

I attended the St Arnaud meeting (22/6/17), an under prepared presenter with little knowledge of local issues showed a presentation that ended with "no changes are proposed to the current plan at this time". Good to know it's about making us think your participating in democracy, but let's face it, any changes to a water plan will only happen in towns that may influence the outcome of a parliamentary seat for whoever is in government both state and federal.

This won't happen in St Arnaud but interesting to know that the presenter tried to tell me that Batyo Catyo was not a naturally formed lake, so man made water channels to fill it came before the formation of a natural lake, really!, must have been dug by people with very large shovels as I'm sure they wouldn't have had any machinery back then.

A comment that I heard years ago that they charge you for collecting rainwater in your own tank in Melbourne was dismissed as absurd, and not true, I showed more respect on the night for the comment above by the presenter, but on thinking about it, I think charges for collecting your own water are possibly more likely than Batyo ever seeing any water due in part to some of the practices of GMW water, but as I say St Arnaud can't influence the outcome of a "any" government seat.

As noted by one person the report made no mention of the benefits of water to mental health. Maybe because the summary was prepared by people who have access to recreational water without having to think about it.

You use to hear from Daniel Andrews all the time, but that was before he won government so many promises so little change.

Waste of an evening and a bigger waste of Victorians money by another government full of hypocrites.

Yours sincerely,

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