

Bird watching permits and keys - new arrangements

Western Treatment Plant, Werribee

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In 2009, Melbourne Water is increasing security at Western Treatment Plant to:

- help protect significant conservation values
- ensure the security of our sewage treatment and farming operations
- ensure the safety of those who visit the site.

From now on, there'll be two types of bird watching permit. You can decide which access you would like:

- General Access Permit
- Special Access Permit.

Locks will be changed by the end of June. Not all permit holders have or wish to have a key. If you do, or if you want a Special Access Permit, here's what you need to do:

1. Decide what type of permit you want
2. Visit us to obtain a new key (if you wish to have one)
3. Book an induction (only if you choose the Special Access Permit)
4. Hold onto your old key until 30 June 2009
5. Read the revised conditions of holding a Western Treatment Plant key.

To obtain a Special Access Permit, you will need to attend a 30-minute safety induction at the Western Treatment Plant on or after 16 May. Details are included below.

Please call our Brooklyn office on **9235 2828** if you'd like any advice.

1. Decide on a permit

	General Access Permit	Special Access Permit
Area covered	Lake Borrie, the Lake Borrie foreshore, the bird hide, Western Lagoon, T-Section Lagoon, Paradise Road Ponds, Austin Road Ponds, Ryans Swamp and views of Parks Victoria's The Spit Nature Conservation Reserve (from the coastal road).	General Access Permit area plus an area close to our sewage treatment works which includes conservation ponds, Borrow Pit and Walsh Lagoon.
Safety induction required?	No safety induction.	30-minute safety induction. (See Booking an induction below.)

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2. What to do to obtain a new key

	General Access Permit	Special Access Permit
Where to go and when	(No need to book.) Saturday 16 May 2009 9.00am to 2.00pm Western Treatment Plant, New Farm Rd, Werribee Or, from 18 May 2009 9.30am to 4.00pm Weekdays Melbourne Water, 89 Millers Rd, Brooklyn	(Bookings essential: see Booking an induction below.) Saturday 16 May 2009 Three induction sessions will be held at Western Treatment Plant on 16 May, or you can arrange an induction after that date.
What to bring	Your existing key, if you have one (known as a G2 key)	Your existing key, if you have one (known as a G2 key)
What the permit holder obtains	A key (optional) and a map are issued to valid General Access Permit holders. A key is required for gates 1 to 7 in the south western part of the plant.	A key (optional) and a detailed map are issued to valid General Access Permit holders. A key is required for gates 1 to 7 in the south western part of the plant plus gate 8.
Cost to obtain a new key	If you currently have a key, we will swap it for a new key free of charge. If you don't currently have a key, a refundable key deposit of \$50 is payable when we issue you with a key.	If you currently have a key, we will swap it for a new key free of charge. If you don't currently have a key, a refundable key deposit of \$50 is payable when we issue you with a key.

3. Booking an induction

Inductions are at Operations & Maintenance building, Western Treatment Plant, New Farm Rd, Werribee. Inductions take 30 minutes. To book, call Brooklyn Office on **9235 2828**.

- Saturday 16 May 2009: 9.00am, 11.00am or 1.00pm. Bookings are essential.
- After 18 May: Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10.00am. Bookings are essential.

4. What to do with your old key

You'll need to keep your G2 key until 30 June 2009, when all locks will have been changed. After that, your new key will operate all the locks corresponding to your permit. Then you can dispose of your old key or return it to us.

5. Conditions of holding a key as a registered permit holder

Due to the new security arrangements, we've added the following conditions:

- Melbourne Water reserves the right to change the locks and issue new keys to registered bird watchers to maintain the integrity of security system
- Melbourne Water reserves the right to ask permit holders to present keys in person at Western Treatment Plant as part of our key audits.

The complete conditions are available on our website, melbournewater.com.au (> Sewerage > Western Treatment Plant > Bird Watching and Fishing).

More information: please call our Brooklyn office on 9235 2828