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## Cleaning Pipes To Improve Water Quality

Water quality is high on the agenda for South Gippsland Water and cleaning pipes is an essential part of the Corporation's commitment to maintaining its water supply system for customers.

A program of air scouring is about to commence on pipes associated with the Agnes River Water Supply System. The works will move progressively along the system and take approximately 10 weeks. Townships affected include Toora, Welshpool, Port Welshpool, Agnes, Barrys Beach, Bennison, Port Franklin and Hedley.

A key aim of this program is to remove mineral deposits or sediments that naturally build-up in the low lying sections of pipe lines. The air scouring process cleans the pipes by combining air and water under pressure which is pushed through sections of the system in waves to effectively remove the sediment.

Staff will commence works at the water treatment plant on Hackwills Road Agnes and work their way systematically through the reticulation system.

Properties subject to water supply interruption during this period will receive a notification card in the letterbox with a minimum notice of five days for businesses and three days for residential customers. Throughout the process, road-side signage will be in place at sites where work is in progress.

Water supply to some customers may be interrupted a number of times throughout the project due to the lay-out of the system and the need to prepare the pipes and valves as part of scheduled works.

South Gippsland Water aims, as much as possible, to reduce inconvenience to customers and has scheduled some works to be carried out overnight and at weekends. For customers wishing to follow progress, regular updates will be posted on our website, Facebook page and via twitter.

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