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Koo Wee Rup and Longwarry Flood Protection District Newsletter

This newsletter is edition one of a new quarterly newsletter aimed at keeping you better informed on what Melbourne Water is doing across the flood protection district.

Community engagement

Did you know there is a committee which helps to guide our maintenance program and provide us advice on issues relating to the management of the flood protection district?

We will post out a survey in November to ask your views on communication and your views of the advisory committee which meets quarterly.

This survey and follow up community sessions will be invaluable in helping us make sure that your views are captured and part of our management of the area.

For more information please call Mark Facciolo on 0427 748 250 or email Mark.Facciolo@melbournewater.com.au.

Koo Wee Rup Office now open

The Melbourne Water Koo Wee Rup office at 334 Rossiter Rd will be staffed from 9am until 1pm on the third Thursday of each month (Commencing 18 October 2012).

We hope that this will provide another easy way for you to connect with our staff if you have questions, information or concerns to share.

Our maintenance often relies on the community as our ears and eyes to alert us to problems with the network. So you are welcome to pop in for a cuppa and a chat.

Extra maintenance

Following concerns regarding flooding, we fast-tracked works to improve the drainage across the Koo Wee Rup and Longwarry area. Initially we identified a number of sites for works as Stage One projects.

In this area there are several threatened species which impacts the type and approach to works in the area. We have broken works into three categories according to their impact:

1. Works that are either complete or close to finished
2. Projects that we can complete with careful self-management – due diligence
3. Projects that require complex ecological assessment and approvals.

The projects:

Category 1

Asset	Location
Gum Scrub Creek Emergency Works	Cardinia Road Bridge
Number 6 Yallock Drain	Koo Wee Rup Longwarry Rd from Number Four Drain Rd Bayles to Bayles Longwarry Rd Modella
Southern Boundary Drain Downstream KWR Township	Downstream of the KWR Pakenham Rd Bridges KWR
Number 7 Yallock Drain	Koo Wee Rup Longwarry Rd from Number Four Drain Rd Bayles to Bayles Longwarry Rd Modella
Ballarto Road Drain	KWR Pakenham Rd to Haglethornes Drain
Murray Rd Drain	Murray Rd Cora Lyn from Number 4 Drain Road to Evans Road Bunyip
Dalmore West drain/Lyalls Inlet	Harewood Mews Road to 800m Downstream. Stop short of reserve area in fence.

Scanlons Drain	Scanlons Rd Bayles from Number Four Drain Rd Bayles to Humphries Rd Catani
Muddy Gates Drain	Muddy Gates Lane downstream to Lynes Road

Category 2

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

Category 3

These works are in discussion in terms of feasibility and effectiveness both within Melbourne Water and approval agencies.

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

Category 1&2 projects cover nearly 80km of drains.

Bunyip Main Drain

The \$11.8 million upgrade of the Bunyip Main Drain commenced in September between 11 Mile and 13 Mile Roads.

The works include raising and repairing the southern levee bank to reduce flooding, and reshaping the bank to prevent landslips. The project will be completed by mid-2013.

The works are subject to stringent environmental

conditions to protect the vulnerable species in the area.

A Technical Reference Group will oversee the environmental management of the project which will include fox control and habitat re-establishment.

Annual Maintenance

Our annual \$1.2 million maintenance program is continuing as planned. We have completed the annual channel weed spraying and reach mowing for the 2011/12 financial year. The annual floodgate inspection is underway. The following drains are scheduled for maintenance:

Asset	Location	Description	Month
Evans rd Drain	Bunyip river to Murray rd Bunyip	Follow up weed and willow control	OCT
Northern Boundary Drain	Daly rd to Nar Nar Goon rd	Follow up spray on the spiny broom	OCT
Northern Boundary Drain	Daly rd to McDonalds Drain Rd	Spiny Broom Control on the North Levee	OCT
Soldiers Rd West Drain	Rythdale Rd Rythedale	spray blackberries and woody weed along the drain	OCT
Fourteen Mile Rd Drain	U/S of the Bunyip River to Lone Pine Rd	Desilt	OCT
Lone Pine Rd Drain	Fourteen Mile Rd to Corcorans Rd Iona	Desilt	OCT
Quigleys Drain	Toner Rd Bayles	Desilt	OCT
McDonalds Drain	Upstream Fechners rd KWR	Weed control both levees	NOV
Cardinia Catch Drain	Ballarto Rd Cardinia	Remove Wattles and Spray Gorse	NOV
Longwarry Rd	Evans Rd Bunyip	Remove blockages	NOV
Sinclair's Drain	Bennetts Rd Bayles Falon Rd to No 7 Drain	Desilt	NOV
Murray rd Drain	Rear of 1800 Main Drain Rd Vervale	Desilt	NOV
Cardinia Catch Drain	Downstream of Manks Rd	Desilt and debris removal	NOV

For more information about these works please contact Mark Facciolo on 0427 748 250. For maintenance queries please call or email Andrew Saunders on 03 8770 8784 or Andrew.saunders@melbournewater.com.au. Or for information about other projects to enhance life and liveability, please call 131 722 or visit melbournewater.com.au.