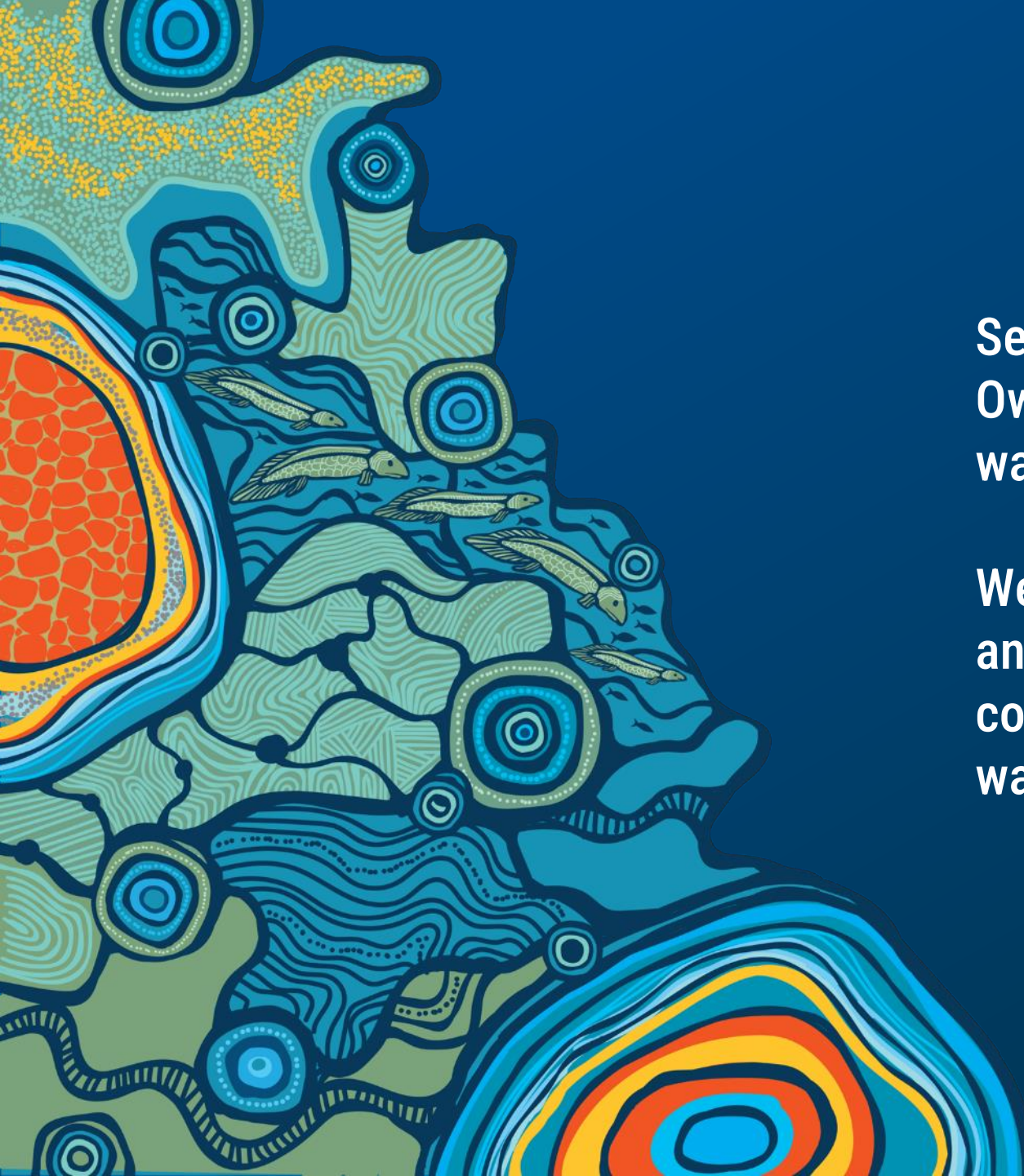


Lake Macdonald Dam Improvement Project

Community Reference Group
Meeting #8

19 August 2026





Seqwater acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land, catchments and waterways on which we live, work and play.

