

# A CELEBRATION of Enoggera Reservoir

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**Celebrate  
Water**

Our past, our future

1866

150 years of Enoggera Reservoir

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# About Enoggera

Enoggera Reservoir is the oldest reservoir in Brisbane. It was the third large dam built in Australia in the 1800s and was one of the three dams constructed to store water for Brisbane's growing population from 1864 to 1916. Up until 1866, Brisbane's main water source was a small and heavily polluted dam across Wheat Creek, which flowed through the heart of the settlement. The government of the day approved a dam across Enoggera Creek in 1863. Mr Joseph Brady was appointed to supervise the building of the dam and pushed through the completion of the structure in just two years from 1864 to 1866. The dam is a typical nineteenth century, clay core earthfill dam built for water supply.

Watercourse	Enoggera Creek
Catchment area	33 square kilometres (m <sup>2</sup> )
Length of dam wall	380 metres
Full supply capacity	4,567 million litres or 1,826 Olympic sized swimming pools

## What's in a name?

**Dam v reservoir v lake** At Enoggera, we use the names 'reservoir' and 'dam' interchangeably. Both are terms used to refer to structures that hold bodies of water. Reservoir was more commonly used in the early days hence Enoggera is colloquially known as a reservoir. Nowadays, we tend to use 'reservoir' to refer to the concrete storages that hold treated water ready for distribution and 'dams' as the structures build across creeks or rivers that store water from the catchment and have spillways to allow water to flow out when the dam's full supply level is reached. We refer to 'lakes' as the body of water held by the dam.



In 1976, the concrete spillway was added and the embankment raised for flood mitigation.

Enoggera has a two level spillway. The lower level has two rectangular culverts that tunnel under the concrete crest. When the full supply level is reached, water flows through the culverts and out of the dam.

The upper spillway has a concrete ogee crest. During major floods, water will also flow over the upper spillway.

Although Enoggera Reservoir is not currently used for water supply in South East Queensland, it could supply drinking water during drought and is also a unique and much loved recreation destination in the heart of Brisbane.

Enoggera Dam is a culturally significant site for Aboriginal people.

The Turrbal people are the traditional custodians of the Brisbane area. Aboriginal history in the region can be dated back 40,000 years.

Thomas Petrie, the famous explorer, noted the Turrbal language was spoken from North Pine in the north to Logan in the south and as far west as Moggill.

The area around Enoggera is thought to have been a known ceremonial place, mainly due to the abundance of natural resources.



**Waterworks Enoggera Creek ca. 1890**  
**Photo by John Oxley Library,**  
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There is some confusion too about the origin of the word, Enoggera.

It is thought to have derived either from the word Yowoggera, meaning Corroboree Place or yawar-ngari, which is thought to mean song and dance – either way, the theme remains the same.

Enoggera was seen as an important feature in the landscape, a gathering place that provided vast resources for the people.



