

Boneo Water Recycling Plant

Community Update September 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

An information session was held on Monday 17th September at the Boneo Community Hall where we introduced the contractor who will be delivering the design, construction and operation of the Boneo WRP upgrade.

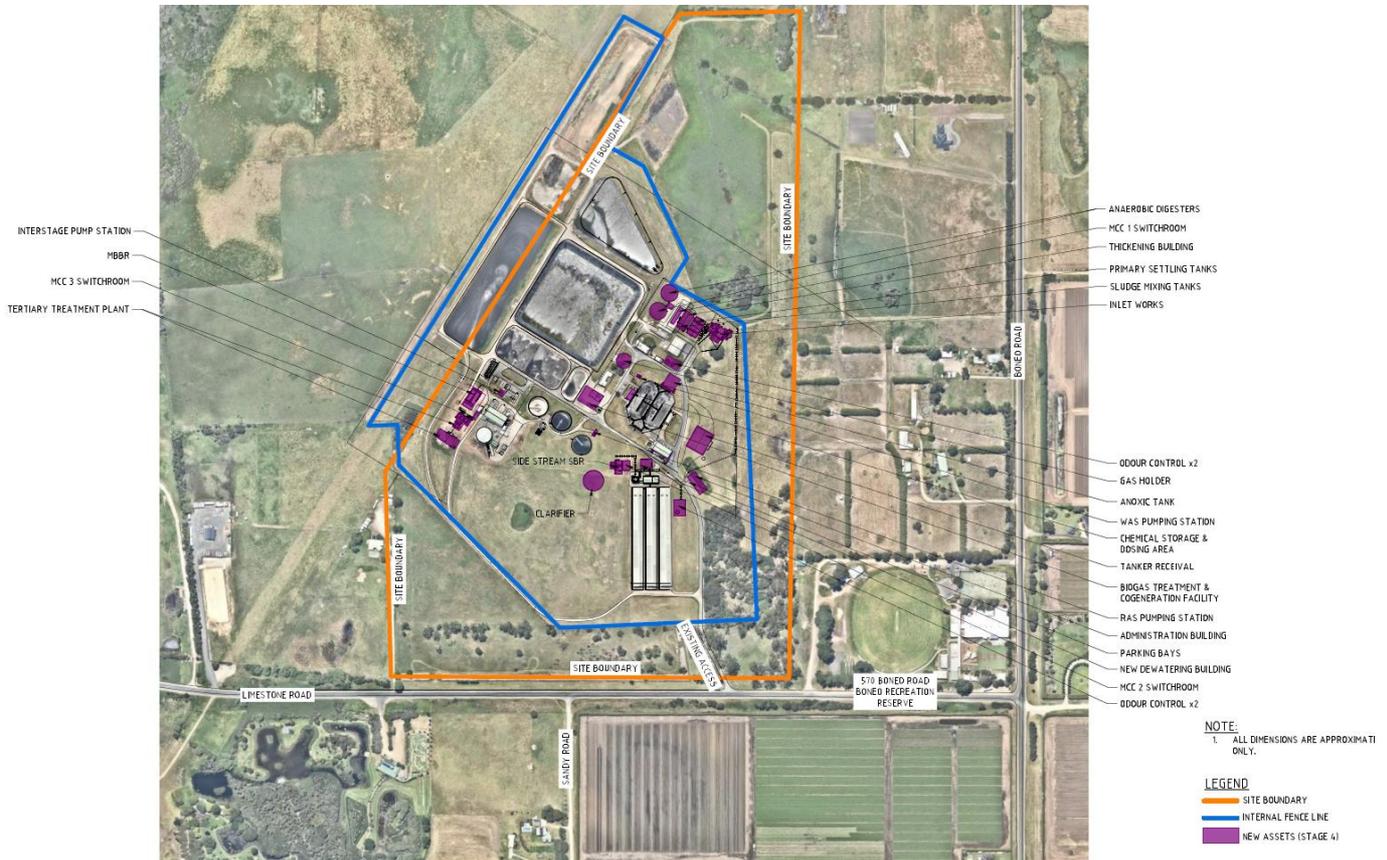
The John Holland SUEZ Beca Joint Venture (JHSB) signed a contract with South East Water on 7th September 2018 to design and construct the upgrade to the Boneo WRP and continue to operate and maintain it for 10 years, with the potential for a 5 year extension.

The final design of the upgrade has changed from the reference design (see diagrams) below. The new design has a much smaller footprint within the existing plant and will now be situated mostly to the east and middle of the existing water recycling plant.

Reference Design (not being constructed)



Final Design (being constructed)



An application for a planning permit from Mornington Peninsula Shire is being prepared and is expected to be lodged with the Shire within the next few weeks. This planning permit application will be advertised by the Shire and members of the community will have the opportunity to provide feedback on it.

We will also submit an amendment to our EPA works approval submission, based on the new footprint/design in the coming weeks. While the design of the plant has changed it still meets the same objectives as the reference design.

JHSB will take over operations of the Boneo WRP in February 2019 with a South East Water Operator forming part of the new team operating the plant. Construction on the upgrade is anticipated to commence in February 2019 and last until mid-2020, with the plant fully operational by December 2020.

Over the coming months JHSB and South East Water will engage with neighbours and community groups to further discuss impacts during construction of the upgrade.

700 Limestone Road, Boneo

The house at 700 Limestone Road was demolished on 31st August 2018. Reinstatement works are also complete.

Planting at the Water Recycling Plant

Fencing around planting areas B and C has been installed and Naturelinks has commenced the planting process. Weed spraying has taken place and it is anticipated that planting will be completed within the next few weeks.

Tootgarook Wetlands

Remediation works are now complete with approximately 60,000 plants planted and old weed piles removed. 1200m³ of soil was desilted and the natural hydrology reinstated to facilitate wetland flooding. A track formation has been installed to provide the ability to cross over to the western side of the property.

South East Water will continue to work with Melbourne Water to address the low water availability issue and for an ongoing monitoring and maintenance regime for the next 3 to 5 years. Pending the success of these works, we will, with Melbourne Water, further scope the potential to expand the remediation works into the front of the site (the two smaller wet areas).

Bird Survey

No bird survey this month.

Connections Yard

We are continuing to finalise arrangements on an alternative location for the Connections Yard in Rye. The tenant on the property we own at Melbourne Road, Rye has been given formal notice to vacate the site by the 5th December 2018. We then intend to relocate the connections yard to this location in Rye by mid-2019.

Remediation works at 710 Limestone Road, Boneo will be undertaken once the Connections Yard is relocated.

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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