

Foster Reuse Project

Community driven project to pipe recycled water to community assets
Foster, South Gippsland, Victoria



Key Messages

- Providing recycled water to Foster's recreational reserve and golf club decreased the demand on the potable water supply and reduced the workload for the Foster Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Inter-agency collaboration achieved benefits for the community and all organisations involved
- The finalised project will provide a secure, affordable water supply to Foster's community recreational assets.

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Project Overview

The Foster Reuse Project is a community-driven project to install infrastructure to pipe recycled water from the Foster Waste Water Treatment Plant to the Foster Recreation Reserve and the Foster Golf Club.

The project was instigated through a South Gippsland Shire Council community engagement process to determine funding distributions for their Community Capital Works Allocation projects. The consultation process resulted in a successful submission from the Foster community to install infrastructure from the Foster Waste Water Treatment Plant to various community assets across the township.

South Gippsland Shire Council will provide funding of \$400,000 to the project, with South Gippsland Water undertaking the planning process and construction works. The Foster Recreation Reserve and Golf Club have the responsibility of installing infrastructure at each venue for irrigation and complying with the requirements of the EPA's Environmental Improvement Plan.

Organisations

Foster Show Grounds Committee, Foster Golf Club, South Gippsland Shire Council & South Gippsland Water.

Objectives

To provide Foster's sporting clubs with recycled water to help improve water supply security during dry times, the project will:

- Deliver a sustainable and affordable water supply to the sporting and recreational communities of Foster
- Assist in enhancing key community assets
- Decrease demand on the potable water supply
- Decrease the load on the Foster Wastewater Treatment Plant deferring imminent upgrade requirements.



Outcomes

Planning for the project is currently underway, and detailed design documentation has been completed. Construction is due to commence in April 2018. The finalised project will be a joint initiative that will provide a secure, affordable water supply to Foster's community recreational assets.

Lessons Learnt

- The construction of a key community asset, which might not otherwise have been achieved through the efforts of one entity, has been secured as a result of the combined resources of community, South Gippsland Shire Council and South Gippsland Water.
- Inter-agency planning and collaboration can achieve benefits for the community and all organisations involved in the partnership.

More Information

For more information visit the resource library on the Clearwater website <https://www.clearwatervic.com.au>

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