

# APPLICATION FOR RAINWATER TANK REBATE



Applies to new tanks installed after 1 January 2003.

To apply for the rebate you must be an owner of the property where the tank is to be installed.

## APPLICANT (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Rates Assessment No: \_\_\_\_\_

**CUSTOMER TYPE: (PLEASE TICK)**    Residential    Commercial    Industrial

For Commercial/Industrial customers please include your ABN \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's postal address\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Your rebate cheques will be posted to this address

Installation address: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (business hours): \_\_\_\_\_

## TANK AND METER DETAILS

Q1 Tank(s) capacity (in litres): \_\_\_\_\_

Q2 Have you applied for a Tank Rebate before?    YES    NO

Q3 Date of Rainwater Tank purchase: \_\_\_\_\_

### This section to be completed in conjunction with your licensed plumber or rainwater tank installer

Q5 Is the tank:

'topped up' by 'Town Water' from either Gosford City or Wyong Shire Council?    YES    NO

Connected to Toilet (if yes, a licensed plumber must complete section on page 2)    YES    NO

Connected to Washing machine (if yes, a licensed plumber must complete section on page 2)    YES    NO

## PROPERTY OWNER DECLARATION

I declare that:

- The information contained in this application is truthful and correct and I am eligible for the rebate in accordance with there Terms and Conditions
- The design and expected performance of the rainwater tank has been explained to me in full by the rainwater tank supplier
- I have read and understood the Terms and Conditions of the rebate program and agree that by signing this application, I accept these Terms and Condition

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Council Office Use Only

Rebate Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Rebate Officers Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### LICENSED PLUMBER'S DECLARATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Plumber's License number: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: (Bus Hrs) \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I have done the plumbing work required to connect the rainwater tank supply on this property to a toilet and/or washing machine, and/or the town water supply and this has been completed in accordance with Gosford City Council or Wyong Shire Council plumbing guidelines for rainwater tanks.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY (please print clearly)

Meter Change Details: Tank installed as per application?  YES  NO

Has an appropriate Backflow Prevention Device been fitted to the meter?  YES  NO

Old Meter No: \_\_\_\_\_ Meter Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

New Meter No: \_\_\_\_\_ Meter Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Changed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Based on the information supplied by the applicant, I certify that all relevant terms and conditions have been satisfied, approval for the rebate is granted and all appropriate records have been updated

Inspectors Comments:

### RAINWATER TANK REBATE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following terms and conditions apply to the Rainwater Tank Rebate Program. Before completing and signing the rebate application form, you should read these terms and conditions carefully.

**1. Application.** Any application for a rebate must be submitted on an 'Application For Rainwater Tank Rebate' form and must be approved by Gosford City or Wyong Shire Council before a rebate can be issued.

The application form must be completed in full and have official receipts for the purchase and installation of the rainwater tank(s) attached.

To apply for the rebate, the applicant must be an owner of the property/dwelling where the rainwater tank is to be installed.

**2. Eligibility.** To be eligible for a rebate, the applicant must install a rainwater tank(s) that complies with the following:

- is installed after 1 January 2003 when the program began
- has a minimum total capacity of 2,000 litres and a first flush device
- is on a property receiving a reticulated town water supply service from Gosford City or Wyong Shire Council
- must not be a condition of a development consent to comply with Wyong Council's DCP 100, Gosford Council's DCP 65 or the State Government's BASIX requirements.
- is used for the collection and storage of rainwater for use on the site
- meets all relevant standards, building codes and Gosford City or Wyong Shire Council requirements as detailed in 'Rainwater Tank Fact Sheets' and 'Guidelines for the Installation of Rainwater Tanks on Residential Properties - Plumbing Requirements', and State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) 4
- is connected by a licensed plumber if it is for indoor use
- is covered by a minimum 12 month warranty.

**3. Backflow prevention.** Gosford City and Wyong Shire Councils will install a new water meter with a backflow prevention device for most residential customers with a standard 20 or 25mm water meter. Applicants with properties/dwellings where the size of the water meter is greater than 25mm (eg in medium density homes) or the rainwater tank is installed below ground/partially below ground or on an industrial property, will be responsible for installing the backflow prevention device themselves. Check with your licensed plumber for advice.

If a new water meter and/or backflow device is required, a rebate will not be paid until the backflow has been fitted by a licensed plumber and the plumber has supplied a Certificate of Registration, and a Backflow Prevention Maintenance and Test Report to Gosford City or Wyong Shire Council.

**4. Initial inspection.** Gosford City and Wyong Shire Councils reserve the right to inspect the rainwater tank(s) within one (1) month of receiving an applicant's Application for Rainwater Tank Rebate Form. Any rectification works required to comply with the Councils' conditions must be carried out within (2) months of the application, otherwise a new application must be submitted.

**5. Ongoing operation of the rainwater tank.** The rainwater tank must operate on the property/dwelling for a period of five (5) years after installation. On provision of reasonable notice from Gosford City or Wyong Shire Council, the property/dwelling owner will allow their local Council access to the rainwater tank to conduct audits to ensure its continued operation.

**6. Research.** For the first five (5) years following installation, rebate recipients may be asked to participate in Gosford City or Wyong Shire Councils' research about rainwater tanks.

**7. Multiple tanks.** Gosford City and Wyong Shire Councils will pay only one rebate per property/dwelling which covers the total capacity of one or more tanks installed on the property/dwelling.

If an applicant installs a second rainwater tank the Councils will pay the rebate value which equates to the combined volume of the rainwater tanks - ie if the applicant installs two 2,000 litre tanks they will receive the rebate applicable to a 4,000 litre tank. If the applicant installs two 5,000 litre tanks they will receive the rebate applicable to a tank over 7,000 litres (the maximum rebate).

The rainwater tanks can be purchased separately. Applicants will receive the balance of the total rebate amount once they have purchased the second rainwater tank.

**8. Refund of rebate.** Applicants will be required to repay the rebate if any of these Terms and Conditions are found to have been breached in the first five (5) years after installation of the rainwater tank.

**9. Program changes.** Gosford City and Wyong Shire Councils reserve the right, as its sole and absolute discretion and at any time, to change any or all of the Terms and Conditions for the Rainwater Tank Rebate Program or to cancel the program.

**10. Liability.** The applicant(s) acknowledges and agrees that as far as the law permits, Gosford City and Wyong Shire Councils accept no liability in respect of any claim, cause or loss or damage arising out of, or in relation to, any rainwater tank, rainwater tank system or the consumption of any water from such rainwater tank or system that is the subject of funding assistance.

The applicant(s) agrees that they will indemnify and keep indemnified Gosford City and Wyong Shire Councils from any claim or liability arising out of, or in relation to, the rainwater tank system that is the subject of this application to the extent that any claim or liability is not caused by Gosford City or Wyong Shire Councils' negligence or breach of this application or any other term implied by law.

**11. Payment.** Payment of approved rebates will be cheque only and made payable to the property/dwelling owner(s) after installation of a new water meter if required.