



## 16 December 2015

### Recreation project update

Work is continuing on a number of recreation review outcomes, with delivery expected early next year.

We are planning an additional boat ramp at Lake Maroon to improve access for lake users. Preliminary design drawings are due back before Christmas and pending council approval, construction could commence in early 2016. Located in the Scenic Rim Regional Council area, Lake Maroon is popular for fishing and skiing. Stay tuned for further updates.

The Lake Samsonvale trail project is progressing, with discussions underway between Seqwater and Council. Community feedback has highlighted some possible safety concerns with the road, and we want to make sure all concerns are addressed before continuing. We will provide another update in the next edition of the newsletter.

### Protecting our drinking water and your health

Water gives and sustains life. We use it every day – for drinking, washing, watering the garden, for recreation, as well as agriculture and industry.

Seqwater is responsible for ensuring a safe, secure and reliable water supply for 3.1 million South East Queenslanders. We must balance community access to our lakes and parks with our essential role of ensuring a high quality water supply for the region.

To learn more about how water quality and recreation interact, download our factsheet [here](#).

### Algal blooms more likely in warmer months

Summer is now upon us and the warmer months mean algal blooms can occur in our dams and lakes.

[Blue-green algae](#) (also called cyanobacteria) are naturally occurring organisms that live in rivers, lakes and waterways. They are an important part of a healthy ecosystem. However under certain conditions, algae can grow rapidly.

Exposure to high levels of algae can result in unpleasant side effects in humans. Sometimes, we may have to restrict access to our lakes and dams for water based activities. We closely monitor our lakes for algal blooms and close lakes when algal levels are high.

In the interest of public health, it may be necessary to close lakes until tests show algal levels are acceptable.

View our [Lake Closure factsheet](#) for further information.

Be sure to check our [Recreation and Safety Notices](#) before you head out for information on conditions and closures.

### **A safe summer by the water**

Summer holidays wouldn't be complete without time spent near and in the water. Seqwater's dams, lakes and parks provide some of the best and most affordable swimming, boating, fishing and picnicking experiences in South East Queensland. With thousands of Queensland families expected to enjoy the warmer days at local lakes and dams, it's important to remember that still water can still be risky.

No matter how experienced you are, or how many times you've visited our dams, lakes and parks, it's important to regularly check our website to view our [top safety tips](#), check our frequently updated [safety notices](#) and download a Play it safe factsheet on [boating](#), [swimming](#) or [multi-use trails](#).

Just like the weather, access to and availability of our sites can often change. Importantly, always keep an eye on family and friends around water. For more information on recreation activities and general safety advice, visit our [website](#).

### **Playing outdoors**

Nature Play QLD's mission is to get more Queensland kids playing outdoors in nature – something that's fundamental to a full and healthy childhood. The [Nature Play QLD website](#) provides some great tips and lists of things to do in Queensland. As an official partner we've contributed to their list of things to do by providing a [Top 10 list of lakes to visit in South East Queensland](#).

Our partnership with Nature Play QLD is one of the ways we promote the recreational activities we provide and the benefits of healthy communities. Getting more kids out to visit our lakes also helps to build a better understanding of where their tap water actually comes from!

If you're stuck for ideas on what to do with kids over the school holidays, check out the [Nature playlists](#).

### **Christmas cheer**

As 2015 draws to an end, it's time to reflect on all that has been achieved this year. As a result of the feedback we received from you during the recreation review, a number of changes have been made at our lakes and parks including improvements to our trails, picnic areas, signage, launching facilities and car parking areas. We hope you and your family enjoy using these facilities during the summer holidays.

From all the team at Seqwater, we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a terrific New Year!



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