

Community Update

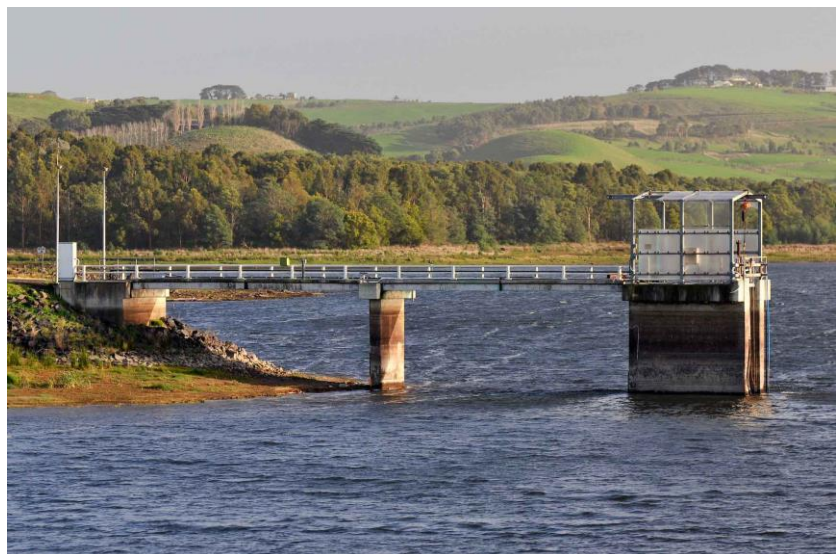
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Progress/Milestones

Planning

The project team has been busy finalising the tender documentation and progressing the tender processes for the project.

Productive meetings were held on-site recently with South Gippsland Shire Council to ensure the project is compliant with council planning schemes and overlays.



(photo – Lance Creek Reservoir)

Elements of design relating to pipeline infrastructure and alignment have been now been finalised following consultation with affected land owners, additional survey work, and detailed reviews and inspections. The project team recognises and values the assistance many land owners provided during this process as well as the importance of maintaining on-going close communication as the project moves closer to the construction stage. The project team would be happy to hear from individuals to discuss any concerns, suggestions and preferences.

Tenders

The call for tender submissions for the Pump Station and Associated Works and combined Pipeline and Pump Station Tender Packages was released in late December 2016.

Site inspections for interested parties were held in January. There was a great deal of interest in the project and the site inspections gave the project team the opportunity to answer and clarify details regarding the project and the tender process.

The evaluation of tender submissions is currently underway with announcements expected in May.

Easement Acquisition

The alignment for the pipeline between the Lance Creek Reservoir and Korumburra, and then on to Poowong, has been planned along the most direct and accessible route to maximise construction and

operating efficiencies while minimising the impact on land owners and areas of Environmental and Cultural Heritage significance.

The project team has been in direct contact with affected land owners to discuss the easement acquisition and compensation process. This has provided an opportunity for questions to be answered and has allowed the team to hear directly from individual land owners about their concerns and preferences.

Timing

Commencement of pump station construction is scheduled to begin around June/July 2017, with pipeline construction on private property scheduled for the second half of 2017. The level of construction activity will reduce during wetter months in order to minimise disruption to land owners.

The Project Team

With such a large-scale project, an experienced and specialised team is needed for planning, management and delivery. Project team members are:

John Pruyn – Project Delivery Manager	Nathan Lucas – Project Engineer & Liaison Officer
Dean DeMenech – Project Supervisor	Glen Baldwin – Project Supervisor
Chris Hindle – Senior Project Engineer	

The project is supported by the broader South Gippsland Water team including Managing Director, Philippe du Plessis and General Manager Infrastructure and Planning, Mark Lynch. Contractors will be engaged at strategic points in the timeline to deliver key components of the project.

Resources available online

Community information available on our website includes:

FACT SHEETS and UPDATES	MEDIA RELEASES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Update – March 2017• Community Update – October 2016• Community Update – August 2016• Frequently Asked Questions• Pipeline Alignment and Construction• Project Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water Connection On Track• National Water Week – Lance Creek Open Day• Connecting With Landholders About Water Security• First Steps Towards the Lance Creek Water Connection (DP5 commissioning)• Securing Northern Towns Water Supply Gets Funding

