

# Community Information Bulletin

## New water treatment plant taking shape

Work on the new water treatment plant to reconnect Tarago Reservoir is continuing at a fast pace.

Following the completion of the major earthworks in December, the large earth mound that screens the site from Main Neerim Road was sown with grass seed and is slowly beginning to green up with help from the good rain we had at the start of the year. This has helped to dramatically reduce the amount of dust blowing off the site.

The next major phase in the project involves getting the site ready for the construction of the buildings and structures that will house the various water treatment processes.

This is already well underway with most of the structural slab for the main building now complete, and around 400 cubic metres of concrete poured to date. Work will continue on the walls and the rest of the foundations over the coming months.

Construction of the large 71m-diameter treated water storage tank will begin mid-March and take several months to complete. This will involve laying a concrete base and then erecting sections of pre-cast concrete to form the sides of the tank.



## Road safety works complete

Key measures to reduce the impact of our works on traffic flow along Main Neerim Road and to ensure road safety near our site entrance are now in place.

The road widening and right-hand turn lane at the new entrance to the water treatment plant are now complete, and the speed limit along that stretch of road has been reduced to 80 km per hour.

## Agency Reference Group update

Representatives from the local community, the Department of Sustainability and Environment, Baw Baw Shire Council, Gippsland Water and the Department of Planning and Community Development enjoyed a tour of the site as part of the March meeting of the project's Agency Reference Group.

For most of the members, it was their first chance to see the project after months of being involved in the planning process.

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The next Agency Reference Group meeting is scheduled for 11 June. Please contact Karen and Charlie Azzopardi on 5626 8212 or John Petty on 5626 8544 if you would like to raise a subject for discussion at the meeting.

### Site closed for the Easter holiday

The site will be closed over the Easter weekend from Friday 21 March and will reopen on Tuesday 25 March for non-construction personnel. Construction activity will resume on Monday 31 March.

The site will be patrolled by security during the break, and access to the site will be prohibited for safety reasons.



### Keeping you informed

- **Construction site inquiries – 1800 096 546**

Please contact us toll-free on 1800 096 546 if you have any questions or comments about the construction project.

- **Tarago Project website – [melbournewater.com.au/tarago](http://melbournewater.com.au/tarago)**

Log on to Melbourne Water's website for more information about the new water treatment plant.

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