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UNDERBORING FOR PIPE INFRASTRUCTURE

Regular walkers along Tenterfield Creek footpath may well be wondering what is going on!

Council has engaged an underboring contractor to install pipe infrastructure at 4 locations around Tenterfield. 2 of the new pipes will be for water supply and 2 will service new sewer pump stations.

The underboring, or trenchless installations, are planned for the New England Highway (near the Rugby Oval) and Tenterfield Creek at Link Street, the Skate Park and Martin Street near Federation Oval. The installation at Martin Street under the Tenterfield Creek will remove the above ground sewer pipe which currently runs to the north side of Molesworth Street bridge, removing the risk of damage to the pipe during a flood event.

The underboring process uses a drilling platform with a directional drill head that can be tracked to ensure the depths of 1.5m to up to 6m are maintained (including under the Creek bed) and directions stay true.

"This is a great initiative by our Water & Sewer staff", said Mayor Peter Petty. "The Molesworth Street sewer pipe has long presented a risk during flood events and although it is regularly checked, the underground pipe infrastructure will remove this problem entirely", the Mayor added.



Underboring equipment at work near Tenterfield Creek