

Community update

Forrest Wastewater Project

Summer
2025 - 2026

Barwon Water continues to plan for a sustainable long-term wastewater solution for Forrest

The Forrest Wastewater Project team is developing a business case for a sustainable long-term wastewater management solution for Forrest.

We're continuing to progress planning for the project. This includes consideration of the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's (DEECA) Draft Great Ocean Road Strategic Framework Plan which will provide information on Forrest's growth potential.

This will guide our thinking on the size of the wastewater system required to meet the town's needs, which will in-turn inform updates to the concept design, costs and our economic case for investment. We expect DEECA's Framework Plan to be released in the coming months.

The preferred wastewater solution

The current preferred option is to install a pressure sewer system, a network of sealed pipes and small, below-ground pump stations at connected properties within the Forrest township. The pump stations would collect household sewage and pump it to the sewer main, located in the street.

From there, the wastewater would be transferred to a new water recycling facility in Gerangamete, where it would be treated and reused.

The proposed wastewater solution will be subject to a viable business case, Barwon Water Board approval, and ongoing community support.

Importantly, it must secure an affordable outcome for all.

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Timeline

2023	Option refinement
2024 – 2025	Concept design, wastewater treatment site purchase and consideration of draft business case
2026 – 2028	Detailed design of sewer network and water recycling facility (subject to approval of detailed business case and an affordable outcome for all).

Find out more about the Forrest Wastewater Project

Join us in February to find out more about the project and the current preferred wastewater management solution.

Pop-up information sessions

Forrest General Store (outside tables)
Thursday 19 February 2026
10 am – 12 pm and 4 pm – 6 pm

Please note: pop-ups are weather dependent.

Alternatively you can

- visit the project's Your Say web page by scanning the QR code
- contact our friendly Community Engagement team on 1300 656 007 or by emailing projects@barwonwater.vic.gov.au
- keep an eye out for updates on the project's Your Say web page, in the Forrest Post or on social media.



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