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Community grant a hit for Croquet Club

The lawns will be greener and the water bills leaner at the Newcastle Croquet Club thanks to a new 10,000 litre water tank purchased with a Hunter Water Community Funding Program grant.

The Club will now be more water efficient by using rain water rather than valuable drinking water on their greens.

The new water tank will join a smaller 5,000 litre tank already at the Club which will provide enough water to keep the four playing greens in good condition all year round.

The Hunter Water Community Funding Program provides grants to community groups or not for profit organisations based on projects, initiatives or events that encouraged community education around water efficiency and sustainability, promoted healthy lifestyles and environmental awareness.

Hunter Water senior manager, Joanne Martin, visited the Club to see the new system in operation.

“This program is a worthy recipient of Hunter Water’s community grants’ funding as the Newcastle Croquet Club holds the same values as Hunter Water in relation to using water wisely.” said Ms Martin.

Newcastle Croquet Club President, Jill Manton, said the new rainwater tank and pump would not only save the club thousands of litres of water but also save its Green Keeper, Ken Haddow, from watering the greens by hand.

“With no pump for irrigation and only a hose connection to use, watering the courts was becoming exhausting for Ken,” Mrs Manton said.

“The new irrigation system works great, with the greens now being watered by sprinklers using the collected rain water with only the flick of a switch.”

Applications for Hunter Water’s 2013-14 Community Funding Program will open again early next year.

For more information on the Program or on the 2012-13 recipients please go to:

www.hunterwater.com.au/Community.

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