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Information session this month

We will be holding a project information session this month for the local community to call in at any time to find out more about the Raywood-Sebastian pipeline project. This pipeline project will improve water security for Raywood and Sebastian urban customers.

Date: Wednesday 21 July 2010

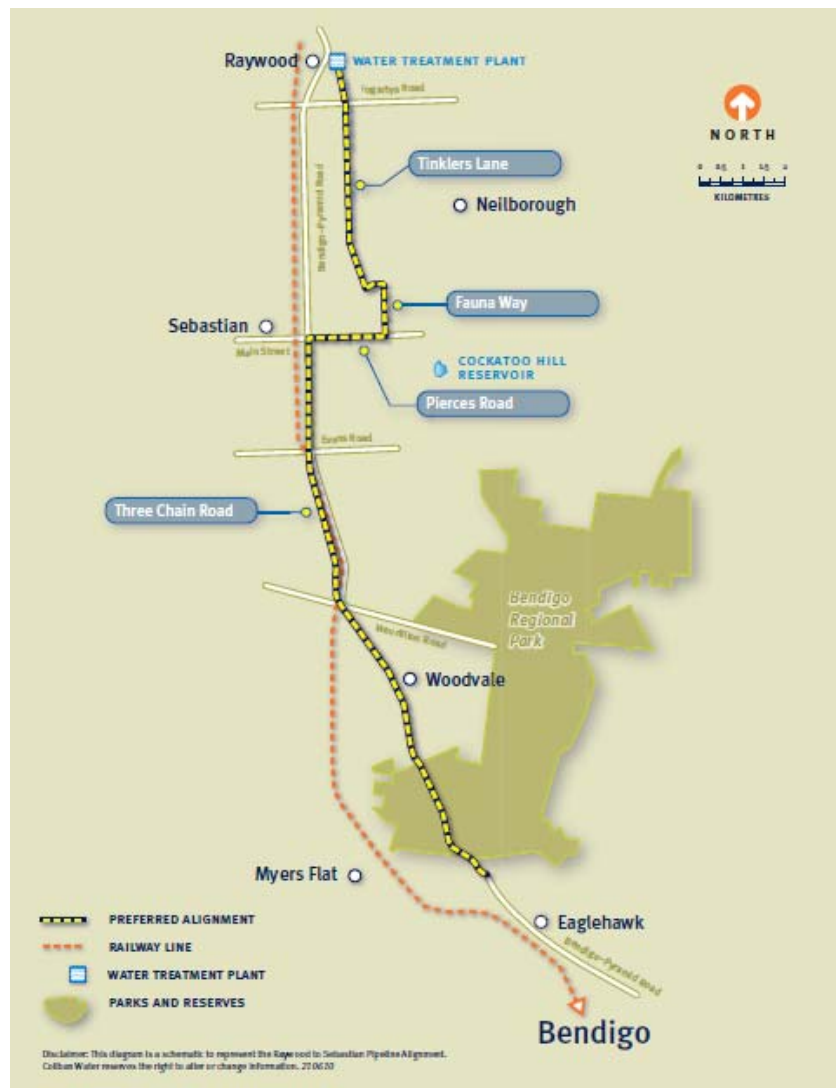
Time: 4.00pm to 7.30pm

Venue: Raywood Preschool, Inglewood Street, Raywood

Talk to our project team and consultants involved with project investigations and approval processes.

Preferred alignment selected

Following extensive investigations a preferred alignment for the Raywood – Sebastian pipeline has been selected. The final alignment is still subject to approvals.



Above: Preferred alignment for Raywood - Sebastian pipeline.

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Approvals

We are currently working with relevant authorities to gain the required approvals for the proposed alignment.

We are also finalising our database of landowners adjacent to the preferred pipeline alignment. Once this is complete we will send information to all landowners about the proposed location of the pipeline and an outline of our activities in the vicinity of their land over the coming months.

Some of the things considered to determine the preferred alignment:

- The results of detailed flora, fauna and cultural heritage investigations
- The location of existing customers
- Engineering and pipeline hydraulic requirements
- The location of existing services
- Land tenure status and planning requirements
- Liaison with approval authorities

Sebastian Water Storage Tank

A new tank for Sebastian

A key part of the pipeline project is construction of a new elevated tank in the Sebastian area. This tank will provide additional storage and the required level of pressure needed to supply Sebastian urban customers.

The tank will be similar in appearance to the Raywood tank (pictured left), although the height of the stand will be dependent on the elevation of the selected tank site. We will also have additional treatment and pumping equipment at the tank site.

Initially we will continue to use the existing Sebastian tank site while we investigate various tank site options to finalise the preferred location.



Pictured: Elevated water tank in Raywood

Project scope

Supply options

When this project was first conceived, it focused on supplying the urban customers of Raywood and Sebastian. However over the years, with continuing dry conditions and a deteriorating rural channel system, we are now investigating other supply options for the region that could potentially supply both urban and rural customers in the area.

Rural modernisation

Cockatoo Hill channel system

The Cockatoo Hill system is one of 10 sub-systems being considered for modernisation. This system can provide rural water to 140 licence holders on the Raywood, Sebastian, Neilborough and Cockatoo Hill channels.

The rural modernisation program for Cockatoo Hill is a longer term project. There are many challenges associated with rural modernisation, all of these cannot be resolved prior to construction of this potable water supply pipeline to Raywood.

A letter was sent in March 2010 to our Cockatoo Hill rural customers outlining our plans to repair the siphon in Eaglehawk.

This repair work is now complete allowing us to investigate the possibility, in the short term, of supplying our rural customers in this system with recycled water. This will also be dependant on the availability of recycled water.

Online information

More information on this project can be found on our website – visit www.coliban.com.au and click on the link to *Major Projects* then *Raywood – Sebastian Pipeline Project*.

Customer feedback

If you have any feedback or questions please call our Project Team on 1300 363 200 or email coliban@coliban.com.au