



**September 2016**

## **New Lake Samsonvale trails almost here!**

For the past few months, Seqwater has been working to develop a network of multi-use trails at Lake Samsonvale, located in the Moreton Bay region. From 28 September 2016, the scenic trails – which stretch for more than 7 kilometers – will allow both locals and tourists to take advantage of greater recreational opportunities such as bushwalking, mountain bike riding, birdwatching and horse riding.

To better accommodate trail users, Seqwater has also built a car park at the entrance of the trails, located at the end of Postman's Track Road. The car park provides space for five cars as well as five cars with horse floats, and a turn-around area.

The project was partially funded by the Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing.

Vehicles, motorbikes and domestic animals are not permitted on the trails.



## **Borumba boat ramp upgrade complete**

The Lake Borumba boat ramp is back in business after receiving a \$410,000 makeover.

The existing single lane ramp was removed and replaced with a new, double lane boat ramp with a queuing area to the left of the ramp. Work on the boat ramp started mid-July and took less than six weeks to complete. The upgrade should improve both the safety and usability of the ramp. The project came as a result of community feedback received during Seqwater's Recreation Review in 2013/2014 and was partly funded by the Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing.

Remember to always check the recreation and safety notices on our website before planning a trip to one of our recreation areas. You can access the recreation and safety notices web page [here](#).



## **Construction underway for Billies Bay and Hays Landing day use areas**

Work is underway to renew Billies Bay and Hays Landing, which has been closed to the public for over 15 years. Located on the eastern side of Lake Wivenhoe, not far from Branch Creek, this secluded peninsula offers an ideal recreation destination for swimming, picnicking, fishing and boating. The refurbished facilities include picnic shelters, two toilet blocks, extensive parking, BBQ facilities, a designated swimming area and double lane boat ramp. Access to the site has been upgraded with a new bridge and extensively resurfaced road.

Seqwater has partnered with the State Government and Somerset Regional Council to establish the new recreation site ahead of next summer, with an official opening anticipated to be in late November.

If you would like more information about this project, please contact the Seqwater Community Relations team on 1800 771 497 or email [communications@seqwater.com.au](mailto:communications@seqwater.com.au)

## **New permanent opening hours!**

With winter over, our opening hours have changed to 5:30am until 6:30pm giving recreation users an extra hour of extended access. The new hours will apply to all Seqwater lakes and parks (public access areas). As always, night time access is prohibited due to operational and safety requirements.

We have been evaluating the success of this trial period over the last few months, reviewing feedback from the community as well as our own safety and operational requirements. The resounding feedback from the community has been positive, with many people, particularly fishing enthusiasts, enjoying the earlier starts

throughout the summer period. There were even numerous requests to extend the hours even further, but unfortunately we are limited to daylight hours due to our operational and safety requirements.

We are happy to announce that a decision has been reached regarding the continuation of the extended opening hours. The summer opening hours from September to April will change permanently to be 5:30am to 6:30pm. For the winter period (May to August), the opening time will revert back to our original 6:00am start, but the closing time will remain 5:30pm as per the trial period.

Time Period	Opening Hours
September – April	5:30am – 6:30pm
May - August	6:00am – 5:30pm

This change was a major outcome of our 2013/2014 Recreation Review and we believe that these adjusted times will greatly benefit recreation users with an extra 180 hours of recreation each year.

*Please note that these opening hours do not extend to Lake Dyer. Access to the Lake Dyer recreational area is through Council owned land, and will remain open from 6:00am to 6:00pm year round due to operational restrictions.*

## Opera in the reservoir

To mark the anniversary of Queensland's first major water storage dam, Enoggera Reservoir, we invited the community to a free 'Opera in the Reservoir' event on Sunday 28 August 2016.

Hosted by Channel 7 personality Luke Kennedy and set in the beautiful surrounds of Enoggera Reservoir, the evening of opera featured breathtaking performances by Brisbane's own, Underground Opera.

Thank you to all who helped us celebrate on a high note by taking part or coming along.

## Summer safety message

Summer is fast approaching and there is no better way to enjoy the warmer weather than to get out on the boat for a day of fishing or water skiing. However, it is important to keep in mind that while water based activities can be a lot of fun, they can also be dangerous. Between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2016, 280 people drowned in Australian waterways, with more than a third of these deaths occurring in summer. Swimming and boating were the two activities that had the highest drowning fatalities. Wearing a life jacket is one of the best strategies to prevent drowning fatalities, but they only work if you wear them. We urge all recreation users who are accessing our lakes this summer to please ensure that a life jacket is worn at all times. Remember to play it safe!

For more information on these statistics, please refer to the [Royal Life Saving National Drowning Report](#).

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