

# **Health & Wellbeing**

# January – Be smart, choose tap

## How much water should I drink each day?

Approximate adequate daily intakes of fluids (plain water) in litres per day include:

- infants 0–6 months 0.7 I (from breastmilk or formula)
- infants 7–12 months 0.9 I (from breastmilk, formula and other foods and drinks)
- children 1–3 years 1.0 l (about 4 cups)
- children 4-8 years 1.2 l (about 5 cups)
- girls 9–13 years 1.4 l (about 5-6 cups)
- boys 9–13 years 1.6 l (about 6 cups)
- girls 14–18 years 1.6 l (about 6 cups)
- boys 14–18 years 1.9 l (about 7-8 cups)
- women 2.1 I (about 8 cups, 9 cups in pregnancy and lactation)
- men 2.6 I (about 10 cups)

Water requirements may increase in hot climates and with increased levels of physical activity.



### Did you know?

- It takes more than three litres of water to produce one litre of bottled water
- Over 90% of the cost of a bottle can be traced back to the bottle, lid or label
- More than 40% of plastic bottles end up as landfill or litter

- Our bodies are around 70% water
- Staying hydrated is essential for good health
- Drinking water is essential for a healthy heart and kidneys

#### Why choose tap?

Tap water is the best choice for your health, your hip pocket and the environment.

The charge for 1 litre of bottled water is the same cost as 9,000 glasses from the tap. A 2% drop in body water can cause a 13% decrease in concentration We spend more than \$736 million a year on bottled water.

#### Choose Tap app

The Choose Tap app helps you find tap water in certain locations across Victoria.

Features include:

- Browse and locate nearby taps on a map and get directions
- Filter by features including dog bowls, refill stations, BBQs and public toilets
- Search by suburb
- Report the location of a new tap
- Report a fault with an existing tap



Available on the App store (for iPhone users) and on Google Play (for Android users).