

A new water treatment plant will be built within the Willawarrin showground precinct to replace the existing aged treatment process and system.

# Project update and BBQ

Willawarrin residents are invited to a project update and BBQ at Willawarrin Hall from 1pm to 2.30pm on Thursday 31 October to:

- Meet the project team.
- Hear a project update.
- View the detailed design.

## **Project benefits**



Reduce risks to water safety, security and sustainability and improve drinking water supply.



Mitigate ongoing issues experienced by customers relating to staining and taste.



Reduce operational and maintenance costs associated with water carting, and provide Council's operational teams with safer work environments.

#### **Project costs and funding**

You may have heard in the news recently that the cost of the project has increased. Construction projects have not been immune to inflation, however, design and construction of this project

has been through a competitive tender process with value for money one of the key criteria.

Although the tender prices were higher than expected, we have worked with the NSW Government's Safe and Secure Water Program to increase the value of our funding deed.

We have also applied for additional federal government funding for our water and sewer program of works to help alleviate cost increases we are experiencing.

### **Next steps**

Site preparation including earthworks, foundations and permanent fencing will be happening while the detailed design for the water treatment plant is being done.

This is due to be completed in early 2025, with construction of the water treatment plant to follow soon after.

#### More information

We would like to thank everyone for the time and interest they have shown so far and we look forward to providing you with regular updates as the project progresses.

Additional project information is available by:

- Visiting Council's website ksc.pub/willawarrin-water
- Phoning (02) 6566 3200
- Emailing ksc@kempsey.nsw.gov.au

## **Project timeline**

| Planning, design and tenders | Detailed design constr<br>water treatment plant | Detailed design construction and commissioning of water treatment plant |      | reservoir |
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|                              |   |   |      |           |
| 2023                         | 2024  | 2025  | 2026 | 2027      |

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