We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging; and acknowledge their continued connection to the land, water and culture of this area.

Admin and updates





Agenda

1. Welcome, apologies
2. Outstanding actions
3. Project update
4. Environment update
5. Communications update
6. Additional questions
7. Meeting conclusion



Outstanding actions

Item	Action	Owner	Status
1.	Investigate whether a footpath will be installed on the verge of dam wall with Council	Seqwater	Postponed – held to legacy items
2.	Provide further update regarding Gympie Weir and associated environment discussions	Seqwater	Provided in last meeting
3.	Investigate Water Treatment Plant and future site tour options for CRG members	Seqwater	18 November – confirm availability (2.30-5pm)
4.	Investigate whether Boral concrete agitator trucks operating on the project have speed monitoring devices fitted	John Holland	Confirmed
5.	Rowing club – confirm DA conditions and ongoing engagement arrangements	Seqwater	Today
6.	Report back on early site rehabilitation planning, including pedestrian access opportunities near the boat ramp/camping group area and reuse of materials	John Holland & Seqwater	Legacy update
7.	Investigate future signage, plaque installation, dam information boards and observation point opportunities associated with the completed project works	John Holland & Seqwater	Legacy update
8.	Update on plantings, including Landcare plantings of native guava	John Holland	Today

Project update





Project update

- Working platform, including low flow channel, complete and operational
- Permanent works underway with secant piling progressing with 3 piling rigs
- Cut-off wall and shear walls to commence on right hand embankment
- Lake Macdonald Drive and Elm Street widening upgrade now complete
- Onsite concrete batch plant operational
- Removal of left-hand embankment and installation of shear walls





