



Community Bulletin

JERVIS BAY TERRITORY

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Community update on Jervis Bay Territory projects

The Australian Government is continuing to support critical infrastructure in the Jervis Bay Territory, with a range of works and projects to improve essential services, community facilities and long-term resilience across the region.

In April this year, the Territory reached a major milestone with the completion of the new pipeline connecting Jervis Bay Territory to the Shoalhaven water network. This project has delivered modern infrastructure and a secure drinking water supply for residents and visitors, replacing the aged water treatment plant and ensuring access to treated drinking water through the established Shoalhaven City Council network. The project was delivered in partnership with Shoalhaven City Council and in consultation with the Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council and local stakeholders to ensure it met community needs.

Alongside this achievement, a wide range of other infrastructure projects have been progressing on the electricity network, roads and buildings to maintain and enhance facilities and essential services for the community.

Repairs and remediation works are underway on houses along Village Road following a comprehensive review of each of the 24 houses and unit block. These works include roof repairs, internal repainting, bathroom refurbishments, upgrades to sewer and stormwater systems, and electrical assessments. These improvements support safer and healthier living conditions for residents, extend the life of these houses, and reduce the need for reactive maintenance.

The Territory's electrical network has also undergone important upgrades and infrastructure replacement to strengthen reliability and improve service resilience. This work is helping ensure the community has a more stable and dependable electricity supply, mitigating outage risks and supporting the long-term safety and performance of the network. These upgrades contribute to day-to-day living conditions, better support for local services, and provide a more robust foundation for future infrastructure needs.

The Australian Government has also supported upgrades to Jervis Bay Territory and New South Wales fire appliances through the installation of Starlink connectivity. This aligns with the NSW Rural Fire Service's Vehicle as a Node (VAAN) program, which uses satellite technology to enable reliable communications from emergency vehicles, particularly in remote areas or when communications infrastructure has been impacted. During emergencies, the system can also provide a community Wi-Fi connection point, helping residents access important information and stay connected when other services are unavailable.

Two critical reviews are also currently underway to support upgrades to fire brigade facilities in the Jervis Bay Territory and key fire trails. The reviews reflect assessment undertaken by the NSW Rural Fire Service and Jervis Bay Territory Fire Management Committee on bushfire risks. The reviews will support business cases for upgrades

necessary to for better bushfire management in the Territory.

Road access has been improved along Wreck Bay Road, supporting safer travel for residents, visitors and emergency services, while vegetation clearance along College Road has enhanced visibility and reduced fire risk. Important work has also been undertaken to support sewerage treatment across the Territory, complementing the new water pipeline connection and contributing to cleaner, safer environmental outcomes.

Together, these projects deliver meaningful benefits for the Jervis Bay Territory community, including more reliable services, safer roads, improved housing, strengthened environmental protections, and infrastructure that better supports daily life and future growth.

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts will continue to keep the community informed as works progress and new projects commence and remain committed to delivering infrastructure that supports the wellbeing, safety and long-term needs of the Jervis Bay Territory.