

GWMWater to improve the environmental health of Goroke

GWMWater will improve sanitation in Goroke by upgrading wastewater infrastructure to collect effluent waste from the town's septic tanks and greywater systems.

Managing Director Mark Williams said West Wimmera Shire Council approached GWMWater about the project after receiving feedback from Goroke residents about ongoing issues with the disposal of wastewater. Improving sanitation in Goroke was identified as the project with highest priority in the West Wimmera, Domestic Wastewater Management Plan. Small lot sizes and heavy clay soils make it difficult to effectively utilise the waste stream of septic tanks on individual properties.

"The Goroke Sewerage Scheme will provide Goroke residents with a reliable and effective wastewater collection system and will also enhance the liveability of Goroke," said Mr Williams.

"Reticulated sewerage systems reduce ponding of wastewater which can cause both health and environmental concerns. In times of wet weather the scheme will also remove the need for wet weather releases, a move welcomed by the Environment Protection Authority."

Construction is planned to commence in late 2019 with the project to be delivered in three stages. Stage One of the Goroke Sewerage Scheme will commence in 2019/20, with two additional stages proposed in the future. GWMWater will be providing more detailed information to households and land owners over the coming weeks.

Residents, landowners and local businesses are encouraged to view and provide feedback on the proposed stages, design and treatment plant location. Representatives from GWMWater will be at the Goroke Library between 9 am and 2 pm on Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 April 2019, and between 3 pm and 7 pm Monday 13 May 2019 to provide information and answer questions about the scheme.

More information about the Goroke Sewerage Scheme is available on our website at www.gmwwater.org.au/GSS or by calling our Customer Call Centre on 1300 659 961.

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Visit our website homepage at www.gwmwater.org.au.

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