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Council's cost effective solution to sewer maintenance

Rockhampton Regional Council's trenchless sewer relining program is continuing to deliver cost effective results upgrading our Region's sewer networks, with minimal disruption to residents and to the environment.

Chair of Council's Water Committee, Cr Greg Belz said the sewer relining program, along with major upgrades of sewerage treatment plants, is part of Fitzroy River Water's (FRW) investment in building and maintaining modern, effective sewer systems across the Region for current and future generations.

"The program has been increased this year and with a continued annual budget of \$5M for the relining component, all sewers in Rockhampton and Yeppoon will be at a strong standard within four years," Cr Belz said.

"The sewer relining program has proven very successful in reducing sewer main problems caused by blockages and water infiltration that contributes to sewer surcharges, and with continued commitment, the end to the catch up program that commenced nine years ago is in sight.

"This trenchless method of sewer main rehabilitation is best value for ratepayers and minimises the inconvenience to residents, with little need to dig up roads, footpaths and house yards," he said.

Priority has been given to rehabilitation and preventative maintenance of Rockhampton's sewer trunk mains (of less than 225mm diameter) as these were likely to cause the greatest inconvenience to residents if blockages or water infiltration occurred.

Cr Belz said more than 37km of sewer mains with diameters from 225mm to 900mm, and 11.5km of 150mm sewer pipes, had been relined to date in Rockhampton.

Additional relining jobs will be identified from the 120km of CCTV investigation being undertaken in sewers in Rockhampton and 10km in Yeppoon.

"Although the program initially concentrated on the 150mm pipes in the Rockhampton area, critical pipe collapses and blockages in the Yeppoon area are now being addressed under the 2009/10 work," Cr Belz said.

"This multi million dollar investment is part of Fitzroy River Water's ongoing commitment to ensure all sewer mains are maintained in a reliable and efficient operating condition, while minimising our environmental footprint," he said.

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