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Tuatapere receives additional funding for scheme

It was a red letter day for Tuatapere and the Southland District Council yesterday when the Government announced an additional \$900,000 for the town's new sewerage scheme.

Southland Mayor Frana Cardno is absolutely delighted with the extra funding for the scheme, which was commissioned in April. Residents are now connecting to the \$6.3 million scheme.

"I am sure this news will be warmly welcomed by the Tuatapere Community Board and the people of Tuatapere," she said.

Mayor Cardno was thrilled as this announcement meant the sewerage project would be delivered within the budget originally outlined during the consultation with the residents of Tuatapere.

This announcement is recognition that Tuatapere is one of the lower socio-economic towns in the District and needs the help, she said.

Council understands the difficulty Central Government faces in funding every project needed, but the \$900,000 will cover the increase in costs between the provisional and final approval stages of the scheme and it is fair and equitable that the residents don't face another cost, she said.

"We at Council have done a lot of work to keep the issue in front of Central Government officials and politicians and we are pleased our voice is being heard in Wellington.

"It's a great positive outcome for Tuatapere and Southland as a whole."

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