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## Media Release

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### **Latrobe Sewer Network upgrade works celebrated through community event**

TasWater has officially completed the Latrobe Sewer Network upgrade and is marking the occasion with a COVID-19 safe community and contractor event today.

The network upgrade will lead to a reduction in sewer spills during heavy rainfall events, protecting the health of the local community and the environment.

TasWater Senior Project Manager Amanda Allen said the network is now online and already benefiting Latrobe residents.

“The contractors have worked hard to deliver the project ahead of schedule and the newly upgraded sewerage network has been active for a few weeks now,” she said.

“This is a great outcome for the community, who have been very supportive of the upgrades.”

The project was to install a duplicate sewerage system and it consisted of two stages. Stage two was completed in August 2020, with Stage one completed ahead of schedule in June 2021.

Within these stages; hybrid manholes, pipework and a new electrical switchboard was installed, as well as the upgrade of the Reibey Street pump station.

These completed works will address the localised issues of sewerage spills in high wet weather events at Latrobe Primary School and residential homes in Reibey and Percival Streets.

“It is extremely important that the project was delivered in a safe and effective way and the project has met all the safety, environmental, quality and community targets,” Mrs Allen said.

“This is a credit to the whole team and the wider community for ensuring everyone was safe, while constructing in challenging environments.”

Today’s celebration provided the opportunity for the project team to discuss the works and thank the community and contractors for their support over the past 12 months.

“There has been several North West based contractors who have been involved in making this project a success and we would also like to extend our appreciation to the Oliver Kelly Group in particular who were our main contractor delivering the works for the network upgrade.”

The Latrobe Sewer Network upgrade was completed as part of TasWater’s \$1.8 billion, 10-year capital works program providing benefits to our customers.

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