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Boosting water security in Benaraby

Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) is delivering water security for the local community, thanks to the completion of the Benaraby pipeline replacement project, which wrapped up this month.

Beginning in early July, GAWB has replaced a damaged section of pipeline at an above-ground crossing over Machine Creek west of Benaraby.

The new polyethylene pipeline is buried underneath the creek, replacing the former DN300 cast iron cement-lined pipeline.

GAWB CEO Darren Barlow was proud to see the swift delivery of the life-extending replacement works.

“These works will ensure the continuation of safe and reliable water services for the Benaraby area,” Mr Barlow said.

“As the area’s only source of treated water, we know how important this pipeline is, which is why we have extended its operating life and minimised the risk of supply disruption.

“Limiting the environmental impact was a key priority for this project, so the team implemented strict controls to protect the waterway, surrounding soils, vegetation and native wildlife habitat.

“The new pipeline is now in service, and the former pipeline decommissioned, while rehabilitation works are underway to re-establish the area’s native flora.

“We’ve also installed soil erosion control matting across the affected creek embankments to protect the creek during rain event.

“This is a great example of how we complete critical works and protect environmentally sensitive areas at the same time,” he said.

Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB), as a Queensland Government Bulk Water Supply Authority, delivers safe and reliable water services which promote economic development and enhance the lifestyle of regional Queensland. GAWB owns and operates Awoonga Dam, along with a network of pipelines, water treatment plants and other distribution infrastructure. GAWB also owns and operates Aquaculture Gladstone, a fish hatchery and interpretive display at Lookout One at Lake Awoonga.

To ensure long-term water security for customers, the 117-kilometre Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline (FGP) is under development. When delivered, the FGP will become part of the GAWB network and provide enhanced water security and reliability for the region. For more information about GAWB and the FGP, please visit www.gawb.qld.gov.au

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