

Boneo Water Recycling Plant

Community Update March 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

While work is continuing with the two final shortlisted teams in the procurement process, we are very close to submitting the works approval application to the Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) for the upgrade to the Boneo Water Recycling Plant.

We are planning to hold a community information session in April, at the Boneo Community Hall to make available information on how to provide feedback on our application to the EPA.

Invitations for this event will be issued in early April.

Boneo Sludge Upgrade

Work to upgrade the Sludge Storage Area at Boneo WRP commenced on 7th March 2018 and are anticipated to last for 16 weeks (*weather permitting*).

Tootgarook Wetlands

Wetland restoration works by Melbourne Water are now underway. Current works are focussing on removing the silt in the deep marsh zones, with the soil removed from the wetland/planting areas to be used to block two artificial drains that exit the site. This will assist in restoring the hydrology within the site in order to promote natural regeneration of the native vegetation and assist in the drowning of pasture weeds. Once the wetland is desilted and the drain is blocked, the site will be prepared through slashing, spraying and jutting for an autumn planting.

Bird Survey

A bird survey was undertaken in February which identified 1 new species - the Pacific Black Duck. This bringing the total number of species observed across the site to 21, since surveys began last August. During the February survey, there were a total of 42 birds counted across 8 different species.

Given the site is fairly dry at the moment and that restoration works to the wetland are currently underway, it is anticipated to see a decrease in bird counts over the next few surveys. It will be interesting to see if this hypothesis holds true.

Connections Yard

We are continuing to finalise arrangements on an alternative location for the Connections Yard in Rye.

Planting at the Water Recycling Plant

Plantings are being regularly maintained.

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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