



# Media Release

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## **Woks won it for East Maitland Bowling Club in the 2012 Hunter Water Savers Program**

East Maitland Bowling Club has been announced as the winner of the 2012 Hunter Water Savers Award at the Hunter Business Awards for their innovative ideas on water saving with woks.

The Hunter Water Savers program, delivered in partnership with the Hunter Business Chamber, aims to improve water efficiency in amenities and commercial kitchens for Hunter Water's business customers.

The projects are judged on water savings, cost effectiveness, innovation and appeal of the project for widespread adoption in the region.

The program has been running for the past three years and has so far identified 135 megalitres of water saving opportunities, which would fill 54 Olympic sized pools.

This year's program attracted 27 medium and large businesses from across the Hunter Region, with East Maitland Bowling Club taking the title.

Managing Director, Kim Wood said that East Maitland Bowling Club was a worthy contender with its community links and environmental focus.

"The East Maitland Bowling Club is a proud community based organisation that provides both bowling and golf facilities for members and is very conscious of water sustainability. Its proposal for water saving impressed the judges at Hunter Water for its innovative approach", said Mr Wood.

The East Maitland Bowling Club proposed the removal of two existing water cooled woks in their kitchen to be replaced with air cooled woks. They also proposed to connect two 10,000 litre rainwater tanks to capture the total roof area above the bowling green and re-use that water for irrigation.

As part of the program, Hunter Water offers a prize of \$10,000 towards water efficient equipment upgrades, rainwater tank installs, recycling and grey water reuse projects.

"The benefit of this award is that they win a dual prize. The club wins the Award and prize money, but they also win water and cost savings from their bill."

The potential water savings for the project are estimated to be over three million litres per annum.

For more information on the Hunter Water Savers Program, contact Hunter Water at [www.hunterwater.com.au](http://www.hunterwater.com.au)

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