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Fire hydrant program helping keep communities safe

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

After the success of a pilot project last year, we are continuing to roll out a new fire hydrant inspection program across the North of the state.

Starting in Riverside, the next phase of the program will include testing and inspecting hydrants in Grindelwald, Beaconsfield, Carrick, Longford and Cressy.

Project Manager Michael Peters said the program is designed to assess the reliability and performance of TasWater's fire hydrants.

"We need to make sure our hydrants are easy to access and are working effectively," he said.

"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."

This phase of the program will see an initial 1143 hydrants tested and inspected.

Tasmanian company AJ Water and Leak Detection will be carrying out the works.

"The tools developed during the pilot project have helped us refine our existing hydrant testing and inspection procedures," Mr Peters said.

"This ensures our testing and inspection program is efficient, resulting in the best outcome for Tasmanians."

TasWater owns approximately 36,500 hydrants across the state.

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