory and practical work and feature a local independent irrigation specialist.

Three workshops will be held in both Griffith on Friday 2 November and Leeton on Wednesday 7 November at 9.30am, 1.30pm and 5.30pm.

Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting Murrumbidgee Irrigation on 6962 0200. For further information regarding the workshops, please ring Kerri-Anne Keely MIA EnviroWise Education Coordinator on 6962 0200 or 0427 228 492.

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