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Media Release

Keeping our health professionals hydrated

To help our frontline health professionals keep healthy, the South Coast Water partnership have donated 500 stainless steel, re-useable water bottles to health centres and hospitals across Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

The South Coast Water Partnership brings together the South Coast Primary and Community Partnership, South Gippsland Water, Westernport Water, Bass Coast Shire Council, South Gippsland Shire Council and GippSport.

The partners work together to encourage all of us to Choose Tap and make tap water the first drink of choice in our region.

Thanks to the financial and in-kind support of South Gippsland Water, Westernport Water, Bass Coast Health and Gippsland Southern Health Service, the South Coast Water Partnership has distributed the bottles to frontline workers to assist them to hydrate while they go about their work to keep our community's healthy.

Local tap water is clean, safe and full of essential minerals that keep us performing at our best. Choosing to drink tap water out of a refillable drink bottle when out and about is a step towards cleaner, greener communities and waterways that are free from single use plastic.

Choose Tap is a national initiative promoting the three main benefits of drinking tap water: it's better for your health, the environment and your hip pocket.

Quotes attributed to South Gippsland Water Managing Director Robert Murphy

"The South Coast Water Partnership is a wonderful initiative, and as it's also a Victorian first, a real feather in the cap for South Gippsland and the Bass Coast. Having this group of water corporations, local councils, sports and health organisations all working together to promote the benefits of drinking water is something we at South Gippsland Water are proud to support."

"We know our local hospitals and health services have had a tough time over the pandemic, so as a group we also wanted to say thank you in a very practical way. By providing these re-useable bottles we're recognising the phenomenal work these staff do. Thank you for keeping us and our communities healthy."

To get in touch with the partnership, please call South Coast Primary and Community Partnership on 0409 798 861.

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