

Pipeline well and truly underway

JHL Civil and Lower Murray Water are working very closely together on the project with off-takers from both organisations being on site every day. As well as the upgrade to the system, the pipeline is also an injection of funds into the local economy.

"People such as myself stay at the caravan park for the duration of the project and shop and eat locally etc. It is also good for the local workforce as we have used local companies Cotech as subcontractors," Mr. Dunn said.

Horizontal directional drilling will be used for environmentally sensitive areas, and bed boring will be used for under roads. The poly pipe is 40mm in diameter and is 100m long. It is being laid in sections of 30m and will last between 30 and 50 years.

The pipeline is to be constructed entirely in PE pipe material, which will be supplied by PPI Corporation.

When the pipeline is finished, it will then be commissioned. The final result will see individual water boards on individual properties to measure each household's use. Lower Murray Water sees this as being a much more accurate system.

Owen Russell from Lower Murray Water said, "There will be many benefits to water users with this new system. Previously we have had to shut down over winter for maintenance. This will no longer be the case. Also, the customers will save money on their electricity bill when we move onto this new system."

JHL Civil has been involved in projects such as this in many areas and Mr Dunn said that the aim is always that there be minimum impact on the local community.

"We try to make our impact as small as possible, but there will be some traffic management issues for a short period of time," he said.

This may involve traffic being slowed down and in some cases, completely stopped while work within the road easements occurs.

Before this project was started, there was extensive community consultation with a letter drop and Lower Murray Water.

The project has come about because of \$20 million in State Government funds, plus money given to LMW by growers that was set aside and the balance was paid for by Lower Murray Water.



Lower Murray Water contracted JHL Civil and truly underway with the construction to be completed by the end of July.

The project sees the Mick Dunn is the Project Manager for JHL Civil and said that every-thing has gone smoothly across more than 340 landowner properties.

"Several months ago to design and construct domestic and stock pipelines as part of the Robinvale Irrigation System. Work is well completed by the end of July.

"So far we have installed 10kms of 40mm piping and there are still 17 kms to go," Mr. Dunn said.

When completed, the pipeline will deliver stock and domestic individual water to houses and blocks as part of the irrigation upgrade to Section B, C, D and E.

RED NOSE DAY GET SILLY FOR A SERIOUS CAUSE

On Thursday 24th June it's time to put on those red noses again to support the work of SIDS & Kids. Red Nose Day is a major fundraiser for SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) which provides research, education programs and support for bereaved families who have lost a baby from any cause.

In 1986 there were 563 deaths in Australia from SIDS but the latest figures show that this has dropped to 59 in 2008 and is still reducing. The SIDS & Kids Safer Sleeping program has contributed to this reduction with improved education for parents on safer sleeping practices for babies. The cause of SIDS remains unknown however scientists have identified risk factors that are present in many cases. By removing known risk factors and providing a safe sleep environment, most deaths from SIDS are preventable.

The SIDS & Kids Safe Sleeping program teaches parents how to create a safe sleeping environment for babies and young children:

- 1) Put baby on the back to sleep from birth
- 2) Sleep baby with head and face uncovered
- 3) Avoid exposing babies to cigarette smoke before and after

This is supported by also providing a safe cot, mattress and environment. Robinvale and District Health Services provide information and education to expectant mothers during their antenatal period by midwife, Vicki Broad, and this is followed up by the Maternal and Child Health Nurse, Sue Donnelly, after the birth. Both Vicki and Sue provide advice at home visits and discuss these recommendations with all new parents. Both have literature available in other languages and are always available to support new parents.

There are Red Nose Day products available for purchase at various businesses and also at Robinvale and District Health Services. These products include items such as baby monitors, cot mattresses, and baby blankets.