

Monbulk Creek Network Upgrade

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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 Yarra Ranges Council and South East Water, we're upgrading Belgrave Lake over the coming months.

These works aim to restore urban waterways, reduce stormwater impacts and protect endangered platypus habitats and aquatic life. They form part of the landmark \$24 million Platy Patch project, a four-year statewide initiative receiving significant co-funding from the Australian Government, the Victorian Government, and Melbourne Water.

What are we doing?

From **March 2026 to mid-2026**, we'll be upgrading Belgrave Lake on Judkins Avenue 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.

Once works are finished, the area near the weir wall will house a new pump cabinet and pipework, both protected by a secure safety enclosure. All work-affected areas will then be reinstated and re-grassed as per the re-vegetation plans approved by Yarra Ranges Council.

What to expect

From **March to mid-2026**, the lower car park at Belgrave Lake Park and a portion of Judkins Avenue near the lake will be temporarily closed. During this time, intermittent road closures will be required on Judkins Avenue.

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

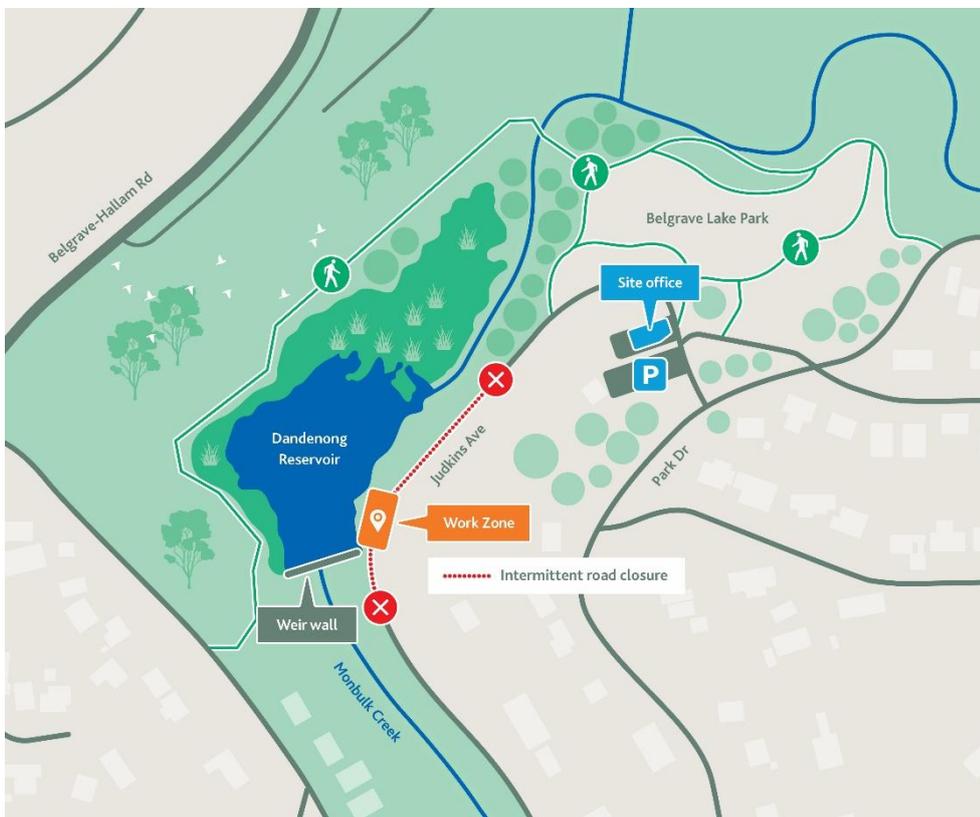
- some noise, dust and vibration from machinery
- temporary closure of the lower car park for our site office
- an increase in construction crews, vehicles and equipment
- traffic management in place to help guide motorists, bike riders and pedestrians safely through the area.

Working hours

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

Location of works

The works will take place at **Belgrave Lake, Judkins Avenue 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

Is your property eligible for the Tanks for Platypus program? Learn how you can help to protect local wildlife through the Monbulk Creek Smart Water Network's Tanks for Platypus program by:

- scanning the QR code
- visiting yarraranges.vic.gov.au/tanksforplatypus
- emailing tanksforplatypus@yarraranges.vic.gov.au
- or calling 1300 368 on 1300 368 333.



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