

Welcome to Lake Eppalock



About the Lake

Lake Eppalock, in the heart of the Goldfields, is central Victoria's largest water storage. Known as the "sailing centre of Central Victoria" the lake plays host to regular events throughout the year, including power boat racing.

Lake Eppalock is the seventh largest lake in Victoria, covering over 3,000 hectares and holding more than 300,000 megalitres of water.

Vision for Lake Eppalock

Lake Eppalock is an essential asset which forms part of the Central Victorian tourism industry with a variety of quality recreation options and businesses servicing visitors to the lake. Management by community and government enables investment and economic benefit while maintaining the value of the prime purpose of the lake to supply urban, irrigation and environmental water.



Important Regional Water Supply

When full, Lake Eppalock holds 304,651 megalitres and in places is over 30 metres deep. This water is used to supply irrigation and stock and domestic users downstream as far as Echuca, 90 kilometres away.

As well as supplying raw water for urban treatment, Lake Eppalock also supplies water to White Swan Reservoir via the Goldfields Super Pipe for use by Central Highlands Water.

G-MW controls 82% and Coliban Water controls 18% of the water in Lake Eppalock.

Did you know?

Lake Eppalock has three spillways to control water releases and flows - two concrete ogee crest spillways and one earthen spillway.





History

Initial investigations into constructing a dam in the Eppalock region began in 1908, however it wasn't until 1960 that works began, with construction completed by 1964. Some 108 sites around the lake edge were originally set aside for the development of recreational facilities, and around 40 are now occupied by social clubs and commercial caravan parks.

The Taungurung and Dja Dja Wurrung people are the traditional owners of the Lake Eppalock catchment.

Lake Eppalock contains part of the Campaspe Plains Pastoral Run (later known as Langworne Station) which was claimed by settlers in the early 1800s. Ruins of old homesteads, a circular puddling machine used by Chinese miners during the gold rush era, numerous stone fences and several bridge ruins along the original Bendigo-Heathcote-Melbourne Road can be seen when water levels are low.

The Cliff Robertson Reserve also contains the remains of a development by the late George Murrawood including a hotel, general store and related businesses.



Tourist Destination

Lake Eppalock has excellent facilities with four caravan parks, several picnic areas with electric barbeques and a kiosk.

Just twenty minutes drive from Heathcote, thirty minutes from the thriving city of Bendigo and ninety minutes from Melbourne, Lake Eppalock is perfect for day visits and holidays.

Did you know?

Lake Eppalock's curved embankment is over 1000 metres long, stands 47 metres high and contains more than 800,000 cubic metres of earth and rock.

