

# Water Main Replacement Bair Street Leongatha

## Project Overview

South Gippsland Water will shortly begin works to replace an old section of water main that runs along Bair Street, Leongatha.

Commencing late August, a 575 metre long section of pipe will be renewed. The pipeline is over 100 years old, the oldest section installed in 1908. Some sections of the pipe include cast iron and asbestos cement.

The existing 150mm pipeline will be replaced with a 225mm polyethylene pipe.

Given its location and key role in the delivery of water, to businesses in Leongatha, these works are considered major works and of a high priority to ensure reliable water services to the township.

Contractors will work to minimise disruption to businesses.

## Timing

Late August to November 2019

## Location

Works will involve 575 metres of pipe, running along Bair Street, from the corner of Bair and McCartin Streets to the corner of Bair and Young Streets and including a small section along Church Street.

Works will be conducted along the road reserve (predominantly in the southbound traffic lane and car parking bays) of Bair Street.

## Construction Method

Construction will be via trench-less construction using horizontal directional drilling. A number of pits will be required for the directional drill and at key valve and tapping locations.

Property and business owners in the immediate vicinity will be consulted and kept up to date through-out construction, including any planned service disruption or access limitations.





# Proposed New Water Main





## A New Water Main

The new water main is being installed in advance of works by South Gippsland Shire Council to re-develop and rejuvenate Bair Street.

South Gippsland Water are undertaking works first, in order to lay a new, more reliable pipeline deeper in the road reserve. It will also allow South Gippsland Water to save an estimated \$75,000 in surface reinstatement costs.

A reliable water system is paramount, the current pipe is old and in some sections not deep enough to withstand heavy vehicles and machinery involved in the redevelopment works of Bair Street, updating this pipe now means less breaks or disruption in future.

South Gippsland Water will work to minimise disruption to businesses and community. This construction will not cause long periods without water services.

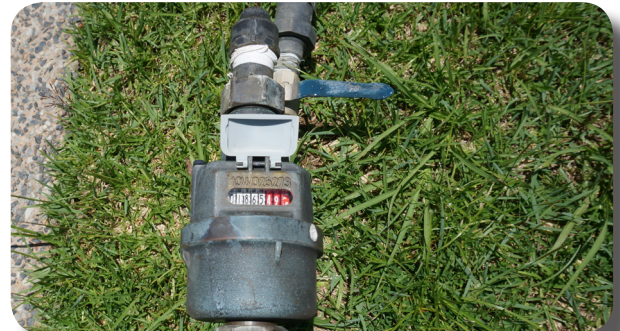
## Getting On With Business

During the works, the Contractor DKM Utility Services will work to minimise disruption to businesses and will look to work with individual properties to ensure that any service interruptions or access limitations are minimised or scheduled at preferred times.

The construction will occur in staged sections limiting the length of road and footpath impacted at a time. The works will systematically work along the length of the street to initially lay the new pipeline. A temporary gravel backfill will be used to re-open access to pedestrians and vehicles between installation of new pipe and final connection of each premises.

## New Water Meters

Once the new water main is in position, then works will commence to install the new service lines and meters. Water services should only be interrupted briefly as each property is connected to the new water main and service line.



As part of the works, South Gippsland Water will also be installing new water meters for some properties.

- New water meters are being installed in pits in the footpath pavement along Bair Street.
- Currently a number of properties don't have a meter or the meter is located inside the premises making them difficult to access. These properties are charged an 'Unmetered Water Fee'.
- The unmetered water fee is \$83.10 per year. The equivalent of 45kL volumetric water use.
- As a result of the new water meters, individual bills may change.

There will be approximately 29 properties in Bair Street where the tariff structure and water bills will change.

These customers currently receive an unmetered water charge of \$83.10 per year or \$27.70 per bill. This equates to approx 45kL of volumetric water usage per year. Once new meters are installed, a volumetric water charge based on Kilolitres used will be charged (currently \$1.84 per kL).

This will change the overall bill, for some customers their bills may rise, whilst others may decrease. It will bring these customers in line with the wider South Gippsland Water customer base and is a fairer way to charge for all.

If you have concerns about your bill or affordability, please call 1300 851 636 to discuss with our Customer Service Team.



## Investing In Reliable Services

The total project cost will be some \$780,000 and marks a significant investment in a safe and reliable water supply for customers in Leongatha.

South Gippsland Water acknowledge the disruption this project will cause and have the following staff and contractors dedicated to this project.

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