Remediating the former Brompton Gasworks site

Located on the city fringe, Bowden is one of Adelaide’s most exciting urban redevelopments.

Whilst zipping past on the train, or on your morning walk, you may have noticed some changes to the former Brompton Gasworks site and surrounding area as a result of recent, ongoing works.

Renewal SA has appointed Ventia Utility Services and Senversa to remediate the former industrial site ahead of its transformation into the Bowden Heritage Precinct – a fantastic space for retail, commercial, residential and community activity that will honour Bowden’s industrial roots.

So, what work has been completed and what’s coming up next? Find out inside.
As the Bowden Project Director for Renewal SA, it is a privilege for me to oversee this exciting development and to provide you with this update.

Firstly, I extend a warm welcome to the 300 plus new residents who have moved into new homes at Bowden within the past five months. We now have more than 1,000 residents who call Bowden home.

The redevelopment of the former Brompton Gasworks site is the next step in transforming this former six-hectare industrial area into a great place to live, work and shop.

Once completed, the Bowden Heritage Precinct will be a lively and pedestrian-friendly space within the Bowden neighbourhood that balances retail, commercial, residential and community activity for residents and visitors to enjoy.

To realise this vision, the former Brompton Gasworks site is the next step in transforming this former six-hectare industrial area into a great place to live, work and shop.

With evidence of both soil and groundwater contamination at the site, Renewal SA has engaged the professional services of Ventia Utility Services (Ventia) and Senversa. Ventia and Senversa are experts in their respective fields and are currently finalising a series of environmental investigations before remediation works begin. I’m pleased to advise that this investigative work is on track.

To ensure the site is safe and suitable for the intended development, all investigation and remediation works will be independently audited by Michael Seignior. Mr Seignior is a Site Contamination Auditor with more than 25 years’ experience, who is accredited by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

You will be invited to attend a community drop-in session before the commencement of any major remediation works.

I’m also pleased to advise that the Bowden Heritage Precinct’s major demolition works are now finished. Second Street and sections of Third and Fourth streets – between Drayton and Gibson streets – are on track to reopen by mid-year.

I trust that you, your friends and family, will enjoy the newly built roads, footpaths and landscaping.

Encouraging more people to live, work, enjoy and invest in our state is central to the work Renewal SA does on behalf of the Government of South Australia.

I look forward to speaking with you at the community drop-in session later in the year, and announcing further exciting developments in the near future.
What has happened so far?

Major demolition works are now finished, and eight structures of cultural and historic significance have been retained, including three individually listed State Heritage structures.

In paying tribute to Bowden’s industrial roots, both the striking 21-metre-high former Gasworks Chimney and Chief Street Wall and framework were retained, along with The Retort House and East Street Wall.

During the process:

- Three sections totalling approximately 14 metres of the East Street wall were removed
- Our contractor carefully extracted the bluestone contained within these sections of wall. It has been safely stored for future use within the Precinct.

The removal of these sections has enhanced accessibility in the Precinct, and improved visibility of the retained structures.

We have undertaken some early works to remove redundant underground services and infrastructure.

What can you expect to see next?

Remediation to clean up the site is the next step for the Bowden Heritage Precinct.

As the previous location of the Brompton Gasworks (dating back to the 1860s), there is work to be done to prepare the site for future use.

Renewal SA has engaged Ventia and Senversa to undertake a final series of environmental investigations before remediation works begin.

Details to note include:

- Final environmental investigations are progressing and expected to be completed around mid-year
- This work is occurring during normal construction site hours (Monday to Friday, 7am to 5pm)
- Work on Saturdays may be required occasionally
- At times, you may notice dust, noise and odour during the works, however, keeping disturbances to a minimum is a priority
- Ventia will be responsible for remediating the site once this work is ready to begin and has an onsite office
- All works undertaken are endorsed by the Site Contamination Auditor.

The results of the final environmental investigations will help to refine the strategy for remediating the former Brompton Gasworks site.

If you have questions or concerns, you are welcome to phone Ventia directly. Contact information is provided on the back page of this newsletter.

OUTER HARBOR GREENWAY

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) is in the early stages of constructing the final section of the Precinct’s Outer Harbor Greenway.

The Greenway will enable the Bowden Heritage Precinct to seamlessly connect with the existing Bowden neighbourhood and other nearby areas, including Bowden Railway Station and the Adelaide Park Lands, and other parts of Adelaide such as Port Adelaide and Outer Harbor.
YOUR INVITATION ARRIVING SOON

You will be invited to attend an onsite community drop-in session hosted by Ventia, Senversa and Renewal SA before major remediation works begin.

This will be an opportunity to learn about the remediation works from the people managing the project and have your questions answered.

This session will be held at the Bowden Heritage Precinct. Look out for the invitation in your mailbox.

To register and receive your invitation electronically visit renewalsa.com.au/bowden-heritage-precinct

For questions relating to the remediation of the former Brompton Gasworks site, call Ventia’s Community Contact Line

1800 009 414

or email
bromptonremediation@ventia.com.au

Further information

For information about the future remediation of the former Brompton Gasworks site, or about the plans for redeveloping the Bowden Heritage Precinct, visit renewalsa.sa.gov.au/bowden-heritage-precinct

Alternatively phone Renewal SA on 08 8207 1300
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For information about the broader Bowden development visit lifemoreinteresting.com.au

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