

Monbulk Creek Network Upgrade Project

Healthy waterways are essential to our native wildlife and to our way of life today, tomorrow and for generations to come.

As part of the Monbulk Creek Smart Water Network program, delivered by Melbourne Water in partnership with the University of Melbourne, the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, South East Water and Yarra Ranges Council, we will install new equipment to actively and remotely release water flows to Monbulk Creek. Supported by The Platypus Patch, a statewide initiative, these works aim to restore urban waterways, reduce stormwater impacts and protect endangered platypus habitats and aquatic life.

What are we doing?

Over the next two months, from **late April to July 2025** we'll be upgrading the two ponds at Birdland Reserve, Mount Morton Road in Belgrave. These works involve installing new pipes with remote-controlled valves, water sensors and solar-powered controls.

What's happening:

- excavation for new pipes, followed by pipe laying and backfilling
- installation of new technology, including flow meters, level sensors and a control cabinet for remote operation
- installation of a solar power system
- testing and activation of the new water release system.

After the works are completed, we will reinstate areas affected by our work activities, including re-grassing. This will be undertaken in accordance with re-vegetation and reinstatement plans approved by Yarra Ranges Council.

What to expect

From **late April to July 2025**, a portion of the Platypus Lake Walk and the pedestrian bridge near the ponds will be temporarily closed. During this time, visitors will need to retrace their steps to return to the car park. The footpath and bridge will reopen on weekends when works safely allow. See the map below for more details.

We'll make every effort to minimise construction impacts to the surrounding community during works, however you may notice:

- some noise, dust and vibration from machinery
- an increase in construction crews, vehicles and equipment in the area
- traffic management in place to help guide motorists, bike riders and pedestrians safely through the area.

Working hours

We will be working **Monday to Friday, 7am to 5.30pm** and on **Saturdays, 7am to 1pm**. Dates and times may change subject to weather conditions.

Location of works

The works will take place at **Birdsland Reserve, Mount Morton Road in Belgrave**. During this time there will be changes to the way you get around and we thank you for your patience while we complete this work.



How to get involved

For more information on the Monbulk Creek Smart Water Network's Tanks for Platypus program visit www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Environment/Sustainable-communities/Healthy-Waterways/Tanks-for-Platypus or to discuss whether your property is suitable to participate, contact Yarra Ranges Council on 1300 368 333 or sustainability@yarraranges.vic.gov.au.

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The Urban Rivers Platypus Recovery Initiative, The Platy Patch, is a statewide project restoring urban waterways for platypus habitats and aquatic life.



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An Urban Rivers
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