

15 July 2021



MEDIA RELEASE

UPGRADE TO HISTORIC PINNAROO WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM - FINAL STAGES TO COMMENCE

Southern Mallee District Council has approved additional funding to complete extensive upgrade works to Pinnaroo's Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS).

Council has recently completed Stage 1 and Stage 2 works to the CWMS which incorporated Bunday Terrace, Railway Terrace South, Hensley Street, Murrayville Road and Railway Terrace South. The first two stages of work were completed by civil construction firm SADB.

SADB has now been appointed to carry out the final two stages of upgrade works. The final stages included works at Foster Road, Gilbert Avenue, Symonds Street, Margaret Street, Edwards Avenue and Foreman Street on the north side of Pinnaroo and South Terrace, Joffre Avenue, McIntosh Avenue, Byrne Street, Hylton Avenue and Adelaide Road on the south side of Pinnaroo. The works will significantly improve the system for the local community for many years to come.

Pinnaroo's (CWMS) was constructed nearly 60 years ago and a Council investigation in 2018-19 identified significant deterioration in the majority of the original pipe network. It was determined that substantial network-wide upgrade works were vital to ensure the system could continue to provide an efficient, cost-effective, and fit for purpose service for residents.

Council at its meeting in June resolved to award the contract for the last two stages of construction works to SADB. Council's Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2021/22 includes a budget of nearly \$2.5m to complete this important asset renewal project.

Southern Mallee District Council Mayor Jeff Nickolls said the project will substantially improve wastewater services for the Pinnaroo community and the substantial investment into renewal of the whole system will stand us in good stead for many years to come.

"Entering the final phase of these essential works is great news for everyone in the community," Mayor Nickolls says.

SADB was appointed due to its proven technical capabilities, understanding of the project, local knowledge, professionalism and effective communication with the community.

"Residents have been overwhelmingly supportive throughout the project, and we thank them for that. The community understands that the necessary upgrades will vastly improve the wastewater system, reduce maintenance costs and ultimately, benefit all of us well into the future."

The final stage of works are due to start by early August and are expected to be complete by mid-2022. SADB will undertake a two-phase community consultation process on behalf of the Council, including letter drops and door knocking of residents and businesses who are directly affected.

- ENDS -

Media contacts:

Southern Mallee District Council Chief Executive Officer Jason Taylor
P: 0447 717 751 | E: Jason.taylor@southernmallee.sa.gov.au