Project update



Aerial photo of site



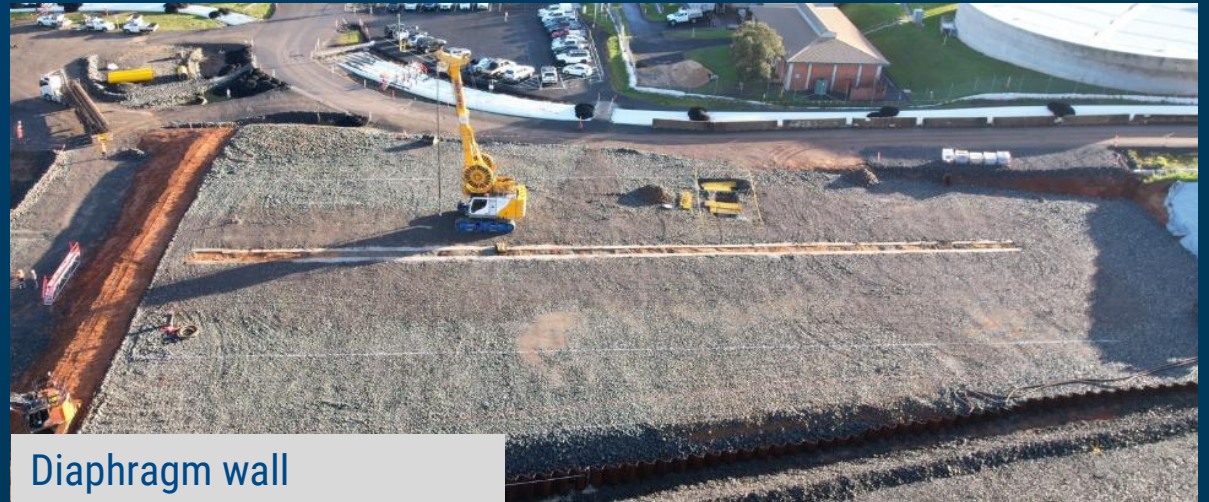
Project update



Aerial photo of site



Low flow channel



Diaphragm wall



Project update

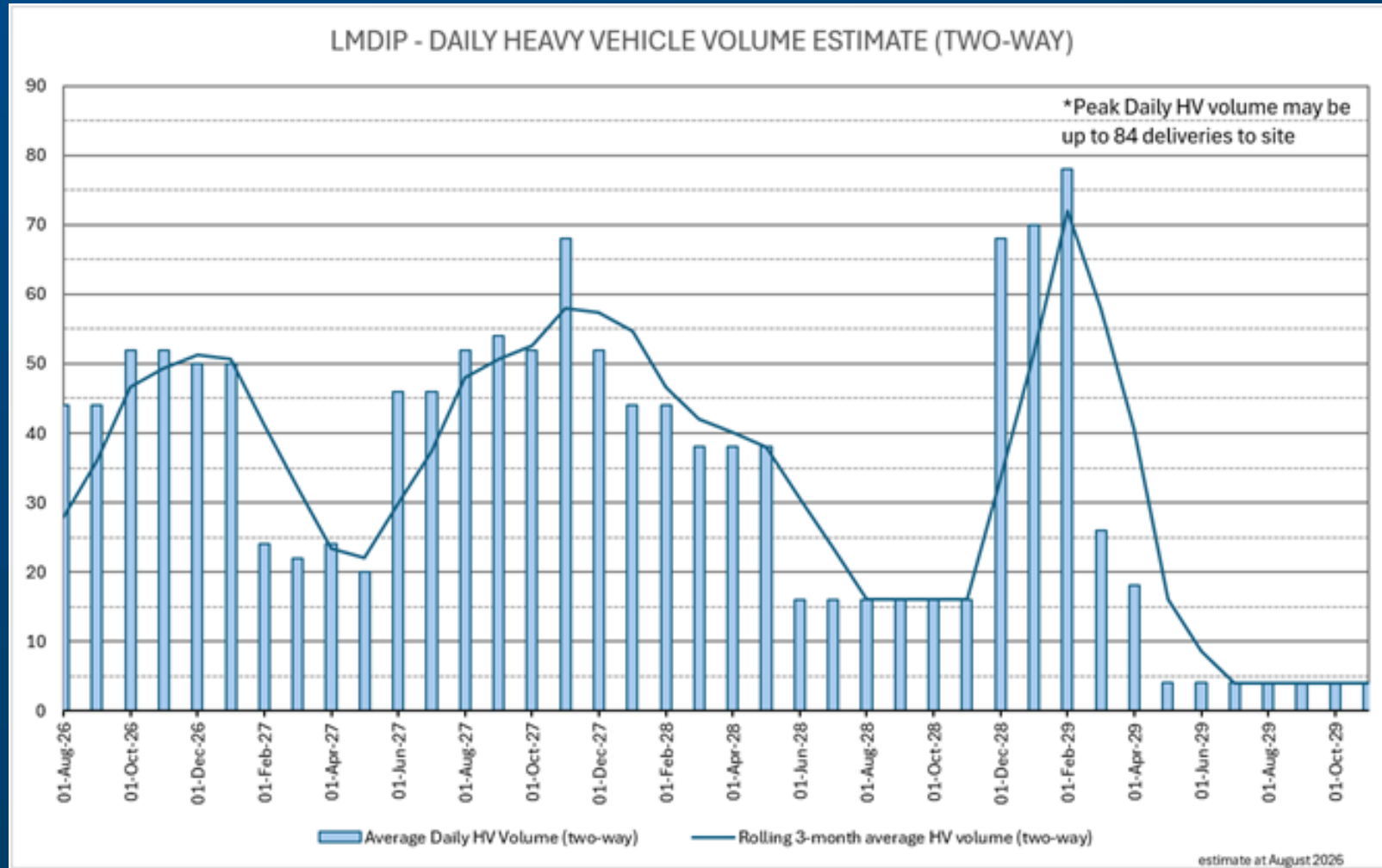
Elm Street and Lake Macdonald Drive intersection upgrade work now complete





