

Edithvale-Seaford Wetlands Discovery Centre

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Melbourne Water is continuing works on the new education facility at the Edithvale-Seaford Wetlands on Edithvale Road.

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The Edithvale-Seaford Wetlands are internationally significant and an important habitat for a variety of birds and other wildlife. Melbourne Water began constructing a Wetlands Discovery Centre at the wetlands last year, and stopped works in September to avoid the important bird migratory season. Construction resumed in March this year, when the migratory season passed.

Progress so far

Works to build a new Discovery Centre at the Edithvale-Seaford Wetland are progressing well and the building is now at lock up stage

We are on schedule to complete all construction works by the end of August, although there may be some minor fit outs or landscaping activities following.

Please see photos overleaf for progress so far.

Education program

As well as construction of the building, Melbourne Water has been developing an education program to support the Discovery Centre.

Focusing on:

- how the wetland works
- local flora and fauna
- local European and Indigenous history and,
- sustainable building design.

The program will be linked to VELs and the Australian Curriculum, and activities will be interactive, hands-on and delivered by experienced educators.

In designing this new facility Melbourne Water has ensured that the Discovery Centre and its activities complies with the site's Ramsar Management Plan, protecting the ecological values of the wetlands, maintaining the bird habitat and preserving its special significance.

To meet these standards, access to the Discovery Centre will be limited to a set group size, and all visits to the centre must be pre-booked via a booking system. For more information or to register interest, please call 131 722.

Photos



Keeping you informed

Melbourne Water is committed to keeping you informed about this project and updated about the progress of works, timings and impacts through community bulletins such as this one.

For more information contact Erin Furmanczyk from Melbourne Water's Community Relations team on 131 722.

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