

WRAPPING UP WINTER WORK



It's been a busy start for the Water Efficiency Project (WEP). We have jumped straight in, delivering the Winter Works 2021 package during the Winter shutdown. This package was focused on Shepparton East channels.

We are on track to deliver WEP's first milestone in September - 1GL of water savings, towards the Projects target of 15.9GL annual Water savings by 2023.

We are now hard at work planning our next program of works to be delivered In-Season over 2021/22. This next work package will contribute to the second milestone, a further 2GL of water savings early in 2022.

A fundamental first step in our planning is Landowner Engagement, ensuring irrigators are kept well informed.

I'd like to encourage Landowners to attend Channel Meetings as this will ensure you're informed of our plans as early as possible and we're able to input your knowledge into our plans early in the process. This year, thanks to the lingering pandemic, we have had to hold some Channel Meetings online in order to reach our Landowners.

During this next stage of work we will focus on finding efficiencies in the system and engagement with Landowners in preparation for Winter Works 2022.

This will help us achieve our water savings objectives without impacting our customer's water supply.

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CHANNEL MEETINGS

We've been working on Landowner Engagement as part of our planning for our in-season 2021/22 work packages.

Any work needed to connect your on-farm infrastructure to a reconfigured supply must be agreed to by Landowners. We do this with Landowner Agreements. This involves an eight-step process which is outlined below.

It's important that Landowners participate in the process as early as possible by attending group Channel Meetings. These meetings can happen onsite or online and provide the opportunity for Landowners to best understand the detail of the Reconfiguration Plans.

If you have a Channel Meeting coming up that you'd like some support for, please contact the Project Team.



WEP WINTER WORKS 2021

We kicked off WEP with a Winter Works 2021 package focusing on the Shepparton East area. With the project team and contractors dealing with a wetter than average winter, to date we have:

- Automated 21 km of channel
- Converted 1.7 km of channel into pipeline
- Decommissioned 1km of channel
- Upgraded 179 outlets.

The work will contribute to the project's first gigalitre of water savings and has further modernised the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District by enabling the implementation of Total Channel Control across more of the system.



In the coming months we will start In-Season work. In order to minimise impact to irrigators, we will focus on engaging with Landowners, looking for efficiencies in the system, channel decommissioning, pipeline installation, and metre treatments. You will learn more about our In-Season work package in the coming months.

RECONFIGURATION PLANS

As part of the Channel Meetings we are holding with Landowners at the moment, we are providing Desktop Concept Reconfiguration Plans to Landowners to take home so that they can consider the plans and their feedback.

These plans show the current configuration of GMW-owned assets on a channel or group of channels, and how the Project Team propose to reconfigure the assets.

During the next step the plans will be refined through consultation and become Concept Reconfiguration Plans. We aren't always able to accommodate specific changes to the proposed works, however we will work with you as much as possible.

Once we are ready to formally consider and adopt the plan, we issue a Draft Final Reconfiguration Plan to Landowners for final feedback.

The final plan that is adopted is called a Reconfiguration Plan.

PROJECT TIMELINE



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