

Community Update

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Progress/Milestones

Planning

Following the State Government's \$30 million funding announcement for the Lance Creek Water Connection project by the Minister for Water Lisa Neville, the planning process for the delivery of the project continues, with finer details being finalised.

The proposed 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 for the project.

South Gippsland Water aims to minimise disruption to land owners and, where possible, the proposed pipeline alignment has been planned to follow property boundaries and existing road easements, to minimise the impact of difficult terrain such as high hills and steep slopes, and to avoid significant areas of flora and fauna and/or Aboriginal Cultural Heritage sites.

At this stage of the process, it has been identified that planning for the Lance Creek Water Connection pipeline requires some extra land survey and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage studies in order to finalise the alignment of the pipeline.

Over the coming weeks, project staff will be in contact with each affected land owner to provide more detailed, one-on-one discussions and to arrange site visits.

DP5 Commissioning



The successful commissioning of the Delivery Point 5 (DP5) valve station and the transfer pipeline connections at the Powlett River and Lance Creek Reservoir have been recently completed. These works will allow for water stored within the pipeline between Cardinia Reservoir and the delivery point to be transferred to the Lance Creek Reservoir.

The townships of Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson, currently connected to the Lance Creek Reservoir, now have a non-rain dependent, secure water supply, thanks to the access to the Melbourne Water Supply System.

The Project Team

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

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

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.

Landholder information sessions and visits

When it comes to securing water supply through a large-scale pipeline project, a great deal of planning and consultation needs to be done up-front.

Key to the final stages of planning is meeting with the land owners whose properties fall into the alignment pathway of the pipeline. Last week project staff were pleased to meet with a number of land owners who took the opportunity to take the invitation to catch-up at open-house sessions in Kongwak, Poowong and Korumburra.

With the project now progressing, talking to and hearing from those affected by the pipeline alignment is vitally important. At the open-house sessions, staff gathered a lot of useful information from individual land owners and spent time answering questions and addressing concerns.



Photo:

Roy a volunteer with Aussie Helpers, popped his head in the door for a chat while we were at the Kongwak Hall the open-house session.

It was nice to meet him as he had travelled all the way from central Queensland to deliver donated hay to farms in South Gippsland.

To find out more about the great work Aussie Helpers do for Australian farmers and farming communities, visit <https://www.aussiehelpers.org.au/>

Resources available online

Community information available on our website includes:

FACT SHEETS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project Background• Pipeline Alignment and Construction• Frequently Asked Questions	MEDIA RELEASES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Securing Northern Towns Water Supply Gets Funding• First Steps Towards the Lance Creek Water Connection (DP5 commissioning)• Connecting With Landholders About Water Security
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