

Seqwater Dam Improvement Program

Ewen Maddock Dam

April 2020

Facebook Community Chat Event

The Ewen Maddock Dam upgrade project is underway and we want to answer any questions you may have. Join us for a short video presentation followed by a Q&A from 12pm on Thursday 9 April 2020. All you have to do is jump on Facebook and select 'attending' on our event link [here](#).

What you need to know

The 18-month project, which started at the end of March, will bring the dam in line with modern engineering design standards and improve the existing beach and swimming area. Seqwater's role is to make sure all publicly-owned water infrastructure meets modern engineering and safety standards.

This project is part of an ongoing dam improvement program to enable Seqwater dams to perform safely, well into the future.

Construction on the first stage has begun and will involve raising and strengthening the existing embankment walls with significant improvements to the recreation area.

The dam's water level will have to be lowered to about 60 per cent of its full supply to allow the works to proceed.

Seqwater Chief Executive Officer Neil Brennan said the designated swimming and beach area as well as Maddock Park are closed for up to 18 months during the project. These closures will stay in place regardless of the current COVID-19 restrictions.

Seqwater understands that Ewen Maddock Dam is a very popular recreation destination and apologises for any inconvenience to the local community.

Seqwater is staging construction to reduce the amount of time water levels have to be lowered and to minimise the closure of the lake.

The next stage of the works will involve strengthening the existing spillway and will be subject to a separate tender process. The timing of Stage 2 works is expected to be finalised by end of the year.

Recreation updates

Recreation areas at Seqwater dams, lakes and parks are closed until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes all land and water-based recreation, including boating, swimming and fishing.

For further information regarding Seqwater's recreation areas and COVID-19, please visit this [link](#).

Regardless of the COVID-19 restrictions, Maddock Park and on-lake recreation such as swimming and boating at Ewen Maddock Dam will remain closed until mid 2021. These areas have been closed to ensure public safety throughout the upgrade project.

Sign up for e-updates

We will be sending regular e-updates on the progress of this project to keep you informed. This is the best way to get the latest information, so if you know someone who might be interested in this project encourage them to subscribe by clicking [here](#).

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