

# Community Update

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## Progress/Milestones

### Planning

The planning process for the delivery of the Lance Creek Water Connection project continues, with finer details being finalised. The project team has its full complement now with the appointment of Chris Hindle who joins South Gippsland Water as the project's Senior Project Engineer (project team outlined on pg2).

The team has been busy working on the project's Planning Compliance Report, a key component in ensuring the project is compliant with council planning schemes and overlays. Productive meetings were held recently with Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shire Councils and the report is nearing completion.

### Communication

The project team has been in direct contact with land owners along the alignment path, having been able to meet on-property or speak in detail on the phone. These personal, one-on-one meetings have provided the opportunity for open and direct discussion regarding the project and, importantly, has enabled staff to hear directly from individuals regarding their concerns, preferences and suggestions.

### Design

The proposed alignment of 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.

Elements of design relating to pipeline infrastructure and alignment have been updated recently following consultation with affected land owners, additional survey work, and detailed reviews and inspections. In particular, Giant Gippsland Earthworm assessment has been completed and additional Cultural Heritage assessments along the amended alignment path are nearing completion.

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
- minimise the impact of difficult terrain such as high hills and steep slopes
- avoid significant areas of flora and fauna and/or Aboriginal Cultural Heritage sites.

## Tenders

Tender submissions for amendments to the project design and tender documentation were received during September and the evaluation and recommendation process has been completed. The successful consultant will be announced in the coming weeks.

## Easement Acquisition

The project team has been in direct contact with affected land owners to discuss the easement acquisition and compensation process associated with the Lance Creek Water Connection pipeline. Supporting information has also been provided including explanatory letters from South Gippsland Water and fact sheets outlining elements of the project and addressing frequently asked questions (also available at [www.sgwater.com.au](http://www.sgwater.com.au)).

The *Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986* sets out the legal process that must be followed for the compulsory acquisition of easements and associated land owner compensation. The process includes an assessment of the impact of the easement by an independent valuer.

South Gippsland Water will also ensure that land owners are not out of pocket for expenses associated with the construction process and rehabilitation of the site.

Alignment site visits have been undertaken by staff, along with representatives from Valuer General Victoria, and the required survey work and the creation of easement plans are near completion.

## Timing

At this stage, construction is due to commence in the first half of 2017, with pipeline construction on private property due to commence in the second half of 2017. The level of construction activity will reduce during the 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.

(photo – Lance Creek Reservoir spillway)



## National Water Week – Lance Creek Open Day

South Gippsland Water is extending an invitation to the community to visit the Lance Creek Reservoir on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October as part of National Water Week 2016 celebrations.

Managing Director Philippe du Plessis said, “The Lance Creek Reservoir and Water Treatment Plant are significant regional assets and amazing pieces of infrastructure tucked away in the hills of Glen Alvie.”



**National Water Week  
OPEN DAY**

Celebrate National Water Week 2016 by visiting the  
**LANCE CREEK RESERVOIR**

DATE Sunday 23rd October 2016  
TIME 10.00am - 2.00pm  
WHERE Kongwak Road Glen Alvie

Please wear shoes and clothing to suit conditions on the day. Light refreshments will be available.

- View South Gippsland Water's largest reservoir (short walk)
- Learn about your local water supply from Victoria's Young Operator of the Year - Will Egan
- Tour the water treatment plant (starting 10.30am and run hourly).

For further information visit [www.sgwater.com.au](http://www.sgwater.com.au) or phone 1300 851 636



“The reservoir has one of the Corporations most advanced treatment systems; it uses dissolved air floatation filtration to remove impurities from the water by raising them to the surface on micro air bubbles. In this way, millions of litres of high quality potable water is supplied to the towns of Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson each day.”

Fed by a catchment area of 2,000ha, the reservoir was initially constructed in 1911. Over the years there have been a number of upgrades, including the construction of the water treatment plant in 1997. These improvements ensure ongoing structural performance and that water supplied by the plant is world class and meets all Department of Health regulations for filtered and disinfected water.

“Lance Creek is a fascinating place to visit and we are pleased to open the gates to the public as part of National Water Week. Our staff, including treatment plant operator Will Egan, Victorian Young Operator of the Year for 2016, will be on hand to conduct tours and provide insight into the complexities of water supply and management.”

The reservoir is accessed via Kongwak Road Glen Alvie, north east of Wonthaggi. Gates open from 10am to 2pm Sunday 23 October; tours will begin at 10.30am and run hourly. Light refreshments will be available. For more information contact Vanessa Facey on 5682 0418 or visit [www.sgwater.com.au](http://www.sgwater.com.au).

## Resources available online

Community information available on our website includes:

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

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