

## Boneo Water Recycling Plant

### Community Update April 2018

South East Water is committed to keeping neighbours and the local community informed on what is happening at the Boneo Water Recycling Plant (WRP) and we currently have several initiatives underway.

#### Boneo Major Upgrade

A community information session was held on 17<sup>th</sup> April, in conjunction with the Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA), to provide information on our works approval submission and how to provide feedback to the EPA.

The following reference design forms the basis of our EPA works approval submission which outlines the environmental objectives including the following:

- Improvement in odour
- Compliance with noise regulations
- Offset carbon emissions
- Waste Management



The EPA advertised our works approval submission in local print media and the Herald Sun from the 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Our submission can be found on the [EPA](#) website and all documents and appendices for our submission can be viewed by searching the [EPA](#) interaction portal using the transaction number of 1002960.

All comments on our submission should be made to the EPA by 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 at [works.approval@epa.vic.gov.au](mailto:works.approval@epa.vic.gov.au) or mailed to EPA Victoria, GPO Box 4395, Melbourne VIC 3001 and should contain your contact details, the application number (1002960) and applicant name and your comments.

Work is continuing with the two final shortlisted teams in the procurement process, who are preparing their final submissions to South East Water. It is anticipated that the contract will be awarded in August 2018. Once appointed we will introduce the contractor to stakeholders and the community.

### **Boneo Sludge Upgrade**

Work commenced at the Boneo WRP two weeks ago to reline a sludge stockpile area, fix the drainage and install a pump to dewater the stockpile. Earth works are due to be completed by the end of next week (27<sup>th</sup> April). Electrical works will then be undertaken and it is anticipated that the project will be completed by the end of May (*weather permitting*).

### **700 Limestone Road, Boneo**

South East Water's property at 700 Limestone Road has now been vacated by the previous tenant. Our intention is to demolish the house and fill in the swimming pool. These works are anticipated to be completed within the next six to eight weeks.

### **Tootgarook Wetlands**

Construction works by Melbourne Water are now complete and planting preparations are underway. Approximately 60,000 plants will be established over the coming months with plant species including Brackish Aquatic Herbland, Sedge Wetland/Calcareous and Woolly Tea-tree Swamp Scrub. Ongoing monitoring, maintenance and weed management will occur over the next three to five years.

We are currently working with Melbourne Water to scope works for the next stage of the Tootgarook wetlands restoration, looking at two smaller wet areas at the front of the site.

### **Bird Survey**

No additional bird survey results to report.

### **Connections Yard**

We are continuing to finalise arrangements on an alternative location for the Connections Yard in Rye. South East Water plan to occupy a property that we own at Melbourne Road, Rye which is currently rented to a tenant under a commercial lease. We have informed the current tenant that we intend to end the lease with the expectation they will vacate this site by December 2018. Our intention is to then relocate the Connections Yard to this location by February 2019 and remediation works at 710 Limestone Road will be undertaken at the same time.

### **Planting at the Water Recycling Plant**

It is anticipated that planting in areas B and C (along the drive and behind the property at 700 Limestone Road) will be undertaken in May. We are working with Naturelinks, who will undertake planting on our behalf.

### **Feedback / More Information**

For more information or to provide feedback on any of the above initiatives please contact South East Water at:

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All community updates are now available on our website on the [Boneo WRP Upgrade](#) project page.

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