

Community bulletin

Pioneer Bay Waterway Diversion and Wetland

July 2020

Melbourne Water is committed to enhancing life and liveability in your area. To maintain our assets and local amenity, we will soon be undertaking works to construct a new stormwater drain and wetland in the Pioneer Bay area to ensure we're continuing to provide flood protection for the local community.

The aim of this project is to improve flood protection, waterway health and storm water issues by establishing a new wetland precinct, and by diverting flows from Colbert Creek through Pioneer Bay to its newly established 'wetland' area.

We understand there may be some short term disturbances, but rest assured in the long term local residents will benefit from improved flood protection, stormwater management and amenity with the creation of a new wetland area for the community to enjoy.

What do the works involve?

Melbourne Water have completed the geo-technical investigations and are currently finalising the Detailed Design for construction.

The Project will involve:

- Remediation of the Colbert Creek outlet to improve the function of the waterway and surrounding drainage
- Construction of a new wetland South of the estate on Council land
- Undertake landscaping/ revegetation of constructed wetland
- Construction of a diversion pipe from Colbert Creek running south along Bass Highway and connecting into the new wetland area.
- Creation of two levee banks approximately 1-2 metres high
- New bunds (north and south side of depression), with pipe outfall from the depression to the existing pipe outfall to Western Port Bay
- Removal and pruning of some trees along the alignment.

These works will complement Bass Coast Shire Council's Urban Roads and Drainage Improvement Project for Pioneer Bay.

We are working closely with Council to deliver this large scale drainage project and will do our best to organise the major construction activities to minimise impacts on local residents.

What can you expect?

Some localised impacts:

- access to driveways may be impacted temporarily
- increased noise
- dust – we will use dust suppression as necessary
- increased truck movements

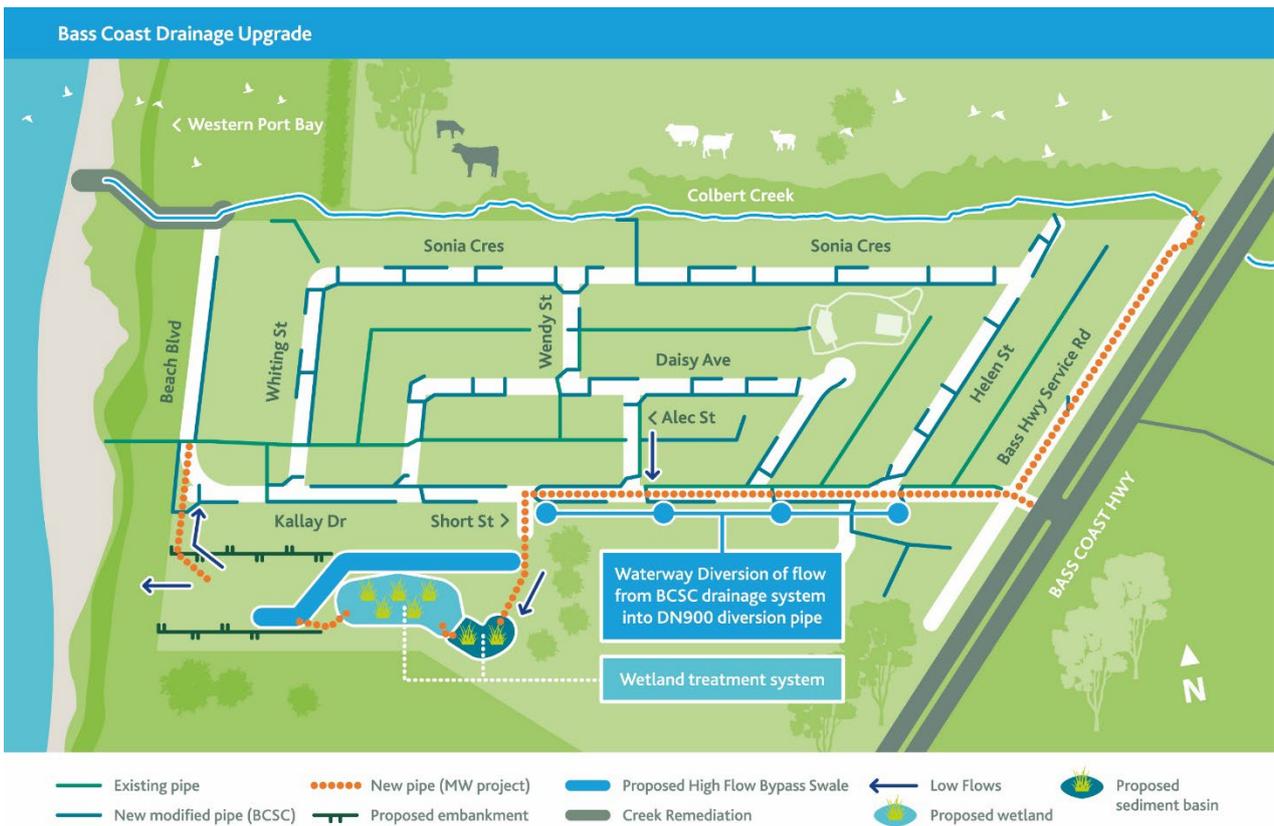
- traffic management on local roads
- removal and pruning of trees along the stormwater pipe route.

We will make every effort to minimise the impact of these essential works on the local community and the environment, and thank you for your patience.

Timing of works

Major works on the Waterway diversion are expected to commence in September/October and will be scheduled alongside the Council’s drainage works to minimise disturbance to local residents.

The creation of the new Wetland is expected to be complete by April/May 2021.



Melbourne Water is committed to delivering world-class solutions with minimal impact on the community, on businesses and on the environment, and we thank you for your patience during these important works.

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