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Koo Wee Rup and Longwarry Flood  
Protection District Newsletter

Edition 2.

## Community engagement

Melbourne Water is grateful for the feedback received in response to the 2012 survey. We are very appreciative to those who took the time to reflect on the services provided by Melbourne Water, and can assure you that your responses will be used to inform all aspects of our future planning in the District.

Already, some key themes are beginning to emerge. Specifically, it is clear that there is:

- some confusion about Melbourne Water's maintenance responsibilities and the role we play in managing the drainage systems in the district
- a lack of awareness about the role of the Advisory Committee and a lack of satisfaction that Melbourne Water is acting on the advice of this Committee.

We are still busy looking at the feedback provided by the community. Further information will be provided in our next edition on our proposed approach to address the key issues raised in the survey.

Finally, it is clear that some of you are interested in receiving more information from Melbourne Water through electronic mediums. Should you prefer to receive future copies of this newsletter by email, please contact Mark at the following address:

[KWR&Lnewsletter@melbournewater.com.au](mailto:KWR&Lnewsletter@melbournewater.com.au)

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## Koo Wee Rup office opening times for 2013

Attendances at the Melbourne Water Koo Wee Rup office (334 Rossiter Rd) have been rising in popularity since the initiative first commenced in October 2012.

After a break in January, the office will be staffed from 9am until 1pm on the third Thursday of each month. Dates are as follows until July 2013:

Date
21 March
18 April
16 May
20 June

## Extra maintenance

With the program to undertake close to 80kms of the first category of priority works complete, we are now turning our attention to the more complex second and third categories.

We are pleased to report that our planning for maintenance works on the Dalmore West Drain has finished. With planning complete, works will be undertaken in the coming weeks. We are confident these works will result in a substantial improvement to the District in the event of a high rainfall scenario.

Repair works on the banks of the Bunyip River are in progress at four locations. At a cost of \$1.6 million, the works will help to reinstate and stabilise the banks upstream of the Melbourne Sale railway and in two places downstream,

between Enticott Road and Nar Nar Goon - Longwarry Road.

We have not forgotten about the remaining projects. As you may be aware, many of these projects are located in areas that are considered environmentally sensitive.

Notwithstanding this, we have established good relationships with state and federal government agencies to ensure we continue to deliver projects benefitting the District. For your reference, please find a list of projects in the planning phase:

Category 2/3

Southern Boundary Drain Bike Path	KWR Pakenham Road upstream along the walking track to Denhams Rd Drain.
McGreggors Drain	KWR Pakenham Rd DS to Junction with McDonalds Drain
South East Catchment Drain	KWR Pakenham Rd DS to Junction with Bunyip Main Drain
Deep Creek Catch Drain	Manks Road DS to Railway Road
Dalmore West drain/Lyalls Inlet	From 800m DS of the flood gate to the Gippsland Hwy
Tooradin Inlet Drain DS Railway	Railway to the junction with Sawtells inlet
Gum Scrub Creek	Fowler Rd downstream to junction with Toomuc Creek
Number 4 Yallock Drain	Upstream of Bandicoot Corner at Bayles
Southern Boundary Drain Denhams Rd to Bayles	Koo Wee Rup Longwarry Road from Number Four Drain Road Bayles to Bayles Longwarry Road Modella
Tooradin West Drain	Manks Rd downstream to Edgerton Road Drain.
Tooradin Inlet Drain DS Manks Rd	End of Adams Road downstream to Manks Rd.
Deep Creek	McDonalds Drain West Rd Pakenham South to the Gippsland Highway Desilt from Ballarto Road to Gippsland Highway
Cardinia Catchment Drain	Manks Road DS to Railway Road and US to fence line

## Bunyip Main Drain

The \$11.8 million upgrade of the Bunyip Main Drain between 11 Mile and 13 Mile Roads is on track to be completed in March.

All up, Melbourne Water is rebuilding four kilometres of the southern levee bank so it can handle larger volumes of floodwater during heavy rain.

The works have been carefully managed to protect and monitor populations of threatened species including the Southern Brown Bandicoot.

Other rehabilitation works are expected to start in autumn.

## Annual Maintenance

Our annual \$1.2 million maintenance program is continuing as planned. Provided below is a list of some of the works we conducted since October last year.

Asset	Location	Description	Month
Gardiners Drain	Modella	Desilt	February
Taylor's West Drain	Catani	Desilt	February
McDonalds Drain	Pakenham South	Woody weed control on both banks	December

However, we are not resting on our laurels and we have a significant amount of work planned prior to winter. Provided below is a list of our highlights:

Asset	Location	Description	Month
Giles Drain	Koo Wee Rup	Bank stabilisation works	March
Cora Lyn Silt trap	Cora Lyn	Desilt	March
Musk Creek	Chambers Road, Modella	Woody weed control & removal of blockages	March