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Water pipeline replacement works in Main Street, Bairnsdale

East Gippsland Water is currently preparing a project to replace some 500m of ageing water pipeline along Main Street in the centre of Bairnsdale.

This section of pipeline dates from the early 1900's and runs under the footpath on the north side of Main Street, between Pyke Street and Bailey Street. Replacing this section of pipe will ensure the reliability and efficiency of the local water supply network well into the future.

Contractors operating on East Gippsland Water's behalf are expected to commence the replacement work on site by mid-May, with completion estimated to take 3 - 4 months.

East Gippsland Water's Managing Director, Bruce Hammond, said, "We would like to thank everyone affected by these works for their cooperation, and relevant local businesses have already been contacted about the works well in advance.

"We appreciate that the centre of Bairnsdale is a busy thoroughfare and every effort will be made to ensure inconvenience to businesses, shoppers and motorists is kept to a minimum.

"With this in mind the project is scheduled to get underway after Easter, during one of the quieter periods of the year for traffic. The work will be carried out in sections to impact as little as possible on access to the footpath, shops and car parking spaces. In addition, trenchless technology will be used in place of open excavation wherever possible to install the replacement pipeline underground."

This project is part of a \$12 million program of investment in capital projects that the water corporation is committed to for the current financial year across the East Gippsland region.

Customers with any queries about the Main Street works should contact East Gippsland Water on 1800 671 841.

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