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Siddeley Street sewer upgrade: project update

We're constructing a new sewer pipeline in Docklands, to double the capacity of the existing sewer. This upgrade will help us provide a safe and reliable sewer service to Melbourne's growing population.

We will be continuing utility relocation works into early 2026. The main construction phase of the project is expected to start in April 2026 and continue until May 2027. See information overleaf for an overview of upcoming construction activities.

This project is being delivered by Aqua Metro on behalf of Greater Western Water (GWW).

What's happening?

The project involves the installation of a new, larger sewer pipeline using tunnelling between large shafts. This work includes:

- Relocation of existing utilities and services to make room for the new tunnelling shafts
- Piling and excavation to construct the tunnelling shafts
- Temporary traffic and pedestrian management measures
- Restoration of affected areas upon completion.

Construction will be staged to minimise disruption, with regular updates provided to local residents, businesses and commuters.

Working hours:

Site compounds and traffic management will be set up permanently during the works but **most** construction activities will occur between 7am and 10pm, Monday to Saturday. **Some** works will occur outside of these times.

Some night works are required to minimise disruption to local businesses and traffic. We will notify you before any night works begin.

Why is this project needed?

Melbourne's sewer system was originally built in the late 1800s and has served the city for over 120 years.

With rapid population growth and urban development, the current infrastructure is nearing capacity.

This upgrade will:

- Support future growth in the CBD and Docklands
- Improve long-term reliability of sewer services
- Reduce the risk of overflows and environmental impacts.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us or visit our website via the QR code.

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2026 relocation works: corner of Siddeley Street and Spencer Street

Expected start date: Early January 2026

Expected end date: Early April 2026

- Construction activities including non-destructive digging, saw cutting and excavation.
- Expect to see temporary fencing and barriers, trucks, excavators and earth moving equipment.
- Two lanes on Spencer Street will be temporarily closed to facilitate these works. Traffic management will be in place to help vehicles and pedestrians move safely around the area.



Work hours: Monday to Friday 7am to 5pm as well as intermittent Saturday works and night works, Sunday to Thursday 7.30pm to 5am.

Main construction

Expected start date: April 2026

Expected end date: Early 2027

- Temporary fencing and construction equipment will be in place.
- Barriers will be installed around worksites for safety.
- To minimise community impact, tunnelling will occur underground between work sites.
- Temporary traffic and pedestrian management measures will be implemented.
- Some noise is expected during works, but we will reduce it wherever possible.
- Footpaths and roads will be restored upon completion.
- You will see increased truck movements in the area.

More detailed information about these works will be shared in early 2026.

Other GWW works in the area: Sewer maintenance Wurundjeri Way, Spencer Street, Flinders Lane

Expected start date: Early 2026

- Cleaning of the existing sewer using vacuum trucks
- We will be relining a section of the existing sewer on Wurundjeri Way.
- Temporary traffic and pedestrian management measures will be in place
- We need to complete this work at night when sewer flows are at the lowest point.
- There will be some noisy activities. We will minimise this where possible.

You will receive more detailed information about these works from GWW in early 2026.

Holiday period working hours

No work will occur between 17 December 2025 and 4 January 2026 however you will see some of our equipment stored in the area. We will conduct regular site checks for security and safety purposes.

Coordination with other works

We are aware that other construction projects are taking place in the area. To minimise disruption, we are actively coordinating with those stakeholders to align schedules and reduce impacts on the community.

Please be advised that the information above may change based on weather or site conditions. Any changes will be communicated to you in advance.