Project update

Heavy Vehicle Volume Estimates Graph





Look Ahead

Completion of secant piling for cells



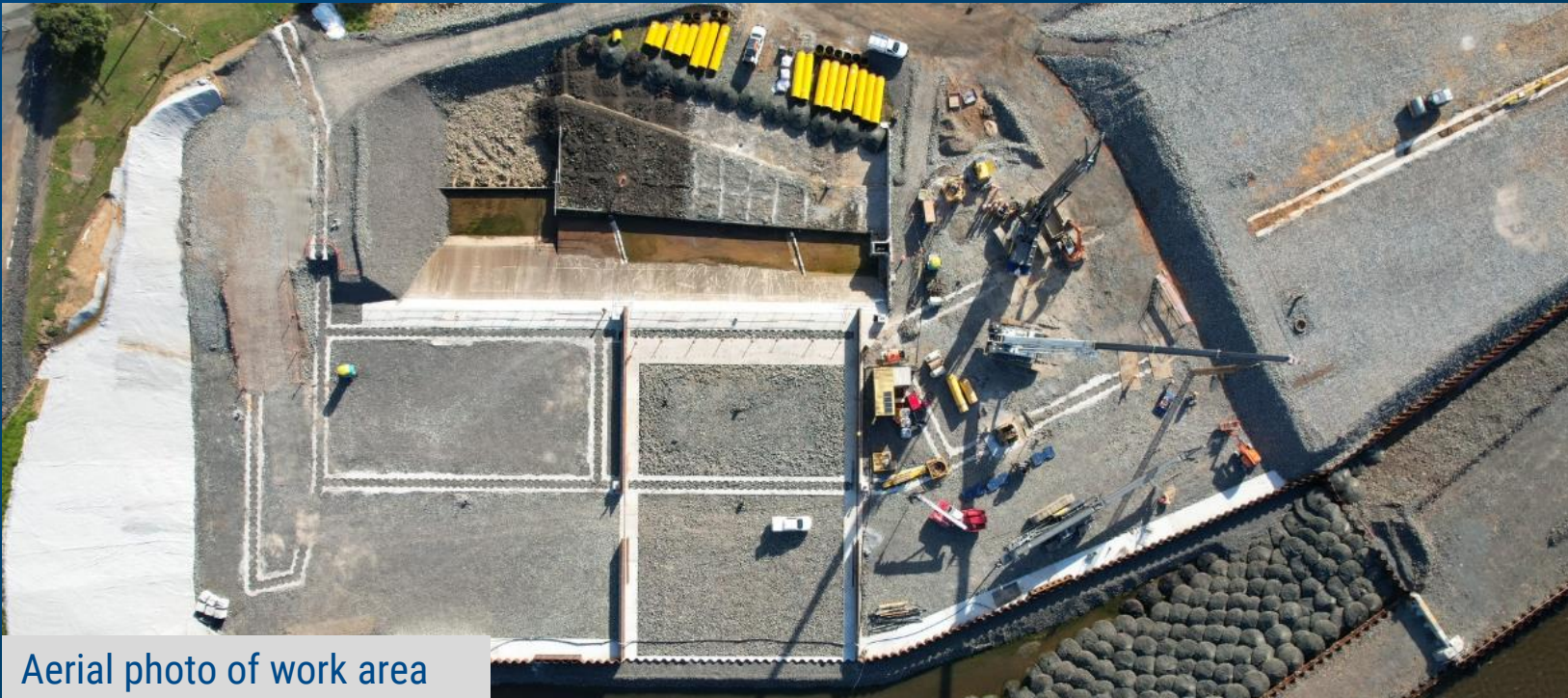
Installing tower cranes



**Excavation of cells +
install retention system**



Mass concrete fill cells



Aerial photo of work area



Look Ahead

Secant Piling update

- Noise concerns raised by residents during secant piling works
- Additional mitigation measures investigated to reduce noise impacts for the community
- Video of secant piling work



Look Ahead



Environment update





Environment update

- Additional worker car parking required. Workers will be shuttled to site from Wimmers.
- Approved Operation Works permit received from NSC.
- ESCP developed to be implemented to prevent sediment runoff into adjacent creek.



Additional worker car park and laydown area



Environment update

Platypus

- A total of seven platypus were recorded across all cameras between March to May 2026.
- The average number of platypus observations per minute of analysed footage is for:
 - Six Mile Creek – 0.06 platypus per minute
 - Cooroy Creek – 0.02 platypus per minute
- Overall, the number of platypus detections increased over last monitoring period.
- Majority of detections in the Six Mile Creek arm.
- The eDNA monitoring results indicate there is possible upstream movement of the species.



