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WYEE SET FOR GROWTH AS HUNTER WATER DELIVERS \$36M SEWER SCHEME

Wyee residents and businesses can now apply to connect to the township's recently-completed, \$36 million sewer network delivered by Hunter Water.

The Wyee Sewer Scheme provides 400 properties with access to the reticulated sewer network for the first time with the capacity for up to 2750 new homes in the future.

Minister for Water, Property and Housing Melinda Pavey said the Scheme has been a welcome investment in Wyee and has broad community support.

"Wyee has great potential and this investment not only delivers improved public health outcomes and reduced environmental concerns, but importantly it unlocks development potential.

"We know during COVID that many Sydneysiders and others have discovered the Lower Hunter's long-held lifestyle secret and are looking to relocate to regional areas such as Wyee so with this infrastructure in place, we are enabling regional growth now and into the future," said Mrs Pavey.

State Member for Lake Macquarie Greg Piper said this project means a lot to the people of Wyee.

"I thank the Minister Melinda Pavey and NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian for seeing this through with me, but more than anything I want to thank the Wyee community for their patience during the construction phase and for their support over many years of campaigning. We got there!," Mr Piper said.

Hunter Water Managing Director, Darren Cleary, said the cost savings for residents and businesses each year are significant.

"Wyee residents and business owners stand to save thousands of dollars a year because now they won't be paying an average of \$2,500 per year for their septic systems, including frequent pump out costs," Mr Cleary said.

"Under the Wyee Sewer Scheme, this cost will reduce to about \$700 per year which

is Hunter Water's standard sewer service charge.

"Delivering a sewer scheme in a pre-developed area is not without its challenges. Hunter Water has been working closely with individual property owners to accommodate the delivery of this new sewer infrastructure and we are grateful for the community's patience."

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