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New opening hours to be trialled at our lakes and parks

We received feedback during the recreation review about the times we open and close our lakes and parks. As a result, we will soon be trialling new opening hours starting this summer.

The recreation review looked at possible opportunities to enhance the visitor experience at our public recreation areas. One of the questions we asked the community during the review was:

Should opening hours be adjusted to more closely correspond to daylight hours?

The community supported the change, and from 1 December 2015, the opening hours for public recreation areas at Seqwater sites, including on-water access, will be:

September – April	5.30am – 6.30pm
May – August	6.30am – 5.30pm

What this means for you

The new hours will apply to all Seqwater lakes and parks (public access areas), including on-water access, in line with current permitted activities at each lake.

Our current opening hours of 6am – 6pm will stay in place until the new hours come into effect on Tuesday 1 December 2015. As always, night-time access is prohibited due to operational and safety requirements.

Did you know... the new hours, adjusted from our current opening hours of 6am - 6pm, will see opening hours increased by 119 hours per calendar year. So why not make the most of the extended hours this summer and take a trip to an Seqwater lake near you!

Tell us what you think

We will trial the new hours for 12 months – from 1 December 2015 to 30 November 2016. A decision will be made towards the end of the trial period as to whether the new hours will continue.

Let us know what you think of the new hours by calling 1800 737 928 or emailing recreation@seqwater.com.au.

Recreation upgrade near Enoggera Reservoir

A number of new recreation facilities and attractions are under construction at the Walkabout Creek Wildlife Centre near Enoggera Reservoir.

The Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service project involves new activity trails, picnic areas and a junior mountain bike skills training park.

Stage one of the works will be completed by the end of 2015, subject to weather conditions and other unforeseen delays.

Visitors to Enoggera Reservoir may notice construction activities and increased traffic in the area during this time. For all enquiries about the new facilities, please contact [Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service](#).

Lake Samsonvale Trails project

We held a community meeting in Dayboro on Thursday 5 November 2015 to discuss the Lake Samsonvale Trails project. Thank you to everyone who attended and who has provided feedback on the project so far.

Funding has been secured from the Queensland Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing and plans are in progress to open select maintenance trails around Lake Samsonvale to the community.

The community will be able to access the trails for horse riding, walking, trail running, bird watching and mountain biking. Vehicles, motorbikes and domestic animals will not be permitted. We hope to open the trails early 2016.

More updates to follow.

Summer is on the way

With only 14 days until the official start of summer, visits to our lakes are increasing, with many making the most of the warmer weather.

Our rangers regularly patrol our lakes, parks and recreation areas. However, they can't be everywhere to help you so it is important to plan ahead and [play it safe](#) when visiting our recreation sites.

Before visiting any of our dams, lakes or parks this summer, make sure you:

1. Check our [recreation and safety notices](#)
2. Know what [activities](#) are permitted and where
3. Obtain any required permits and [safety](#) equipment
4. Are aware of our [access rules and policies](#)
5. Download a copy of the site [recreation guide](#)

Got a favourite picture of your friends or family visiting one of our lakes or parks? Why not upload it to Facebook and tag us in your picture? We love seeing and hearing about your adventures!

Creatures big and small

The recent warm, sunny weather is also bringing visitors of a different kind to our lakes and parks – snakes!

It is important that visitors to Seqwater recreation areas remain vigilant of nature's hazards. Snakes and other wildlife are now out and about so make sure you are on the lookout when enjoying the great outdoors. It is a good idea to learn what to do in the case of a snake bite and how to effectively apply first-aid.

And remember that you are in their home, so please do not attempt to move, catch or injure any animals.

Until next time, stay safe.

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