

Project Name	Forrest Wastewater Investigation
Project Description	Project to identify options for improved wastewater management in Forrest

Project End Points – Outcomes and Outputs

The primary objective of this project is to work collaboratively with key stakeholders and the community to analyse and identify a preferred option for the management of wastewater in Forrest

Outputs

A report that identifies a range of possible options and develops a preferred option for the management of wastewater in Forrest. The report will also identify possible funding mechanisms/ opportunities.

Outcomes

The following are agreed outcomes for the project:

- Barwon Water working closely, transparently and collaboratively with the Forrest community and Council throughout the project;
- The community is engaged and have opportunities to input;
- Ensuring the project is cognisant of Colac Otway Shire existing strategies (including Forrest Structure Plan and DWMP);
- A clear strategy for management of wastewater in Forrest.

In Scope	Out of Scope
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant's report to analyse and identify a preferred option for the management of wastewater in Forrest including; • Problem identification and the benefits and risks of addressing the problem; • Review of existing strategic documents and policies relevant to Forrest • Develop a list of options which address the problem and are supported by the broad community and key stakeholders including COS, EPA, DELWP, BW, RDV; • Options assessment, including costs benefits of options; • Identification of a preferred option; • Ground rules/ principles associated with implementation of preferred option • Business case including identification of available existing funding mechanisms and opportunities; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertaking detailed work on other community interest areas for Forrest including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mountain Biking ○ Public Art ○ Rail Trail; ○ Recreation (Swimming, Fishing, Boating etc.) Unless identified as a direct opportunity associated with a wastewater option.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify innovation opportunities and value add benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment to implement the final solution
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying current mechanisms for funding opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to community vision, town boundary, growth expectation etc. as identified in the Forrest Structure Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comms and engagement plan including engagement activities that invite the whole community to participate and the establishment of a Project Reference Group with key stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report publicising individual assessments of waste water systems; • Addressing the audit findings (Council to address the findings of the audit outside of this project).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wastewater audits of all properties 	

Description of Governance

Project Manager – Rhys Bennett

Project Reference Group – Barwon Water, Colac Otway Shire, Forrest Wastewater Group, Decentralised Water Consulting (DWC)

Key agencies to be engaged – DELWP, EPA, Regional Development Victoria

Risk Description (High and Serious Risks Only)	Actions to Manage the Risk
Community expectations and risks that a solution cannot be found	Community engagement through a series of whole community workshops, open houses and an online presence.
High cost of solution for community	Costs to be fully considered as part of community consultation
Engagement of the whole community, not just those with an interest, or those in the Forrest Wastewater Group	Community engagement strategy/plan

Name of Stakeholder	Reason for Interest	Engagement Strategy
Forrest Wastewater Group	Elected by community to represent Forrest in discussions relating to wastewater	Project Reference Group
Colac Otway Shire	Responsible for domestic wastewater management	Project Reference Group
Regional Development Victoria	Potential avenue for funding	Key input
DELWP	Minister for Water	Key Input
Forrest Community	Solutions affect them	Detailed communications plan includes a number of opportunities and avenues for input