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Community learns more about upgrade works on Barwon Heads sewer pipeline

Barwon Water hosted a successful information session to update the community about the Barwon Heads Sewer Upgrade project recently.

Attendees at the session at Barwon Heads Bowling Club heard the latest project updates, including what to expect during construction and an opportunity to ask questions to the project team.

Barwon Water Managing Director Shaun Cumming said there was a lot of interest in the project and positive remarks from the community about engagement to date.

"We are mindful that the works have a significant interface with the community and so have been engaging deeply with the community before works start.

"Throughout our engagement we've heard from many members of the community that they appreciated the opportunity to learn more about the project and everyone we spoke to had received our customer mail out," he said.

"We've also heard feedback from the community that we have selected the best option to complete the works, which includes weaving the temporary pipeline through the Village Park walking paths to minimise road closures and avoid vegetation removal."

Key concerns from community at last week's event, related to traffic management and road closures. Information will continue to be shared about all aspects of the project as it progresses.

Mr Cumming said the critical works were part of Barwon Water's ongoing commitment to providing high quality, secure and affordable water and sewerage services to the Barwon Heads community.

"The works will see infrastructure upgraded to prevent sewer spills in the future, protect the environment and maintain reliable sewerage services".

Barwon Water will start preparing the site for works and begin construction activities in late February, with the project due to be completed in late-2024, weather permitting.

Works will take place along the pipeline alignment between the Barwon River and the Barwon Heads pump station on the Geelong Road and Barwon Heads Road.

Barwon Water's project team is also planning to attend the Barwon Heads Market between 9 am and 1 pm on Saturday 24 February (weather permitting). Community members are encouraged to come along to ask questions and find out more.

Ongoing information and project updates (including altered traffic conditions) will continue to be shared. Community members are encouraged to visit www.yoursay.barwonwater.vic.gov.au/barwon-heads-sewer for more information and project updates.