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Introducing our new Water Services Committee

Ten people have been appointed to the new Raywood, Sebastian and surrounding area Water Services Committee.

Your local members

Our Water Services Committee (WSC) members were appointed in May by the Board of Coliban Water.



Pictured: Water Services Committee members:

Standing L-R: Dennis Mannering (Raywood), Hedley Lourie (Raywood), Mike Parker (Sebastian), Eric Pascoe (Raywood), Geoff Nankivell (Campbell's Forest) and Bruce Rodgers (Sebastian).
Seated L-R: Alison Ross (Raywood), Jan Pavich (Sebastian), Phil Miles (Sebastian) and Gary Davis (Woodvale)

We received a great response to our request for expressions of interest. Thank you to all who wrote or sent an e-mail.

The committee will meet on a regular basis throughout the life of the Raywood – Sebastian Pipeline Project to discuss key issues surrounding planning, design and implementation of the pipeline. They will also assist in providing a local perspective on future needs of the area.

Committee members have been asked to gather input from the local community, and to also share information about the project.

To contact a Water Services Committee member please call the Raywood-Sebastian Pipeline Project Team on 1300 363 200.

We will continue to send updates to provide information about the project and activities of the Water Services Committee.

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Water Service Committee charter

The committee charter is available on our website www.coliban.com.au click on the link to *Water Services Committees and Working Groups*.

Sebastian has drinking water

DHS approval to change status

Earlier this month we received approval from the Department of Human Services to change the status of Sebastian's water supply from non-potable (not for drinking) to potable (drinking).

Even though we have been carting water from the Bendigo water system to Sebastian for some time, (due to the low water levels and poor water quality in the local reservoir), the water could not be given potable status until a reliable and effective disinfection system was in place.

A temporary chlorination system was installed earlier this year and several months of water quality testing has enabled us to achieve the disinfection level required by the Department of Human Services.

Assessing pipeline options

Out in the field

You may have noticed our team out and about in the area in recent weeks. We have appointed specialist consultants to assist with an environmental assessment of various pipeline alignment options.

The possibility of constructing the pipeline within road reserves is currently being investigated, with preliminary assessments underway. Some investigation work will require access to private property. Staff and consultants will not enter private

property without prior permission from the landowner.

Information gathered during these assessments will assist in choosing the most suitable pipeline alignment.

In addition to an environmental assessment, other considerations that may influence the selection of the final pipeline alignment include:

- Input from directly affected landowners and the surrounding community
- The requirements of approval authorities, such as City of Greater Bendigo, VicRoads, North Central Catchment Management Authority, VicTrack, Department of Sustainability and Environment, Parks Victoria, Department of Planning and Community Development
- Cultural and European heritage considerations
- Ground conditions
- The location of other essential services including electricity, communications and gas.

Water security

Each month we publish water outlooks for every supply system in our region. These can also be found on our website – click on the link to *Water Outlooks*.

Mail updates

As the Raywood-Sebastian Pipeline Project progresses we will continue to provide direct mail project updates.

Project website

Click on *Major Projects* on our website for the latest information.

For further information please call our project team on 1300 363 200.



Pictured: Alignment investigation underway