



Construction to begin

Work is ready to begin on improving the safety and appearance of Mentone Beach.

As previously advised, the Victorian Government, Melbourne Water and Kingston City Council are working together on the project to reduce the number of stormwater pipes on the beach and upgrade the remaining outlet.

Community input

The community was consulted on the proposed design in June and invited to comment on the appearance of the remaining Marina Road outlet. Of the three options presented, a clear majority of those who responded preferred the option with a sandstone appearance. This design blends well with the beach environment and has a lower profile. Its tapered side walls also make it a safer design. As a result of this feedback this design option has been adopted by Melbourne Water and Kingston Council.



An artist's impression of the upgraded Marina Road drain outlet

A litter trap has also been included as part of the project, following a number of requests from the community and investigation work by Council and Melbourne Water. The litter trap will capture pollutants such as cans, cigarette butts, paper and silt to improve the quality of stormwater flowing into the bay.

Works *before* Christmas

Work is scheduled to commence in late September. The first stage of the project will involve upgrading the existing Marina Road drainage outlet on the beach, diverting the Mundy Street drain through the foreshore car park to connect into the Marina Road drain,

constructing the litter trap and removing the Mundy Street drain outlet. **These works are expected to be completed before Christmas.**

We will avoid working during the busy summer holiday period to avoid causing inconvenience to beachgoers and delays for Beach Road traffic.

Works *after* Christmas

The second stage of the project is scheduled to commence after summer and involves the diversion of the Charman Road and Sea Parade drains into the Marina Road drain. Once this is complete the remaining two outlet pipes will also be removed.

What impacts will be noticed?

During the project we will work to minimise impacts and inconvenience as much as possible. Due to the nature and scale of the works some impacts are expected, including:

- Temporary closure of the foreshore car park opposite Mundy Street
- Temporary closure of the toilet block within the Mundy Street car park
- Removal of some vegetation near the toilet block
- Fencing of beach areas immediately around the construction zone for safety and security, and
- Closure of some sections of the pedestrian path near construction areas or where machinery access is required.

We apologise for any inconvenience that may be caused as a result of these works.

At the end of construction, disturbed areas will be reinstated and vegetation will be planted at a time that suits seasonal conditions.

Why is this project being undertaken?

Kingston Council, local residents and beachgoers have wanted to reduce the number of drain outlets on Mentone Beach for some time. Following discussions with community groups and detailed investigations, the proposal to divert the Mundy Street, Sea Parade and Charman Road drains and upgrade the appearance of the Marina Road drain was found to be the best and most affordable option. It will improve both the foreshore aesthetic and beach amenity.

What approval is required for this project?

The project has been designed to meet all relevant environmental requirements, including the identification and protection of vegetation, fauna, heritage and cultural values. Permits have been obtained to allow these works to proceed and the appropriate agencies and authorities have been involved in the various planning aspects.

We will also work with VicRoads to develop plans to manage Beach Road traffic during those works that are likely to affect traffic flow.

Further Information

For information about this project contact Melbourne Water on 1800 792 466 or go to www.melbournewater.com.au/content/current_projects/drainage/drainage.asp

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