

# Media Release



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## Environmental focus for sewer pump upgrade

Western Water is upgrading Gisborne's sewage pump station to cater to the town's growing population and protect Jacksons Creek from potential wastewater spills during heavy rain.

Construction work in Rotary Park, beside the Gisborne Bowls Club on Kilmore Rd, will begin in the next few weeks. The project is expected to continue until early next year.

"The \$1.6 million upgrade will include installing a high performance pump system that uses efficient new technology," Western Water's Managing Director, John Wilkinson, says.

"The pumps will use less power and reducing greenhouse gas emissions by about 11 tonnes a year."

Mr Wilkinson says the pump station site is close to Jacksons Creek, and protecting the creek environment is a high priority.

"The project includes a new 260,000 litre storage tank that will take any extra water flows on the odd occasion we have heavy rain, greatly reducing the chance of a wastewater spill into the creek."

The pump station transfers all waste water from homes and businesses in Gisborne and New Gisborne to the Gisborne Recycled Water Plant.

The plant processes 500,000 litres of water a year, producing recycled water for use on local sporting ovals and the Gisborne Golf Course.

"The area will be fenced off during construction to protect public safety, but this will not affect people's access to the park," Mr Wilkinson says.

"This upgrade is critical to cater to the Gisborne area's growing population and ensure we can continue to provide an effective sewage service to residents," Mr Wilkinson says.

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### About Western Water

Western Water is one of Victoria's 13 regional urban water corporations. We provide water, recycled water and sewerage services to over 53,000 properties and 134,810 people in an area of 3,000 square kilometres. Our region extends from Lancefield in the north to Melton and Rockbank in the south and from Myrning in the west to Bulla in the east. We incorporate parts of Hume City Council and Melton, Moorabool and Macedon Ranges Shire Councils.

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