

## press release

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### **A NEW WATER TANK FOR LOCAL GIRL GUIDES**

Pakenham Girl Guides are soon to discover the benefits of recycling natural water following their success in the 2015 SUEZ environnement Community Grants Program.

The group has received a \$3,000 grant from SUEZ environnement to install a sustainable water tank system at their local Guide Hall.

By installing an onsite water tank, the Girl Guides site will harvest and recycle water that is naturally available during rainy periods. The water tank will not only provide natural source of water onsite, it will be used as a learning tool for Guides as young as five to understand the importance of water conservation and reduce their current water utility bills freeing up funds to deliver other beneficial programs to the group.

Kelvin Sargent, SUEZ environnement's State General Manager Victoria, presented the cheque to the Pakenham Girl Guides at a CampFire ceremony on Wednesday night and said SUEZ environnement was pleased to support this local community group with their future sustainability goals.

"The Girl Guides are a well-respected organisation with long-standing involvement both locally and globally. Their ethos encourages young girls to be actively involved in their community and provides opportunities to contribute towards the environment and a sustainable future. We are proud to support them in this small way to reach their goals."

Group Leader at the Pakenham Girl Guides, Sonya Boloski, was excited to receive the news about the grant.

"Following the recent completion of our new Girl Guide Hall roof, the installation of the water tank will be a great addition to our Guide Hall here in Pakenham, complementing the sustainable life practices we instil in each Guide."

"Thanks to SUEZ environnement, the water tank will enable our Girl Guides to learn new skills about rainwater harvesting, water conservation and recycling water practices," said Sonya.

"The water tank will also assist in reducing our utility costs enabling the group to use the funds to support other Girl Guide programs."

SUEZ environnement was the first waste company in Australia to launch a national community grant program. Over the past two years, the SUEZ environnement Community Grants Program has provided more than \$250,000 to inspiring local organisations and projects. This year, 38 community groups across Australia have been awarded more than \$155,000 in community grant funding to help realise their project dreams.

For more information on the SUEZ environnement Community Grants program or to register to receive information about the next grant round in 2016 visit [www.suez-envcommunitygrants.com.au](http://www.suez-envcommunitygrants.com.au)

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SUEZ environnement finds smart and reliable resource management solutions to make the best use of water and waste for towns, cities, business and industry. We partner with organisations through the SUEZ environnement Community Grants program to support local participation in social and environmental projects which help create a more sustainable future.