

Preston Reservoir Landscape Master Plan

March 2013

Melbourne Water has developed a landscape master plan for the whole of the Preston Reservoir to provide a vision for the landscape features of the site over the next 15 years

History of the site

Preston Reservoir has played a critical part as a holding reservoir to supply fresh water to Melbourne's inner and western suburbs from the 1860's to the present day.

Preston Reservoir No.1, on the west of High Street, was excavated in 1863-64 and the clay was used to form the surrounding embankments, with the base and sides lined with bluestone pitchers. The reservoir commenced supplying Melbourne with water in 1864. Up until 1881 Preston was Melbourne's only service reservoir.

By 1884 it was identified that Preston Reservoir needed additional water storage an area of approximately 11ha was purchased on the east side of High Street. Reservoirs 2 and 3 were constructed in 1909 and 1913 respectively. Monterey Cypress trees were selected to surround the reservoirs to minimise airborne dust entering the open structures. Eventually reservoirs No.2 and No.3 were covered in order to prevent dust entering the water supply.

These historic Cypress trees are reaching the end of their life, and are in various states of decline. Independent arborist advice indicates that they need to be removed and replaced with more suitable tree species over the next 3 – 15 years.

Last year, Melbourne Water applied to Darebin City Council to remove 5 Monterey Cypress trees that posed an immediate safety risk to people and property. Accordingly, these trees were removed in March 2012. As part of the planning permit for these works, a landscape master plan has been developed to manage the tree removal and provide a vision for the site in the future.

What are the objectives of the Landscape Master plan?

The objectives of the Landscape Master Plan are to:

- provide a holistic vision for the appearance, function and amenity of the site, while recognising and protecting the primary purpose of the land, which is to provide water supply services
- provide direction of the replacement species of the Monterey Cypress currently lining the reservoirs and both sides of High Street
- achieve broad community understanding of the future appearance of the site
- to create a safe environment for all uses of the site

The plan includes all land associated with the Preston Reservoir.

Where can I see and comment on the plans?

The plans will be on our website until 29 March 2013:

www.melbournewater.com.au/prestonreservoir

Local residents are invited to meet Melbourne Water staff members at the Preston Reservoir on Saturday 16 March. You can drop by anytime between 8am and 1pm to learn more about the plan and ask any questions that you might have.

What: Melbourne Water Information Session at Preston Reservoir

When: Drop by between 8am and 1pm on Sat 16 March 2013

Where: Corner Thackeray Road and Centre Street, Reservoir

Your comments on the plans, and the proposed tree replacements for the Monterey Cypress can also be lodged online, by email prestonlandscapeplan@melbournewater.com.au or in person at the information session.

Alternatively, please feel free to call us.

What happens next?

Following the consultation period (from 18 February 2013 to 29 March 2013), input from the community will be incorporated where appropriate into the final plans. Melbourne Water expects to submit the final Master Plan to Darebin City Council for approval by 30 April 2013.

The implementation of the master plan will be staged over the next 3 – 15 years.

Call Charlotte Blakey on 9679 7083 for information about this project. Or call Melbourne Water on 131 722 or visit melbournewater.com.au for general information about other projects to enhance life and liveability.

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Arabic

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Cantonese

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Greek

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Korean

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Persian

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Russian

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Serbian

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Turkish

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Vietnamese

*Nếu cần thông ngôn viên, xin quý vị gọi cho Dịch Vụ Thông Phiên Dịch (TIS Toàn Quốc) qua số **131 450** và nhờ họ gọi cho Melbourne Water qua số 0409 386 449. Giờ làm việc của chúng tôi là Mon – Fri, 7am – 6pm*

Italian

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