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Latest info on show at sewerage scheme expo

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THE latest information on the new sewerage scheme proposed for the towns of Coongulla, Glenmaggie and Glenmaggie Point will be on show at a community expo on Thursday 29 September.

The expo will be held in the Coongulla Public Hall from 10am–3pm and is a chance for property owners and community members to learn more about the sewerage scheme, including the environmental surveys, cultural heritage assessments and design of the system.

As with the expo held in March, this session will have a ‘drop-in’ format to allow interested people to attend at any stage within the designated timeframe. Information materials will be provided and Gippsland Water personnel will be available throughout the day to answer enquiries. This date has been selected for the expo as it falls in the Victorian school holidays, which is generally a period when both resident and absentee landowners are in the towns.

The \$22.45 million sewerage scheme project will deliver reticulated wastewater (sewerage) services to more than 300 properties in the Coongulla, Glenmaggie and Glenmaggie Point townships.

Planning is well underway and construction is expected to commence this financial year.

The approved scheme is a pressure sewer system, comprising of underground pumping units on each property that collect sewage and transport it to Gippsland Water’s existing wastewater treatment facility at Heyfield, via two pump stations located in Coongulla and Glenmaggie.

This option was chosen following significant investigative work including a detailed options study completed in 2009, which looked at a variety of wastewater management solutions for the townships.

The plan for the scheme was developed after Coongulla/Glenmaggie was named as one of 35 priority towns to be provided with wastewater services under the Victorian Government’s Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Program.

Priority towns were nominated because the existing wastewater services (in this case septic tanks) have the potential to create a public health or environmental issue.

The Victorian Government will contribute \$785,000 towards the project's construction and has already provided \$190,000 for the planning and development phases.

More information about the scheme is available on Gippsland Water's website, at www.gippswater.com.au.

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