What's happening in Lorne

We are working on minor initiatives to make the best use of our current water supply system while we work with the community to understand preferences for long-term water security options.

Supporting customers

We're investing $2.5 million over the next five years across the region, including Lorne, to help customers and businesses save water, by providing programs, grants and rebates. We'll also work with tourism operators to detect and repair leaks and provide education and advice.

Technology and smart networks program

Smart sensors and digital technology help provide improved data in real time and allows faster detection and repair of water leaks. Once installed we will look to partner with the residents and businesses to support the Lorne community to be more waterwise.

We have also installed 14 devices in Lorne as part of Lorne Smart Sewers project. Since implementation, these devices have already prevented three sewer spills and reduced blockages and overflows.

Investing in research

Manganese is a naturally occurring element which is currently limiting the use of water in storage in the Allen Reservoir when water levels are drawn down. Research will help us to understand if there are opportunities for additional treatment to reduce manganese from our drinking water. This could deliver an extra 28 million litres of usable water each year.

Finding efficiencies

We're investing $4 million to improve the efficiency of the Lorne water treatment plant by recycling the water used on site to clean the filters.

The Lorne water treatment plant currently sends backwash water to the sewer system. Through this project, we will be able to capture, treat and return this water to the head of the treatment plant to be re-used. This will provide up to an additional 25 million litres of water each year.

Stay informed

Register to stay informed about the project or have your say at our dedicated online site. Please visit **www.yoursay.barwonwater.vic.gov.au/lorne-hub** or scan the QR code!