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Traralgon pump station gets overhaul

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GIPPSLAND WATER is upgrading one of Traralgon's major sewerage assets, the Lodge Drive sewer pump station, to ensure the town's population can grow in coming years.

The \$1.1 million (approx.) upgrade includes a new 11 metre deep wet well, new pumps, upgraded power supply and a control system.

The Lodge Drive pump station was built in the early 1960s and is used to transfer about 350 kilolitres of sewage each day from a section of Traralgon's western side, including parts of Erin Park Estate, the Traralgon golf course and surrounding residential areas.

It was chosen for an upgrade because of its age and condition, and to increase its pumping capacity to be able to deal with expected population growth over the coming years. Work began at the site in the last week of March 2011, and the upgrade is expected to be finished in August 2011.

The new wet well was constructed using what is called caisson sinking method where the concrete is poured in formwork aboveground, and then sunk by excavating inside and below the structure. This construction method was chosen because it has a smaller construction footprint compared to other traditional building techniques, which was essential due to limited site access and availability of land.

The upgrade is taking place as part of Gippsland Water's ongoing sewer pump station upgrade program which sees aging pump stations across Gippsland Water's service area receiving upgrades.

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