



Building solid foundations

Water Recycling Plant

We'll design and construct a water recycling plant (WRP) in Fishermans Bend to mine sewage from the Hobsons Bay sewer main and treat it to class A recycled water standard.

Salmon Street Sewer Pump Station relocation

We're extending the existing sewer network to facilitate the future relocation of the Salmon Street pump station. This will increase the capacity of the sewer network to cater for population growth in the area and future proof the sewerage system.

Sewer Mining Pump Station

We'll design and construct a sewer mining pump station to extract the city's wastewater to the proposed Fishermans Bend water recycling plant, so that it can be treated to class A recycled water.

Recycled Water Network

To deliver a reliable recycled water supply in Fishermans Bend, we'll design and deliver a recycled water distribution network that includes recycled water mains and reticulation pipes.

Todd Road Sewer & Water

We'll be installing new sewer and water pipes to increase the capacity of the network to cater for growth and development in Fishermans Bend.

Find out more

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How to get in touch

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South East Water 

Project news

June 2026



Upcoming works at South East Water's Sardine Street site starting June 2026

Fishermans Bend: A water sensitive community

Fishermans Bend covers around 485 hectares across five precincts in the heart of Melbourne. By 2050, it's expected to be home to around 80,000 people and support up to 80,000 jobs, including 12,000 university students.

The vision for Fishermans Bend is to create a thriving, connected and sustainable community. Water will play an important role in achieving this.

The Fishermans Bend Water Sensitive City Strategy (2022) outlines how water will be managed across the area. It focuses on using water more efficiently across streets, buildings and public spaces to support a healthier environment and help prepare for a changing climate.

As part of this, we'll build a water recycling plant and sewer mining pump station. This will treat wastewater to a high-quality recycled standard, which can then be used in homes, parks

and public spaces. This will help create greener, more drought-resilient areas and improve liveability.

We will also design, build and operate an integrated water system to provide a reliable recycled water supply. This system will use smart technology to capture and reuse rainwater, while helping to reduce localised flooding.

Each part of the Fishermans Bend project will be delivered as separate projects over time. See map on page 4 for an overview of our projects in Fishermans Bend.

We're here to help and you can reach our project team via email Fishermansbend@sew.com.au.

Benefits

An integrated water system will make the most of locally available water, minimising water and sewerage loads, reducing flooding and transforming urban amenities. Benefits include:



45% reduction in mains potable water use.



Climate-resilient community with reduced flooding.



50% reduction in treated wastewater discharge.



Drought-resilient recycled water supply for cool, green landscape.



Find out more

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Project timeline

- Early May - mid June**
 - Early Works in progress
 - Site investigations
 - Technical and engineering assessments
 - Community engagement
- Early to mid June**
 - Fencing installation
 - Community engagement
 - Further engineering investigations
- Mid June**
 - Site mobilisation
- Early July**
 - Asbestos removal
 - Open space community consultation
 - Early works
- TBA - late October**
 - Demolition works (following asbestos removal)
- Late October to late November**
 - Site clean-up and demobilisation
- Late November 2026**
 - Stage 1 complete*

*Subject to weather



What we're doing next

We will soon begin works, as part of the Fishermans Bend Water Recycling Plant (WRP) Site Demolition Project, which will prepare our Sardine Street site for future use.

This project will be delivered in two stages. Stage 1 includes demolishing four existing buildings and disconnecting associated services and assets.

Demolition works are planned to start in mid-June 2026 and expected to take up to five months to complete, depending on weather and site conditions.

We are working with our delivery partner, Beca, Fulton Hogan and Interflow Joint Venture (BFHI), so you may see them or South East Water teams in the area.

Upcoming works

We are preparing to begin demolition of the existing buildings at South East Water’s Sardine Street site. This is an important step toward delivering the water recycling plant and supporting the broader water strategy for Fishermans Bend.

The demolition works will be completed in two stages, as outlined below:

1. Site preparation for demolition

- **Parking:** A new perimeter fence will be installed along SEW’s property boundary.



As a result, parking within the South East Water land along sections of Network Drive will no longer be available for public use from 1 June 2026. See map above for more information.

- **Temporary hoarding and fencing:** Temporary hoarding and fencing will be installed to keep the site safe during demolition. These locations may change as the project progresses, and we will continue to work with impacted stakeholders.
- **Asbestos removal:** Asbestos will be safely removed from buildings, by a licensed asbestos removalist and under the supervision of a construction hygienist, before demolition begins.
- **Site compound:** A temporary site compound will be set up on SEW’s site to support the works.

2. Demolition of buildings

Demolition works are planned to start in July 2026 and are expected to take around five months to complete, depending on weather and site conditions.

Works will generally take place:

- Monday to Friday, 7am to 7pm
- Saturday, 8am to 3pm

On occasion, work may take place outside these hours due to safety, technical or permit requirements.

The buildings will be demolished in order, starting with Building 1. Please see the map above for building locations.

What you may notice

During these works, you may notice:

- **Dust:** Increased dust around the site
- **Noise and Vibration:** Construction and demolition noise

- **Activity:** More workers, vehicles and equipment in the area.

We will take steps, including setting up exclusion zones, employing spotters, implementing public protection measures, dust suppression and air monitoring, to manage these impacts and minimise disruption where possible.

Early works underway

Since early May 2026, we’ve have been completing early works. These include surveying and subsurface investigations which will help to inform the demolition works. These investigations are now coming to an end, and we are preparing to start site preparation for demolition works.