

# Helping to ensure water is available when it's needed most

**TasWater is playing its part to help ensure firefighters can quickly and safely access water to protect Tasmanians in the event of an emergency.**

A new fire hydrant inspection program is rolling out across the north of the state, after the success of a pilot project last year.

Project Manager Michael Peters said the program has already successfully tested hydrants in Riverside, Grindelwald, Beaconsfield, Carrick, Longford and Cressy during the first phase.

“The program is all about assessing the reliability and performance of TasWater’s fire hydrants,” he said.

“So far the testing program has been successful.”

“We need to make sure our hydrants are easy to access and are working.”

The next phase of the program started in July and featured the inspection of hydrants in Campbell Town, Conara, Deloraine, Epping Forest, Exton, Mole Creek and Ross.

“The information gained through the program will be used to better understand the performance of our assets and to help ensure firefighters and emergency personnel can access water when it’s needed most.”

“This is important as it will help keep communities safe and protected in the event of a fire.”

Tasmanian company AJ Water and Leak Detection are carrying out these vital works.

TasWater owns approximately 36,500 hydrants across the state.

**AJ Water Adam Richards and TasWater site supervisor Brian Neilsen testing a hydrant at Riverside.**

