

Community Newsletter



Project update

John Holland has started construction to upgrade Seqwater's Lake Macdonald Dam, a key project in the Dam Improvement Program, to ensure the dam meets modern engineering and design standards and continues to operate safely and provide water security for years to come.

Over the past few months, activity on site has increased as piling work progresses for the temporary cofferdam construction.

This involves driving sheet piles into the ground using a vibration machine to form a watertight barrier that will hold back the lake allowing the construction of the dam upgrade work. In areas where the ground is more resistant, a piling hammer is used to drive the sheet piles to their final depth.

Rock bags are being lowered into the dam next to the sheet piles. These provide additional stability and support to the temporary cofferdam, helping ensure the structure performs effectively once in place.

We appreciate the community's patience during Phase 1 work and are pleased to report that the temporary cofferdam is progressing well and remains on track to join in the middle by the end of the year (weather permitting).

Once completed, this will allow us to safely begin Phase 2, the demolition of the existing spillway in Quarter 1 2026 pending weather conditions –an important next step in the project.

More information about the demolition works, including the start date and duration will be shared with the community, once finalised.





Join us for coffee in the park – Saturday 15 November

We're inviting you to drop by Lake Macdonald Park, next to the Noosa Botanic Gardens, on Saturday 15 November from 9am to 12 noon for a relaxed morning of coffee and conversation.



Enjoy a free coffee while chatting with the project team. It's a great opportunity to learn more about current and upcoming construction activities, ask questions, and stay informed.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Elm Street and Lake Macdonald Drive intersection upgrade

Intersection upgrade work will commence in early 2026, pending all relevant approvals.

Energex contractors will relocate light poles in November 2025 to facilitate the road works.

Nearby residents and businesses, and those who have signed up to the project database will receive a separate update about these works closer to start of construction, including additional advance notification of any night works, if required.

Project working hours reminder

Current working hours are:

- **Monday to Friday:** 6.30am to 6.30pm
- **Saturday:** 6.30am to 4.00pm
- **Sunday:** 6.30am to 4.00pm (for low impact tasks related to cofferdam construction only).

Due to the nature of construction, certain activities may take place outside these hours. We will notify nearby residents in advance of any such work. Every effort will be made to minimise impacts on the local community and environment while work is undertaken.

The project's **last working day on site for 2025 will be Friday December 19**, and we will be returning to work on **Monday 5 January 2026**. During this time the 24/7 project hotline will remain open, and we will have a stand-by crew on call over the holiday period for any emergencies or adverse weather events.



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