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Expo explains latest on Loch Sport sewerage

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The Loch Sport community will be able to learn about the progress of the Loch Sport Sewerage Scheme when Gippsland Water holds a community information session in the town this month.

The information session will be at the Loch Sport Community Hall on Thursday, 14 July from 10.30am to 3pm. Visitors will be able to speak to Gippsland Water staff on the latest design work for the scheme, as well as survey work that has been undertaken.

Gippsland Water Managing Director David Mawer said the session will cover the information that was presented during January's open days, with additional information on the water corporation's progress to date.

"The community information session will be beneficial both for residents who came to the open day during the summer holidays, as well as those who want to learn about the project for the first time," Mr Mawer said.

"We will have engineers on hand to talk to visitors about the technical aspects of the project, as well as posters showing the information we've gathered from the studies we've undertaken."

As part of the design phase of the project, Gippsland Water is conducting environmental and cultural heritage surveys. The environmental surveys identify any rare or endangered flora and fauna species that may be affected by the project, and will enable Gippsland Water to develop an Environmental Management Plan to minimise impacts on these.

The cultural heritage survey, which is currently underway, will assess the area for culturally significant sites. Results from this survey will help Gippsland Water to ensure that any sites identified during construction works can be managed appropriately in consultation with the local Gunai Kurnai group.

The community information session is part of Gippsland Water's commitment to keep the local community up to date on the progress of the \$40 million plus Loch Sport Sewerage Scheme.

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