

Media release

Riverina Water partners with Vietnamese water utility to share knowledge

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Riverina Water's knowledge and expertise is helping improve access to safe and reliable water for thousands of Vietnamese people.

The southern Riverina-based organisation is one of three Australian water utilities involved with a two-year exchange program with Vietnam.

The Australian Government-support Water Utility Improvement Program (WUIP) is a partnership between the Australian Water Association and the Vietnam National Centre for Rural Water Supply and Sanitation.

Riverina Water was paired with An Giang Centre for Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation, with the program launched at the Vietwater conference earlier this month.

"Riverina Water is committed to providing quality water everyday and we are proud to be one of the three water utilities across Australia chosen for this program," Riverina Water General Manager Andrew Crakanthorp said.

"This partnership supports rural Vietnamese water operators to improve water service delivery by sharing the technology and management practices we use in Australia.

"The Vietwater conference in Ho Chi Min city had some 15,000 delegates and we got as much from the partnership as we put in."

Joining Mr Crakanthorp from Riverina Water were Director Engineering Bede Spannagle and Operations Superintendent Peter Outtrim.

Highlights of the visit to Vietnam included working with the An Giang province water utility to develop a plan to cut non-revenue water losses; a reception at the Consul General's residence, and attending the opening of a new water treatment plant – complete with a rendition of Waltzing Matilda.

Along with Riverina Water, the WUIP partnered Whitsunday Water with Viet Ha Construction Investment and Development Company Limited and Singleton Council Water with Nghe An Rural Water Supply and Environment JS Company.

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"The Australian Water Association is delighted to have Whitsunday Water, Riverina Water and Singleton Water as new Australian utilities on the program," association president Carmel Krogh said.

"These leading regional water utilities have much experience and knowledge to share with Vietnam's rural water utility sector and AWA is confident these new partnerships will help improve water services in regional Vietnam."

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We supply safe and reliable water to more than 73,000 people across more than 15,000 square kilometres of NSW's Riverina. Our water supply covers the local government areas of Wagga Wagga, Lockhart and parts of Greater Hume and Federation Councils.

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