

## Barwon Heads sewer upgrade fact sheet

**Barwon Water plans to upgrade the sewerage system that services Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove, Point Lonsdale and Queenscliff. The upgrade will ensure we can continue to provide high quality, affordable and secure services for our customers, community groups and facilities and visitors.**



### Construction activities

Construction activities will take place between the Barwon River and the Barwon Heads pump station on the Geelong-Barwon Heads Road. Construction activities will commence in late February 2024 and take approximately nine months, dependent on the weather. Works are scheduled to conclude in late 2024. Works on the sewer main replacement will need to be carried out in two separate stages.

#### Stage 1

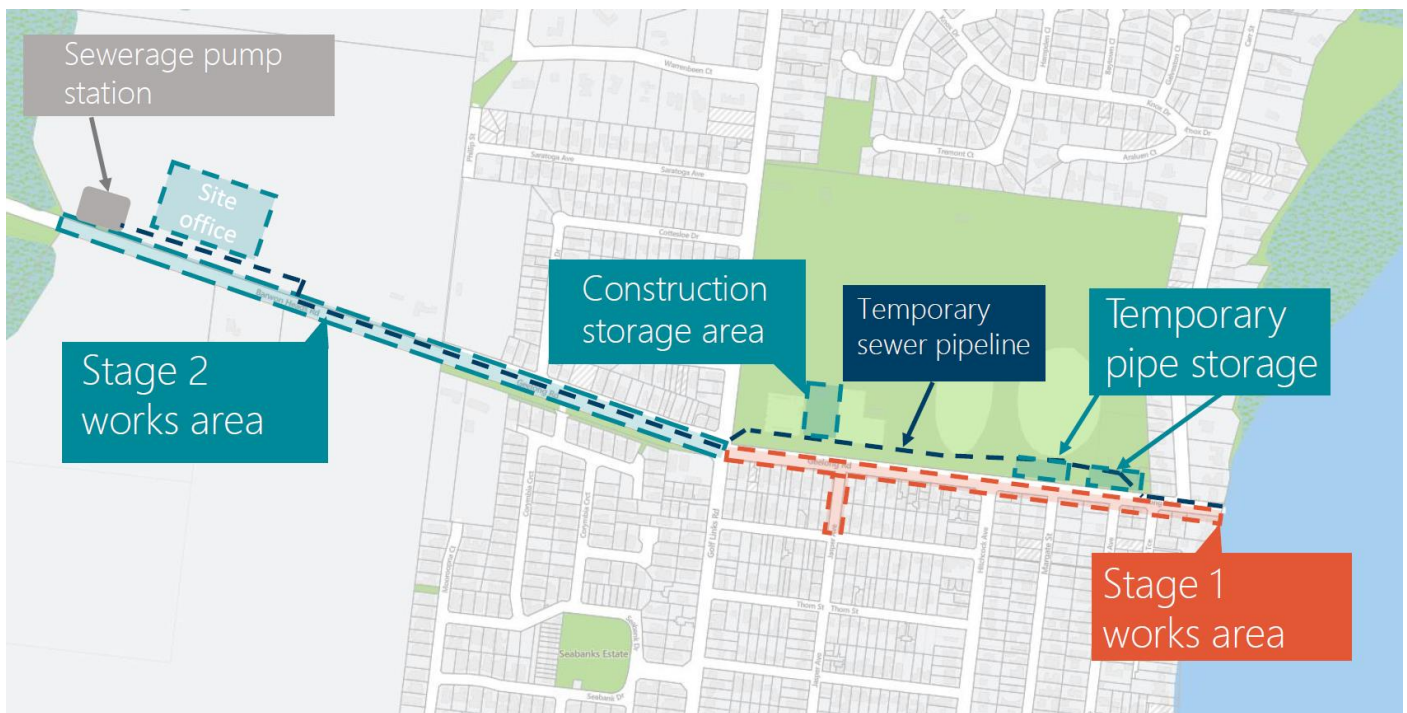
Stage 1 construction activities will take place alongside and in the road between the Barwon River and the intersection (roundabout) of Sheepwash and Geelong Roads. Works will involve installing a temporary sewer pipeline ahead of the pipeline replacement. The temporary pipeline will ensure continued high quality sewer services while works to upgrade the existing pipeline are undertaken.

From April 2024, the replacement pipeline works are scheduled to begin. During March our contractor will set up a site office and materials storage areas. These will be located between the Barwon Heads Bowling Club and Tennis Club and within private land near the sewerage pump station. We have been engaging with the Village Park groups and clubs and are ensuring ongoing access for them and their guests, as well as the local landowner near the pump station.

#### Stage 2

Stage 2 construction activities will take place alongside and in parts of the road between the Barwon Heads and Sheepwash Roads intersection (roundabout) to the Barwon Heads Sewer Pump Station (which is located at 1939 Barwon Heads Road). Works will involve installing a temporary sewer pipeline ahead of the pipeline replacement. From July 2024, the replacement pipeline works are scheduled to begin.

Please see map overleaf for further details on construction area, site offices and material storage areas.



Caption: Barwon Heads sewer upgrade – map of work areas, site office, material storages and placement of temporary sewer pipeline

## Traffic impacts

Some sections of the temporary pipeline will need to be placed on the road itself (resulting in partial lane closures) or within the road reserve. To support vehicle access to various locations (including Village Park), the temporary pipe will be laid under existing access points and driveways.

During the replacement pipeline works (from April 2024 for Stage 1 and from July 2024 for Stage 2) there will be a rolling road closure within the construction area. Altered traffic conditions including signage, reduced speed zones and detours will be in place. We encourage community members to allow extra time for travel and to take care when travelling near the construction areas.

Access for local residents and emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times. We are working with public transport providers regarding any alterations to bus stops. We are working closely with the City of Greater Geelong and Regional Roads Victoria to approve our traffic management plans during the works.

We appreciate the road closures are disruptive and causing traffic delays and Barwon Water apologises for this disruption. We thank the community for their patience and understanding while these essential works are undertaken.

## Caring for Country

We are applying a Caring for Country approach to the areas where we work. Careful planning is underway to minimise impacts on the local environment including the trees in Village Park. There are no plans to remove any trees and we will only trim trees when necessary. The location of the temporary sewer pipeline has been shaped to protect the local vegetation, and if tree trimming is required there will be an arborist and ecologist on-site to care for any animals if needed.

## John Firth Memorial Garden

As a result of our works, there is a possibility we may disturb the John Firth Memorial Garden (located at the intersection of the Barwon Heads and Sheepwash Roads intersection) during the construction of the temporary sewer pipeline. We have contacted the family to discuss the works and have confirmed that if disturbance to the garden occurs Barwon Water will support with any remediation including new plants and signage.

## Staying informed

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