

Springsure Parish

Springsure Parish, in conjunction with the Queensland State Government under the Lifestyles WaterWise grants program for the not-for-profit organisations, has implemented a water management program for the assets over which it has stewardship.

This is a multi-stage project.

Stage one was the relocation of the existing rain water tank from St Peter's hall to the Rolleston Church, which had none, to allow for water storage from the church, and use of rain water for drinking and management of the grounds.

Stage two was the installation of two 22,750 litre tanks, one at St Peter's hall, where the smaller tank had previously been, and one at St Peter's church. This allows for increased water storage from both the church and the hall for management of the grounds.

Stage three was the connection of a pressure pump to assist in moving water between tanks to ensure effective storage.

The funding from the State Government allowed for completion of stages one to three; stage four is still in progress

Stage four is obtaining quotes from landscapers to develop an in-ground watering system that would use only water stored in the tanks. This may seem an extravagance. However, with the high temperatures that our community experiences, a more effective means of water distribution had to be found. Using an in-ground watering system will allow us to determine when and how often the grounds, which are extensive, are to be watered

(eg at night time), and will do away with unsightly hoses and sprinklers

It is not only essential that the church buildings are kept in top condition, but also the surrounds – the gardens and lawn areas. The overall effect does make an impact on people, especially visitors or those who come for the special occasions, such as baptisms, weddings and funerals. Stewardship is about more than just what goes on inside the buildings.

With the effective support that has been received from the State Government, and the manpower provided by the parish, this project has come a long way to giving the Parish of Springsure the footing it needs to be a leader on wise management of the earth's resources.

