

March 2024 update

Hawthorn East Retarding Basin Upgrade

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In Melbourne, rain and storms are part of everyday life. Floods are a natural part of our landscape and an essential part of the weather cycle.

That's why Melbourne Water is upgrading the Hawthorn East Retarding Basin, located next to Rathmines Reserve, to ensure a safe drainage system and keep homes and businesses from flooding.

Update on works

- Just before Christmas we cleared the site and removed surrounding vegetation to enable us to upgrade the basin.
- We have been working with the local school and kinder for opportunities to upcycle the tree stumps for use in the playgrounds.

Construction update

- There has been a delay to the commencement of the next phase of the project, due to a review with some of our contractors.
- We will provide an update when a date is confirmed and apologise for any inconvenience caused.
- We will ensure that the site is regularly monitored to ensure it is kept clean and safe.
- In the meantime, there will be no change to the landscape.

The second phase of works will involve:

- Increasing the storage capacity by deepening the basin and extending out the embankment walls.
- Re-locating the existing spillway closer to Rathmines Reserve to minimise the risk to flooding to residential properties.
- Removing any old infrastructure.
- Build a pavilion and concrete steps at Rathmines Road Reserve to overlook the sports oval. This will also act as a spillway for the retarding basin.

Location of works



Thank you for your patience as we plan these essential works.

Contact Us

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