Platypus detected in Cooroy Cr



eDNA results: white = negative, yellow = equivocal, green = positive.



Environment update

Compliance

- All completed OCG & EPBC audits and compliance reports are made available on the project website.
- The project has entered a very busy period for compliance actions with the following key deliverables:

Compliance Activity	Status	Due Date
OCG Quarterly Monitoring & Compliance Report March-May 2026	Completed and uploaded to project website	26 June 2026
EPBC Annual Independent Audit	Complete 9-10 July. Report finalisation	18 August 2026
EPBC Compliance Report	90% Complete	26 August 2026
OCG Annual third Party Audit	In progress	August 2026
OCG Quarterly Monitoring & Compliance Report June – August 2026	Data capture	26 September 2026

Communications & Stakeholder Engagement update





Communications update

- **Q2 Community Update Newsletter** distributed June 2026
- Additional worker carpark notification distributed 10 August 2026
- Ongoing engagement with Noosa Shire Council and Noosa Electorate Office



Stakeholder Engagement

- Construction Skills Queensland – Construction Pathways site tour for St John's College Nambour Year 10 and 11 students - Tuesday 21 July.
- Sunshine Beach State High School were unable to make it but will re-schedule.



CSQ viewing batch plant



CSQ viewing piling activities



Stakeholder Engagement

Rowing Club update

- Development application is progressing with Noosa Shire Council for club relocation to Lake Macdonald Park.
- MCU26/0060 with Council for assessment
- Seqwater is planning to implement:
 - A Code of Conduct to be approved by Council
 - 1x 40-foot shipping container to be painted with mural
 - Roof structure over the container
- Providing regular updates to the rowing club





What you need to know

- Secant piling work continues until early 2027
- Tower crane installation



Look Ahead

- Q3 (September) & Q4 (December) Community Update Newsletters
- Next Noosa Local Disaster Management Group Meeting - 27 November
- Planning for 'Coffee in the Park' and other community engagement activities for remainder of 2026

Project Legacy





Why Legacy Matters

- Seqwater's infrastructure - dams, pipelines, treatment facilities and recreational areas - support long-term water security, community wellbeing and a lasting regional legacy.
- Infrastructure alone is not enough. Communities expect openness, respect, involvement in decisions and meaningful local benefits.
- Seqwater builds trusted relationships by listening, being transparent and embedding community input into planning and delivery, reducing disruption and strengthening lasting outcomes.
- Strong community relationships also support daily operations, enabling smoother delivery, more responsive decisions and better outcomes.





Legacy Guiding Principles



Community-informed and purposeful

Early engagement and connection to local stakeholders to shape initiatives that are relevant, respectful, and aligned with genuine community needs.



Collaborative and partnership-driven

We work with Traditional Owners, councils, delivery partners, and industry to leverage expertise and resources.



Enduring value and resilience

We prioritise water security, environmental health, and community preparedness, delivering benefits that last well beyond construction and support long-term regional resilience.



Transparent and accountable

Clear communication, robust governance, and measurable results, building trust through openness and demonstrating integrity in every decision.



Integrated and pragmatic delivery

Benefits planning into project governance and procurement from the outset, ensuring initiatives are feasible, proportionate, and delivered.



Legacy Avenues and Assessment

We explore legacy opportunities across:

01

Community, environmental, cultural and economic outcomes

02

Education, partnerships, innovation and place-based improvements

We assess initiatives based on:

1

Project impact and local context

2

Community priorities and stakeholder input

3

Strategic alignment and feasibility

4

Value, impact and long-term benefit

5

Measurability and accountability



Over to You

Do you have any ideas in these categories for legacy outcomes?

Community

Environmental

Cultural

Economic

Education

Partnerships

Innovation

Place-based

ASSESSED INTERNALLY AND AGAINST THE FRAMEWORK

We'd love feedback from the Community Reference Group



General Business





General Business

Questions?

Future Meetings





Future Meetings

Other future meeting discussions

Meeting #9 | 18 November 2026

Thank You

