

Renewing water meters in the north

TasWater is replacing water meters in the municipality of the Northern Midlands as part of its ongoing Water Meter Renewal Program.

Project Manager Robert Cameron said the program helps to ensure our water meters are up to date.

“In Longford alone, we are installing 1690 new water meters as part of the program,” Mr Cameron said.

“In total, for the Northern Midlands as part of this phase of the program, we are installing around 5,300 meters in areas including Campbell Town, Cressy, Evandale, Perth in addition to Longford.

The digital meters that are being installed are more accurate than the old meters, and will make it easier to detect water leaks, enabling more efficient repairs, and can be read remotely.

These meters comply with the NMI National Metering Standards for cold potable water meters.

“We are currently renewing the 20 – 40mm water meters in this phase of the renewal program, which are the normal residential sized meters,” Mr Cameron said.

“We will be undertaking the 50mm and larger meter renewals after these are completed.”

“These sized meters are more commonly used for businesses and larger scale properties.”

The Northern Midlands Council area was selected for this phase of the rolling program, as approximately 20 per cent of the region’s water meters were still being manually read.

Once complete, these water meters will be able to be read by TasWater crews via a drive by read instead of manually, which further protects staff from a safety perspective in addition to ensuring the meters meet modern standards.

TasWater Project Supervisor Grant Catlin with a new water meter at Longford.

