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Heavy rains delay sewer pump upgrade

Completion of an upgrade to the Gisborne sewage pump station on Kilmore Rd has been delayed by heavy rain, according to Western Water.

Work on the \$1.6 million project to install new pumps and storage tanks should now be finished by the New Year.

“Gisborne received a month’s worth of rain over the last weekend in October, and the huge amount of water shifted a tank we were in the process of installing,” Western Water’s Managing Director, John Wilkinson, says.

“This means it will now take a few extra weeks to finish the project and reinstate Rotary Park for everyone to enjoy over summer.”

Mr Wilkinson says at no time was there any danger of sewage entering Jackson’s Creek. “The tanks are not connected to the sewerage system until work is finished.”

The upgrade is designed to cater to the town’s growing population and protect Jacksons Creek from potential wastewater spills during heavy rain.

“It includes installing a high performance pump system that uses efficient new technology,” Mr Wilkinson says.

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

“The new 260,000 litre storage tank will take any extra water flows during 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 wastewater a year, producing recycled water for use on local sporting ovals and the Gisborne Golf Course.

“This upgrade is critical to cater to the Gisborne area’s growing population and ensure we can continue to provide an effective sewerage service to residents,” Mr Wilkinson says.

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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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