

Updating technology at pump stations

To help ensure our water pump stations are operating effectively and efficiently, TasWater is upgrading switchboards at Don, East Devonport, Nowhere Else, Smithton and Ulverstone.

Water pump stations help ensure water can be pumped to homes from treatment plants for our customers.

TasWater Project Manager Channa Acharige said after successfully upgrading pump stations last year, the works are continuing into 2022.

“We are upgrading the switchboards at a number of pump stations across the state,” he said.

“By upgrading these pump stations, it ensures they comply with current Australian standards, and we can be certain our teams are safe on site each day.”

Once the switchboards have been successfully updated at each site, it provides greater reliability of our services to these coastal towns. “It takes about 12 months all up for projects like

this to be completed, from the design phase all the way to the completion.”

“The works on site include de-commissioning the old switchboard and switch gear, the installation of a new switchboard as well as the installation of a new monitoring system.”

TasWater uses the latest technology when we upgrade these pump stations.

“This technology has allowed the pump station to be more automated, which has increased its efficiency,” Mr Acharige said.

Devonport based contractor, RBD Electrical are installing the switchboards, and were also involved in the project last year.

TasWater is delivering these upgrades across the state using electrical switchboards made in Tasmania, from Launceston and Hobart.

TasWater Project Supervisor Charlie Wilson at a switchboard which is being upgraded on Cameray Street in East Devonport.

