

Frequently asked questions

Ewen Maddock Dam - Mooloolah State School Pool Agreement

Dams supply our drinking water and play a very important role in the SEQ Water Grid – making sure everyone in South East Queensland has water to live, work and play. Like all major infrastructure, dams are regularly assessed and upgraded to comply with improving engineering standards and guidelines.

What is the Ewen Maddock Dam Upgrade?

Ewen Maddock is one of a number of dams across South East Queensland scheduled for an upgrade as part of Seqwater's Dam Improvement Program. The upgrade is needed to ensure Ewen Maddock Dam meets the latest national guidelines into the future. The upgrade will be delivered in two stages. The first stage, referred to as Stage 2A will include lake lowering and embankment work. This phase of work will involve raising and strengthening the existing embankment walls with significant improvements to the recreation area. This stage began in April 2020 and is expected to take 18 months to complete, subject to weather and unexpected site conditions.

The next stage, Stage 2B will involve strengthening work on the spillway structure. This stage will be pending Seqwater internal approval upon completion of the Stage 2A project works.

Why can't I swim at the lake?

In the interest of public safety, there is no swimming or any other recreational water activities in the lake during the upgrade. As part of the work, Maddock Park will remain closed to the public and no water based recreational use of the lake is permitted from any access points.

We recognise how much the local community values swimming recreation so Seqwater has partnered with Mooloolah State School to provide free use of the local swimming pool over the 20/21 summer period.

Alternatively, Seqwater's Baroon Pocket Dam offers similar recreation facilities and is around 30 minutes from Ewen Maddock Dam. In addition, paddle crafts

are permitted at Lake Macdonald, Baroon Pocket Dam, Enoggera Dam and Borumba Dam.

Please refer to the recreation map [here](#) for more information on the recreation changes to Ewen Maddock Dam as part of the upgrade.

How long is the pool free for?

The Mooloolah State School pool will be free to all users between Sunday 13 December 2020 and Thursday 1 April 2021. As part of this partnership, the pool will have increased opening hours which are:

Sunday 13 December 2020 to Saturday 23 January 2021

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 5.15am – 8.45am and 2.00pm – 6.00pm
- Tuesday, Thursday: 2.00pm – 6.00pm (except Thursday 24 December: 2.00pm – 5.00pm)
- Weekends: 8.00am – 1.00pm

Adjustments include: Closed on Christmas public holidays only

Sunday 24 January 2021 to Thursday 1 April 2021

- Monday, Wednesday: 5.15am – 8.15am and 3.30pm – 6.00pm
- Tuesday, Thursday: 3.30pm – 6.00pm
- Friday: 5.15am – 8.15am and 3.30pm – 5.00pm
- Weekends: 8.00am – 1.00pm

**Adjustments include: Closed on Tuesday 26
January 2021**

What are the COVID 19 restrictions I need to be aware of when at the pool?

Under the Queensland Government COVID 19 regulations for public pools, 1.5m physical distancing rules when out of pool will be applied.

For the safety of all users, the maximum number of people at the pool at one time is 100. We will be monitoring attendance numbers every day and will provide alternative arrangements if these numbers are met on a consistent basis.

What are the changes to the Maddock Park recreation area?

The changes include new shade shelters, picnic tables and benches, new BBQ, footpath, washdown facility, non-motorised vessel launch area and grassed embankment. Please refer to the concept plan [here](#) for further information on these changes.

How do I stay up to date with the project details?

You can stay up-to-date with the progress of the project by subscribing to our newsletter at <https://www.seqwater.com.au/subscribe-newsletter> or contact us on 1300 SEQWATER (1300 737 928)

If you are interested in learning more about dam upgrades check out our short video explaining the six stages of a dam upgrade:

<https://www.seqwater.com.au/project/north-pine-dam-upgrade>

If you encounter a question that you don't know the answer to please direct the enquiry to ewenmaddockdamupgrade@seqwater.com.