

Media Release

Living Water Smart's community leak program in Katherine finds more leaks than expected

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The team from [Living Water Smart](#), a Power and Water initiative, completed leak checks at almost 2,000 Katherine homes and businesses last week, with staggering results.

The Community Leak Program identified a phenomenal 92 million litres of leaking water, equivalent to 61 Katherine town pools – now they just need to be fixed.

The Katherine community is one of the highest water users in the country. Living Water Smart is working with the town's residents and businesses to protect Katherine's water supply by finding and helping to fix leaks.

Per property, the water found to be wasted through leaks is on average a whopping 230,000 litres per year, equivalent to each home tipping 958 wheelie bins of water down the drain.

Senior Manager of Power and Water's Client Services Jacqui O'Neill is surprised that the results showed more leaks than expected".

"In the last two weeks, we discovered one in four properties has a leak, with the biggest leak found wasting 52 000 litres per day, costing the homeowner \$100 per day".

"The community has a big task ahead of them to get the leaks fixed but we're here to help".

"Our aim with community support is to reduce Katherines annual water consumption by 20 per cent".

"The community can request assistance through our \$200 Leak Find and Fix rebate which has been heavily supported via key plumbing industry partnerships. For a list of registered plumbers and their contact details please go to livingwatersmart.com.au/katherine."

Results	
Leak Checks attempted	1919
Leaks Checks completed	1648
Customer leaks found	400
Biggest leak (per year)	19,210,680 litres (\$37,000)
Average leak (per year)	230,251 litres (\$443)
TOTAL leaks	92.1 megalitres (\$177,386)

If you are a plumber based in the Katherine region and would like to find out more or register with Living Water Smart call (08) 8995 5861 or email info@livingwatersmart.com.au.

Find out more about the Community Leak Program at www.livingwatersmart.com.au/katherine

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