



20 November 2018

## **Hunter Water and Lake Macquarie City Council work together to deliver community services**

Early construction work has begun ahead of schedule for the \$30 million Wyeew Sewer Scheme, as Hunter Water and Lake Macquarie City Council work together to coordinate two community projects and minimise disruption to local residents.

The Wyeew Sewer Scheme is a NSW Government and Hunter Water project, which will provide direct sewer connections for 400 homes and businesses in the town, and cater to future growth.

While the main work in Wyeew is on track to commence in mid-2019, early work is underway at Morisset to install 500 metres of pipework along Macquarie Street. This will connect the town to Hunter Water's existing wastewater network and should take approximately 12 weeks to complete.

Once the pipework is installed, Lake Macquarie City Council will undertake road upgrades between Wharf Street and Rivergum Drive to improve traffic flow and safety for the community. The work will involve the construction of a new concrete footpath, kerb and gutters, new stormwater drainage pits and car parking on both sides of Macquarie Street.

Hunter Water Managing Director Jim Bentley welcomed the collaboration between Hunter Water and Council.

"We're committed to working together with our partners for the benefit of our communities.

"Undertaking the early Wyeew sewer works to coincide with Council's road upgrades will mean less disruption for residents in Morisset. From a practical point of view, it also makes sense to do this work now so that we're not having to repair a newly upgraded section of road.

"I'm really excited Hunter Water is delivering this important project for Wyeew and that initial construction work has begun. Once complete, 400 homes and businesses will be directly connected to our sewer system, with additional capacity for new homes in the future," said Mr Bentley.

Lake Macquarie City Council CEO Morven Cameron said the Wyeew Sewer Scheme offered Council and Hunter Water an opportunity to strengthen their partnership and collaborate to improve the delivery of services to the Lake Macquarie community.

"This project is of significant benefit to the Wyeew community and will provide improvements to the local environment and a reliable sewer service for our Wyeew residents," Ms Cameron said.

"Collaborating with Hunter Water on the first stage of sewer and roadworks at Macquarie Street, Morisset is just the beginning of this transformation for the suburb of Wyeew and we are excited to see this project finally progress for the community."