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OLD OUTFALL STRUCTURE HAS GONE

The old outfall structure on the beach near Venus Bay has finally gone. The pictures below show the stages in its downfall. The outfall was originally completed in 1969, as part of a major pipeline project.

The trestle structure was the final part of the system which originally transported milk waste, away from dairy factories at Korumburra and Leongatha, via the longest PVC pipe in the southern hemisphere at the time.

Contractors, managed by South Gippsland Water, accomplished the complete removal in a matter of days with no impact to the beach and no disturbance to the foreshore through the use of geo-textile matting to protect the area from the machinery.

Dr Ian Gunn, conservationist and nearby resident, who has supported the removal of the outfall over many years, said "Congratulations to South Gippsland Water, the EPA and Parks Victoria – you have restored the pristine nature of this beach."

Managing Director of South Gippsland Water, Steve Evans said, "After many months of planning, negotiations and consultations with all the relevant Authorities and the community, the speedy and clean removal is almost an anti-climax. It is something South Gippsland Water has been keen to do for a long time now and we are very happy that it is finally gone."

