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Securing Our Water Future, 4 weeks to National Water Week

Natalie Hunter supports Australia's national water protection and conservation week.

Australians are being asked to dive into National Water Week, 18-24 October 2009.

National Water Week 2009 is the premier community water awareness event in Australia and is hosted by the Australian Water Association (AWA) in partnership with the National Water Commission.

Natalie Hunter, 25 year old television personality and presenter on Network Ten's "Totally Wild" program, has come on board the National Water Week campaign, modeling the National Water Week 2009 T-shirt to support this year's key message that water has *many sources, many users, and is everyone's responsibility*.

"Like many Australians, I love water and the outdoors. National Water Week is a great opportunity for all of us to learn about the simple things we can do to protect our waterways and be efficient in our water use. Making sure we all have clean water for drinking, recreation and the environment is everyone's responsibility, and I encourage everyone to get involved," said Natalie.

There are a number of activities happening during National Water Week, including:

- **Walk 4 Water.** Walk 10,000 steps every day during the month of October to experience what millions of people in developing nations experience every day to fetch water, while raising money for charity *WaterAid*
- **MDBA River Health Conference**, a gathering of over 2,500 students from across Australia and the world converging on Canberra to discuss rivers and sustainability
- Collingwood **Sustainable Neighbourhood Guided Walking Tour**
- Port Melbourne's **Grow Your Own Garden** design workshop
- **CSIRO Land and Water seminar**, examining the suitability of industrial by-products for water treatment in Perth's Swan-Canning catchment
- The **National Maritime Museum's 'Cruise Forum'** on Historic Harbour Pools at Darling Harbour, which includes a lecture at the museum followed by a cruise, picnic and viewing of the exhibition "Exposed"
- The Logan City **Water and Energy Expo**, a free event featuring exhibitions on water and energy saving around your home and at your business.

There are also dozens of schools competitions, free showerhead swap events, open days and much more happening during the week.

For more information on how to get involved, simply visit the website at www.nationalwaterweek.org.au.

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