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Media Release

Minor works make a big difference to North West towns

Work has begun to renew a 410-metre section of water main in Port Sorell, which will help improve reliability of services in the town.

The water main being renewed is along Rice and Meredith Streets, with local North-West contractor Oliver Kelly Group undertaking the works.

Linear Program Team Lead Darren Meany said the works form part of TasWater's state-wide Water Mains Renewal Program.

"The program is aimed at ensuring reliable delivery of drinking water by replacing existing aging pipes. These planned renewals of water mains at Port Sorell are a continuation of renewals from 2011," Mr Meany said.

"These works also span across Tasmania and involve working with key stakeholders to minimise disruptions to local communities."

"By renewing this water main in Port Sorell, it will reduce unplanned outages in the town and provide greater water reliability to the region for years to come."

The Water Mains Renewal Program is an important proactive investment from TasWater towards improving the lives of Tasmanians into the future.

TasWater is also about to start works further across the North-West Coast at Penguin, to improve water pressure for customers on Pine Road.

"As part of these works, we will be moving service connections to a higher-pressure water main along with upgrading and renewing some of the existing infrastructure on Pine Road," Mr Meany said.

"This will ensure customers in the area have improved access to safe and reliable drinking water at an appropriate and consistent pressure."

Local North-West contractor Hardings Hotmix Pty Ltd will be conducting the works at Penguin which are expected to start later this month.

Main upgrades and renewals will continue across the state to improve reliability of services for customers.

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