



CRC for
Water Sensitive Cities

Your local government
can **benefit immediately**
from working with the
CRC for Water Sensitive Cities

The CRC for Water Sensitive Cities offers you new ways to build healthy, liveable communities.

*Whatever your challenges in becoming a water sensitive city, we have **TOOLS, RESOURCES** and **TRAINING** to help you respond.*

We know cities and towns face many water related issues

How can your community withstand the increasing stresses to your infrastructure, environment, economy, society and culture? And this question presents many challenges, such as how to maintain healthy green sports grounds despite water scarcity, and how to make planning and zoning decisions that account for changes in flood risk.

The CRCWSC can help you measure your current water sensitive practices, identify any problems, and support solutions that help your city or town move to a water sensitive future.

By uniting government, universities, industry, and community, the CRC for Water Sensitive Cities (CRCWSC) provides knowledge and tools that empower cities, towns, and regions to reach beyond the conventional management of urban water.



But we know change is hard

While local government is often the front line in building thriving, liveable Australian communities, many other stakeholders are involved in making things happen. To become a water sensitive city, how do you get the will and resources for change, and how do you manage the risks?

The CRCWSC can help you:

- define a **shared vision** and plan for collective action that involves everyone—other local governments, water authorities, industry organisations, your state government, your communities, and local academics and researchers
- find the **know-how to implement** your city or town's water sensitive approaches
- ensure **social and political will**
- **mitigate the economic risks** of investing in new infrastructure and technologies
- **plan for climate change** so the future is more certain.

Whether you're tackling a specific 'wicked' problem, or you want to make a full transition to being a water sensitive city, we can show you pathways across different price points, timeframes and complexity.



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Why be a water sensitive city?

Water sensitive thinking means designing places to better manage heat and flooding, protect ecosystems, withstand drought, and ensure prosperity.

We offer the latest thinking to support this work.

You can then invest in local infrastructure and shape local policies that (1) safeguard your communities, and (2) capitalise on state/national approaches to water management.

What threatens cities and towns

Drought
Flooding
Rising sea levels
Rising temperatures
Population growth
Economic constraints



What you have at risk

Roads, footpaths, drains, bridges, parks, gardens, recreational spaces (including foreshores, lakes and rivers), housing, public buildings, public health



What urban water management can achieve

Heat reducing green and blue spaces
Land and marine biodiversity
Safe drinking water
Reuse of recycled water
Healthy waterways
Vibrant, liveable communities



We can partner with you, or just help out

As a CRCWSC Participant, you can access our research, the Regional Advisory Panel in your state, over 800 IP assets and CRCWSC conferences.

Even as a non-Participant, you can partner with us on synthesis reports, case studies and regional projects. And, for out-of-the-box projects, we offer dual funding partnerships (where we both contribute resources).

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Look to the CRCWSC for ...

- Expert advice on policies, plans and technical information
- Access to networks, training, events, shared experience and capacity building
- Services, tools and products (for example, benchmarking indexes, facilitated workshops and computer modelling)
- Help with visioning, stakeholder engagement, community education, and strategy implementation
- Advocacy

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