Community Bulletin

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Rehabilitating River Gum Creek in Hampton Park – Project Update

The second stage of works to rehabilitate River Gum Creek in Hampton Park is progressing well.

The project, which started in early November, will create a series of vegetated wetland pools along River Gum Creek between Kilberry Boulevard and Quail Court.

Stage one was completed between Seebeck Drive and Amberly Park drive in early 2009.

What's happened so far?

Overall about 20 per cent of the project has now been constructed with civil and earthworks on track to be completed before April 2010.

So far five sediment ponds have been dug out, topsoiled and rock work connections to the entering stormwater drains completed. Construction of the wetland pools is underway.

What's ahead for the project?

Following construction, we will plant over 200,000 native plants in River Gum Creek reserve between Kilberry Boulevard and Seebeck Drive.

The native plants will create much improved habitat for wildlife like fish, birds and frogs. They include a large number of aquatic plants, grasses, shrubs and trees.

The majority of planting is scheduled to occur in June 2010 with follow up planting planned for November 2010.

Added work hours – upcoming Saturday works

The project team are planning to work some Saturdays between 8am and 3pm while the remaining earthworks and construction works are completed.

The extra work hours will allow the project team to take advantage of favourable weather over summer and ensure the project is completed

as quickly as possible. We apologise for the any inconvenience caused.

Christmas site closure

The project site will close over Christmas from 23 December to 4 January 2010. While no works will be happening, the site will be monitored. If you have any questions or concerns during this time you can still contact the Waterways Alliance on 9287 7334.

Call Martin Stern on 9287 7334 for information about this project. Or call Melbourne Water on 131 722 or visit melbournewater.com.au for general information about other projects to secure a sustainable water future.