



Mount Evelyn Water Treatment Plant Community Update

March 2024

What we're doing

Water is essential to our way of life. Today - and into the future - Melbournians will have clean, affordable water readily available to our homes and businesses when and where we need it.

That's why Melbourne Water is building a new back-up water treatment plant in Mount Evelyn. It will prepare us for the future and provide greater water security for more than 50% of Melbournians in the event of planned, or unplanned shutdowns (e.g. extreme weather events) of the Silvan Reservoir and Water Treatment Plant.

The votes are in!

In November 2023, we asked you to help us choose the colour of the new water treatment building - and the winner was Pale Eucalypt®!

The colour will feature heavily on our new building and help ensure the structure blends into the natural landscape of the area. A big thanks to everyone who voted.



Pale Eucalypt®



Tree removal

Melbourne Water recognises that every tree has significant ecological and community value and we have worked hard to minimise the tree removal required for the new treatment plant.

Tree removal is required by the project to accommodate the road alignment, new power line installation, and construction of water treatment assets.

During the detailed design process the project team reduced the number of trees for removal from **89 to 66 trees** and **4 trees to be trimmed** – a **25% reduction**. This was achieved by:

- Reducing the size of the loop road and consolidation of the building structures has led to a smaller overall impact of the facility on the pipe track
- Building the new facility in a way which minimises earthworks and better suits the existing landscape



Reinstatement commitment

Due to the Bushfire Management Overlay planning zone, replanting is not approved on Melbourne Water land and the new water treatment plant operational area.

In line with the Victorian Government's Biodiversity Offset scheme, we will procure vegetation removal offsets for the vegetation loss. Where appropriate Melbourne Water will continue to work closely with the Mount Evelyn community through existing programs and grants in the local area to also offset tree removal.

MEET THE PROJECT TEAM

Melbourne Water, along with our construction partners John Holland-KBR Joint Venture, will be hosting online and in-person information sessions.

Community information session

Come and grab a free coffee at the Mount Evelyn Sport's and Community Hub's finals day on Saturday 16 March 2024.

Meet the project team and find out more about the project while supporting local cricketers. We'll be there from 1.00pm to 3.00pm to answer any questions you may have - hope to see you there!

Saturday 16 March 2024

1.00pm – 3.00pm

**Mount Evelyn Sports and Community Hub
Tramway Road, Mount Evelyn**

Online community information session

Jump online and take part in an interactive webinar. Ask the team any questions you may have and listen to the team provide an update on the project.

Thursday 21 March 2024

6.30pm – 8.00pm

Please head to the Mount Evelyn website www.melbournewater.com.au/mountevelyn before Wednesday 20 March 2024 to register for the online community information session.

Once the online form is submitted, a link to access the online information session will be emailed (please check your junk mail inbox).

If you are unable to make either of these sessions but would like to meet the team to discuss the project, please call us on **1800 931 169** to organise a day and time that suits you.



Project approvals and construction timelines



A planning permit application was submitted by Melbourne Water in November 2023. The application process is being managed by Yarra Ranges Council and is currently under review. The timeline below has not changed from the previous bulletin.



Detailed Design Development

Currently underway - April 2024*

Detailed design is underway. Once approvals are received, early works will commence including power line relocation, tree removal and earthworks.



Main Project Construction

Mid to late 2024*

The construction period is planned to last for two years. During this time the community will be progressively informed on the project progress.



Mount Evelyn WTP Completion

Completed late 2026*

Once construction is completed the site will be operational which will mean access by approved personnel and deliveries.

*The project timeline is dependent on the planning permit approval. We will update the community on the expected project timeline as dates are confirmed.

Will the building and operational area be publicly accessible?

The treatment plant and surrounding operational area will not be accessible to the public. The operational area including the building and access road will be fenced to ensure public safety.

There will be an access gate near Tramway Road on the new plant access road to ensure only Melbourne Water and approved contractor vehicles access the site.

A grassed thoroughfare between the operational site and tree line on the Tramway Road side of site will allow public access through the area.

How did we select the location of the new WTP?

The new water treatment plant will be constructed on the Melbourne Water pipe track between Tramway Road, Warrawee Road, Kuyura Road, Murrumbung Road and Wombalano Road. The location for the Mount Evelyn Water Treatment Plant was selected due to:

1. Proximity to Silvan Reservoir and Water Treatment Plant.
2. Ability to treat water carried by all three underground transfer water supply mains in one location. After this point the water supply mains branch off in different directions to service 50 per cent of Melbourne's water supply.
3. This land is owned by Melbourne Water and is zoned PUZ1 (Public Use Zone – Service & Utility).
4. Flat, mostly cleared land and close to existing roads.

MORE INFORMATION



For more information about this project or any questions or concerns, contact the Mount Evelyn project team on:

- 1800 931 169
- MountEvelynWTP@melbournewater.com.au
- www.melbournewater.com.au/mountevelyn

Scan the QR code below for current project information



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