

# Special Charge Scheme

Pine Avenue and Churchill Drive, Cowes

## **Project Description**

The Pine Avenue and Churchill Drive estate area is located west of Thompson Avenue approximately 3km from Cowes. The estate had a history of poor road and drainage infrastructure.

## **Cost and Duration**

The upgrade of the area cost \$5.9M of which 86% was funded by the local property owners. The project scheme area included 333 properties, which equates to an average cost of \$15k per property. The costs were distributed to property owners based on a combination of road frontage and area of land. The road and drainage improvements works (special charge scheme) planning was started in 2008 and the project was constructed in 2012/13.

## **Benefits Achieved**

The project installed kerb and channel, underground drainage and a gross pollutant trap to lessen the risk of flooding private property and improve the outfall water quality. The road pavement was strengthened and sealed, which reduces noise, improves ride quality and reduces dust for motorists and residents. Concrete footpaths were installed to improve pedestrian safety and access for the community. Nature strip improvements created improved amenity and easier maintenance for property owners. Additionally, speed humps were installed to lower vehicle speeds and improve the safety of the area.



Figure 1 – Before and After Photos

## **Working with others**

The project involved many consultation sessions with property owners and other service authorities through various methods.

## **More Information**

For more information call the Customer Service Team on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211.