



Visiting Mentone beach will soon become much more enjoyable following plans to improve the appearance of a 350m stretch of beach at the northern end.

What is planned?

The Victorian Government, Melbourne Water and Kingston City Council are working together to reduce the number of stormwater drains. The proposed improvement works are estimated to cost \$4 million and will involve:

- The removal of three Council stormwater pipes across the beach located opposite Charman Road, Sea Parade and Mundy Street.
- Improvements to the appearance of Melbourne Water's larger stormwater pipe opposite Marina Road.



Photograph of one of the three pipes to be removed

To allow the pipes to be removed, the project will involve:

- Construction of a new drain along the residential side of Beach Road to divert stormwater from the Charman Road drain into Melbourne Water's Marina Road drain.
- Construction of a new drain through the Mundy Street foreshore carpark to divert stormwater from the Mundy Street drain into Melbourne Water's Marina Road drain.
- Necessary removal of some vegetation near the Mundy street toilet block to allow for the pipe connections and construction activities.

More information will be available at a Community Information Session to be held on the 3 June 2010 at Kingston Council's Cheltenham office. See below for details of the session and Council's website at www.kingston.vic.gov.au

When will the works begin?

The improvement works are due to commence during the 2010/2011 financial year and will be scheduled to avoid inconvenience over the busy summer period. Further updates will be provided closer to the start date.

How long will the works take to complete?

The proposed drainage diversion works along Beach Road (required to remove the outlets from the beach) are likely to take around 3 months. Works will be planned to minimise traffic delays during busy periods, where possible. The foreshore improvement works will occur as soon as practical following the drainage diversion works.

Why is this project being undertaken?

Kingston Council, local residents and beachgoers have wanted to reduce the number of foreshore drain outlets in Mentone for some time. Following detailed investigations and discussions with community groups, the current proposal to divert the Mundy Street, Sea Parade and Charman Road drains and upgrade the appearance of the Marina Road drain is considered to be the best and most affordable option. It will improve both the foreshore aesthetic and beach amenity.



Melbourne Water's Marina Road drain which is to be upgraded

Further Information?

Kingston Council and Melbourne Water invite you to attend a **Community Information Session** to discuss this project. Plans will be on display showing options to improve the appearance of the Marina Road main drain outlet.

Where: City of Kingston office (main Cheltenham building)
1230 Nepean Highway, Cheltenham

When: Thursday 3 June 2010 from 5 to 7pm

For more information please contact Wes Turnbull at Melbourne Water on 1800 792 466 or forward correspondence to wesley.turnbull@melbournewater.com.au or addressed to:

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