



**Making it clear . . .** Goulburn-Murray Water is asking those who plan to enjoy some down-time at Greens Lake to do so responsibly.

# Coming clean at lake

People enjoying Greens Lake during the summer holiday period are being asked to do the right thing by their neighbours, the environment and the amenity of the waterway.

Greens Lake, located off the Midland Hwy between Elmore and Shepparton, has become increasingly popular for fishing, camping and boating in recent years with hundreds of holiday-makers typically visiting over the Australia Day long weekend and Easter.

The lake is one of 24 water storages across northern Victoria managed by Goulburn-Murray Water on behalf of its irrigation and bulk-water customers.

Fourteen of these storages support recreational activities.

“Some of our storages that host recrea-

tion are more regulated than others,” G-MW’s customer operations general manager Scott Barber said.

“For example at Lake Eppalock, near Bendigo, there are numerous private recreational clubs, a caravan and holiday park along with designated camping, picnic and public areas.

“Greens Lake is more isolated and less regulated. However, we need people to respect some simple rules designed to protect water quality and to ensure this popular spot can continue to be shared and enjoyed by all.”

Mr Barber reminded visitors that camping is not permitted within 20 m of the full supply level of Greens Lake; pets are not allowed at Greens Lake for the protection of flora, fauna and the amenity of other

visitors. Camping at the same site is not permitted for more than seven consecutive days. Campers must maintain their site and ensure it is left in a clean and tidy condition. Fishing activities must occur only where allowed and anyone doing so must have an appropriate licence.

“In recent years, poor behaviour has led to the lake being closed to campers for up to three days over the New Year’s Eve period at the request of local police and in the interests of public safety.

“We don’t want more regulation where it can be avoided,” Mr Barber said.

■ **For anyone organising an event at a G-MW storage, visit:** [www.g-mwater.com.au/recreation-tourism/event-permits](http://www.g-mwater.com.au/recreation-tourism/event-permits) **to apply for a permit.**