Enoggera Reservoir, July 2016

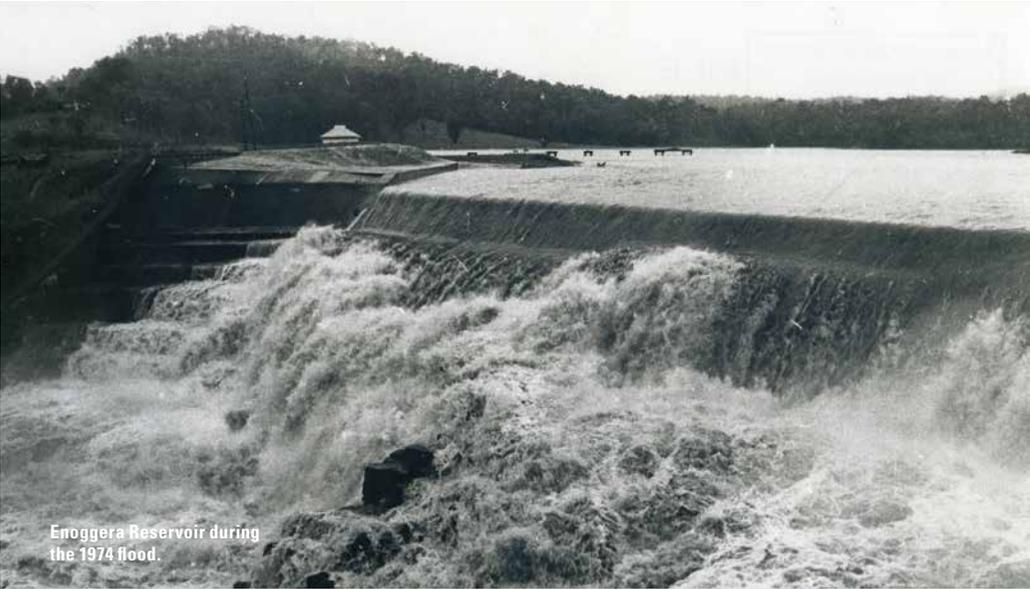


Stars of the Underground Opera

# Program of events

Time	Event
2.00pm	Welcome by the MC Luke Kennedy
2.10pm	<b>Official opening</b>
2.30pm	<p><b>Act 1</b> Grand Opera – including arias such as The Toreador from Carmen, duets such as Viens Malika from Lakme, ensemble pieces such as The Brinisi from La Traviata</p> <p>Singers: Mr Glenn Lorimer, Ms Judit Molnar, Mr Darian Johns, Ms Louise Dorsman, Mr Greg Moore</p> <p>Pianist: Mr Brendan Murtagh</p>
3.15pm	Break
4.00pm	<p><b>Act 2</b> Operetta and Neapolitan – including pieces from Gilbert and Sullivan as well as pieces like O sole mio, The Prayer and Time to Say Goodbye</p> <p>Singers: Mr Glenn Lorimer, Ms Judit Molnar, Mr Darian Johns, Ms Louise Dorsman, Mr Greg Moore</p> <p>Pianist: Mr Brendan Murtagh</p>
4.45pm	Break
5.30pm	<p><b>Act 3</b> Musical Theatre Showstoppers from Les Miserables and Phantom of the Opera and surprise contemporary pieces</p> <p>Singers: Mr Glenn Lorimer, Ms Judit Molnar, Mr Darian Johns, Ms Louise Dorsman, Mr Greg Moore</p> <p>Pianist: Mr Brendan Murtagh</p>
6.15pm	<b>Official ceremony</b>
6.30pm	<p><b>Closing act</b> Singers: Mr Glenn Lorimer, Ms Judit Molnar, Mr Darian Johns, Ms Louise Dorsman, Mr Greg Moore</p> <p>Pianist: Mr Brendan Murtagh</p>
7.00pm	Close of evening

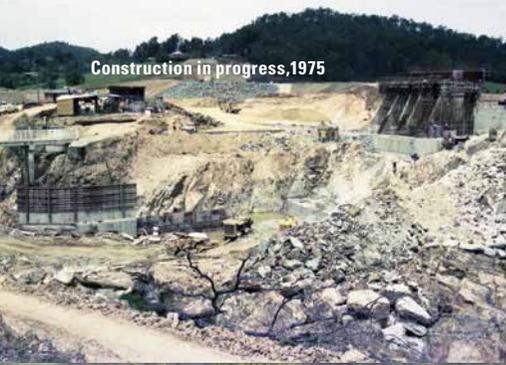
# 150 years in the making



Enoggera Reservoir during the 1974 flood.



Enoggera Reservoir, designated swimming area, July 2016



Construction in progress, 1975



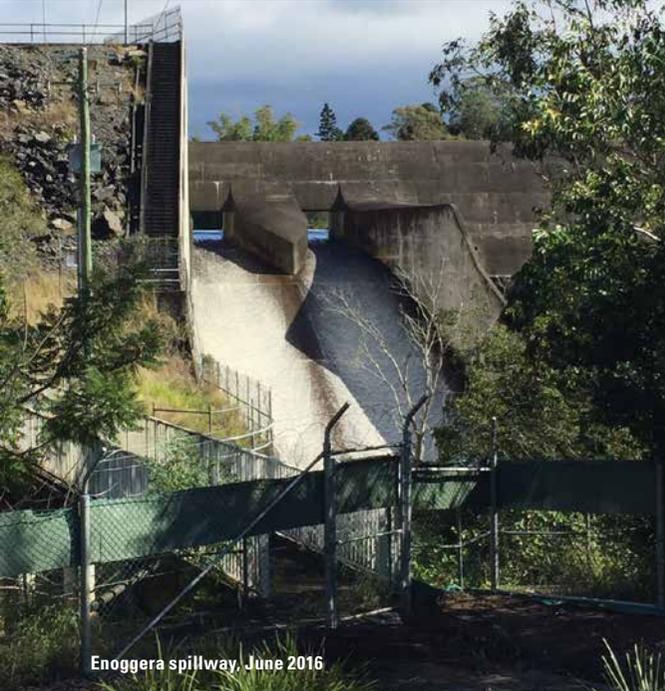
Enoggera 1869



Enoggera Reservoir 2016



Enoggera Reservoir, ca. 1907



Enoggera spillway, June 2016



Enoggera Reservoir, ca. 1907



Enoggera Reservoir 2014

# Water for life **have your say**

As we reflect on 150 years of Enoggera Reservoir, it is also a good time to look ahead. In South East Queensland, we live in a climate of extremes – from times of drought to floods – and we need to be ready to adjust our water use and management when conditions change.

Seqwater's Water Security Program is the starting point for planning *water for life* for our region. We have time to choose the right water future for South East Queensland.

This long term plan will provide enough water to sustain household and business needs for our growing region. There are lots of ways for you to have your say about the different water options, and which choices are best for our region.

Read about our Water Security Program and get involved at [yourseqwater.com.au](http://yourseqwater.com.au)



## **Play it safe at our dams, lakes and parks**

Enoggera Reservoir is a wonderful recreational destination, close to Brisbane City. You can fish, swim, paddle or enjoy one of the walking trails or mountain bike trails in the adjacent National Park.

Enjoy your time at Enoggera and remember to play it safe as our rangers can't be everywhere to help you. Here's how you can play it safe:

- Be prepared for your activity with the right equipment and safety gear, such as lifejackets and a first aid kit.
- Check our recreation and safety notices at [seqwater.com.au](http://seqwater.com.au) before you leave for the latest information on conditions and closures.
- Check the latest weather at [bom.gov.au](http://bom.gov.au)

