
\$6 million investment for Poowong, Loch and Nyora

South Gippsland Water is about to embark on a \$6 million program to improve Poowong, Loch and Nyora residents' water supply.

Poowong residents especially experience low water pressure due to historic issues with their system, so that's where we will focus efforts first.

Managing Director Robert Murphy explained that historically some Poowong residents were connected to the distribution system rather than the reticulation network.

"It is better for residents to be connected to our reticulation network. This delivers water from the Poowong Water Tower. It is easier for us to control water pressure on this network, meaning we can deliver a more reliable service during peak hours."

"We've undertaken a hydraulic model of the Poowong water system and calibrated this against measurements we've taken in the field."

"Now we need your help. We'd love the community to report when you are experiencing pressure issues, so that we can use that to check against our hydraulic modelling and make sure we've got it right and targeting the right areas."

Mr Murphy encouraged Poowong residents to email sgwater@sgwater.com.au or call on 1300 851 636 if they are experiencing low water pressure.

"Some Poowong residents have expressed concern in regard to the impact of a newly developed estate on the system – our hydraulic models have suggested that this growth will not have a noticeable impact in the short term."

"Over the next five years we are designing upgrades under the \$6 million project I mentioned to alleviate peak day concerns and improve our operation of the Poowong system."

"We'll be talking to Poowong residents once we have some more details as to timing. Due to the way the system was first built and developed, it's not going to be an easy fix, so we can't guarantee immediate solutions, but we are working on it."