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## Greener pastures coming Rutherglen's way

Rutherglen is set to have greener parks and gardens, after North East Regional Water Authority's 'Water Reuse System' is extended over the next few weeks. The project will keep Apex Park and Memorial Park in Rutherglen and the Rutherglen Primary School oval green by using treated waste water from Rutherglen and Wahgunyah to water the grass.

Indigo Shire Mayor Cr Ali Pockley said that the system will enhance the use of these areas. "We have just come out of one of the longest and toughest periods of drought in living memory, and our public reserves and grassland really took a battering. This system will make these areas easier to manage during summer and any future droughts," Cr Pockley said.

The extension uses underground pipes to irrigate areas with waste water under controlled conditions, meaning there is no contact with people and it is completely safe.

Greener Grass Irrigation & Turf is undertaking the extension project under the supervision of Gordon Gibson Nominees and is expected to be finished in two weeks.

The total cost of the project is \$126,000, with \$94,500 coming from Regional Development Victoria's Small Towns Development Fund, Council contributing \$28,000 and the Rutherglen Primary School putting \$3500 in kind towards the project.

For more information, please contact Indigo Shire Council Project Supervisor Don Pope on 02 6028 1100 or 1300 365 003.

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**Caption: Vin Glass of Greener Grass Irrigation and Turf and employees at work.**