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It's no secret that water is one of the main ingredients to a blooming great backyard. But there are many ways you can achieve a productive, water-efficient green space and save on your water bill at the same time.

Let's dig into our top tips.

1 PLAN YOUR GARDEN 'ZONES'

Take the time to observe the different areas of your garden throughout the year. Is it sunny, shady, windy? This will help when selecting plants that are suited to those conditions.

Group plants with similar watering needs together – this is called 'hydrozoning' and helps you water efficiently. For example, place shallow-rooted plants together as they don't need a deep soaking.

Consider the arrangement of your garden and choose hardy, deep-rooted plants for any sloping areas.

2 CHOOSE WISELY

Aussie natives are in their element here in South East Queensland. Pop into your local garden centre for some expert advice on these bright (and hardy) beauties.

Ornamental grasses make a strong visual impact, are low maintenance and are available in a wide variety of sizes, leaf colours and textures.



3 SMALL ACTS – BIG IMPACT

Water your plants early in the morning or late in the evening to avoid evaporation.

Waste not, want not! Healthy soil grows healthy plants, and compost is a game-changer when it comes to improving your soil. It's nutrient-rich and can help with water retention.

Mulch your garden to help retain moisture. It can also provide plants with important nutrients and control weed growth.

4 READY, SET, MOW

Aerating your lawn regularly promotes deeper root growth which results in a lawn that uses water more efficiently.

Keep your grass at least 3cm high to minimise evaporation, and check your mower blades for wear – your grass will lose less water if it's cut neatly rather than torn with blunt blades.

Fertilise sparingly! Lawns that are fertilised more than necessary actually require more water. Added bonus: you won't have to mow as often!

HELP US NAME THIS CUDDLY KOALA



Our drought-proof native forest in Helidon is proving popular with the local koala residents!



The team at our wastewater treatment plant next door to the forest spotted a second koala moving in, not long after our first visitor (currently named K1) arrived in late 2023.

The new koala, K2, was seen perched in the fast-growing koala haven, amongst tree varieties like blue gums, silver-leaf ironbark and Moreton Bay ash. These hardy natives are ideal for supporting biodiversity in Lockyer Valley, and particularly the endangered koala.

After planting the seedlings in 2019, we've seen the forest flourish thanks to the recycled water irrigation from our plant next door.

The purpose-built, sustainable habitat isn't just home to K1 and K2 – it's also home to other local species like wallabies, bandicoots and birds, as well as native plants and grasses.

The second spotting in as many months (and a few years earlier than expected) is a great sign that the koalas are a fan of this addition to their local habitat, and we hope to welcome many more in the years to come.

To help welcome our furry friends to the neighbourhood, we're asking the community to help us pick a new name for K1.

We'll be picking our favourite and announcing the winning name on June 30.

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5 FUN KOALA FACTS!

- 1 Koala means 'no drink' in the Dharug language.
- 2 They have more in common with kangaroos and wombats than actual bears.
- 3 The greatest concentration of koalas in Queensland is right here in South East Queensland.
- 4 Koalas eat around 500 grams of leaves each day (that's about the size of a small lettuce).
- 5 Most of their water requirements come from leaves, which can contain up to 50% water.

Source: Department of Environment, Science and Innovation

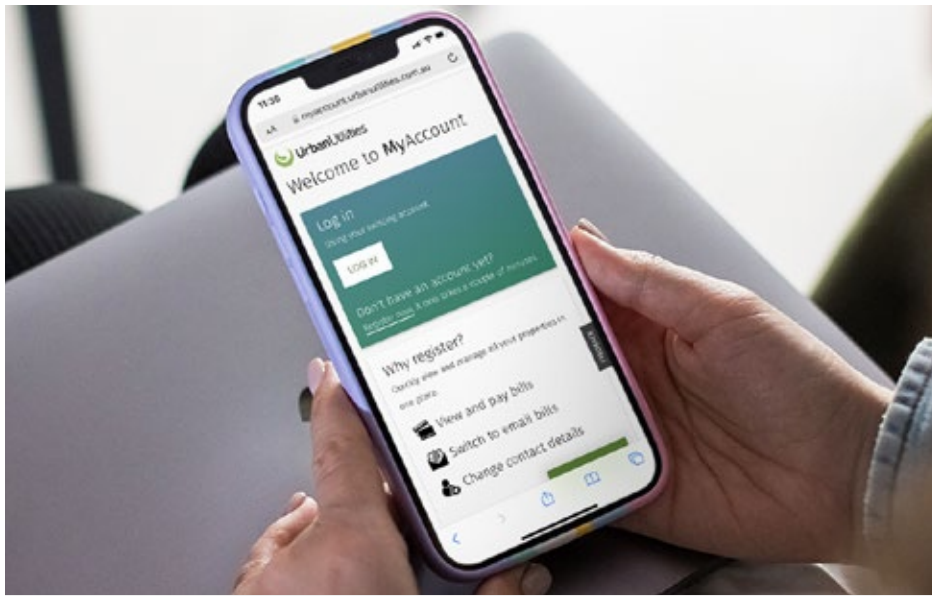


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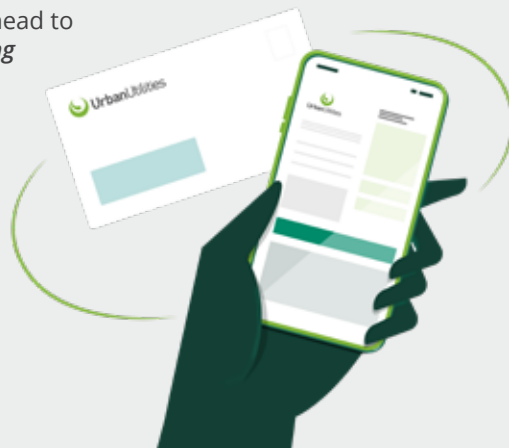


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