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Adding a splash of colour to the Green Hill Reservoirs

We're painting a mural on the concrete walls of Seqwater's largest bulk water supply reservoirs, to create a more beautiful space for the community to enjoy.

Year 7 art extension students (Arts XLR8) from Indooroopilly State High School worked with street artists from Street Art Murals Australia (SAMA) to create design concepts based on three themes – Water for life, Nature around us and Urban habitat.

We put the artwork design out to a community vote, and the final design has been decided. The Water for life concept has won, receiving 50.6% of votes.

About the design – Water for life

This concept incorporates local wildlife amongst trees and natural water systems, with hints of the water reservoir itself. Throughout this artwork, abstract pipes and taps appear from the base of the structure, giving the overall appearance that the reservoirs are one with the surrounding ecosystem. The colour palette features an array of natural blues, greens, vibrant yellows and reds, which will help deter future vandalism.

Now let the painting begin! Over the coming weeks, residents and visitors will see plenty of activity on-site as our street artists create the Water for life masterpiece. The reservoirs offer a canvas of about 830m of wall space. Thank you to everyone who got involved and voted for their favourite design. Follow us on [Facebook](#) for progress updates!

Did you know... the Green Hill Reservoirs, located just off Russell Terrace in Chapel Hill, are an important part of the [SEQ Water Grid](#) supplying bulk drinking water to parts of Brisbane and the Moreton Bay region.

Reservoir 1, built in 1968, is located at the southern end of the grounds and has a capacity of 76.1 megalitres (ML). Reservoir 2, built in 1984, is located at the northern end and can hold 76.4ML.

Improving recreation opportunities at Lakes Samsonvale and Kurwongbah

Late last year, we announced we would be making changes at Lake Samsonvale and Lake Kurwongbah to improve on-water recreation opportunities following a landmark water quality assessment.

The Australian-first quantitative microbial risk study found Lake Samsonvale was able to sustain the introduction of public paddle craft, in addition to existing club use of the lake, without impacting on water quality in the major drinking water storage.

The study, which was conducted over two years, has also allowed us to revise the current shared recreation arrangements on Lake Kurwongbah to allow rowing, public paddling and club skiing, seven days a week.

Lake Kurwongbah update

Planning is progressing to roll out the changes at Lake Kurwongbah within the coming months. We are currently reviewing recreation management plans with existing clubs to support the changes and will soon be introducing designated zones on the lake for rowing, public paddling and club skiing. We will also be installing a new launch point for paddle craft and a wash down facility at Mick Hanfling Park as a result of public feedback.

Lake Samsonvale update

We have engaged an independent consultant to assess suitable locations around the lake for establishing a launch point for paddle craft. We have been working with key stakeholder groups, including local recreation clubs, to identify important considerations for establishing a new access point to the lake and will continue to do so throughout the planning process. The timing of any changes at the lake is dependent on the outcomes of the assessment and securing the necessary funding. Once a preferred location has been identified, we will need to develop a business case for our internal approvals. Swimming and public motorised boating will remain prohibited activities at Lake Samsonvale.

Keep an eye on our website for [updates](#)!

Plan your next bushwalk or ride at Lake Manchester

The Great Day Out team (formally The Great South East) recently discovered one of our hidden treasures – Lake Manchester!

Only 25 kilometres west of Brisbane, Lake Manchester provides an entry point into one of the most significant trail networks on Brisbane's doorstep. There is a 17km loop trail around the lake, providing bushwalkers, trail runners, mountain bikers and horse riders with an avenue to explore the local surroundings at the foothill of D'Aguilar National Park. From Lake Manchester, you can walk or ride the trails to Gold Creek Dam and Enoggera Reservoir, venture further into the adjacent National Park or to the Brisbane City Council trails.

View The Great Day Out story [here](#)!

Looking to explore the outdoors?

Our lakes and adjoining parklands are home to a number of organised events throughout the year, from endurance horse rides, to skiing competitions, fun runs and adventure races. Groups such as local and state sporting bodies, community groups, recreation clubs and charity associations organise a variety of events at Seqwater lakes and surrounding land. If you are interested in a particular sport or outdoor activity, make sure you contact your local club or association to check what events are being held in your area.

It is important to note that these events are organised by external bodies. Event organisers apply to hold their event on Seqwater land, and are required to comply with safety and site requirements. Seqwater is not responsible for the advertisement or promotion of these events. Please contact your local event organiser for event specific information.

New swimming area enclosures are on the way

If you're a frequent visitor to our lakes, you will have noticed some changes occurring recently around our swimming areas and boat ramps. As detailed in the December recreation newsletter, Seqwater partnered with Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ) to complete an Aquatic Public Safety Risk Assessment across our designated swimming areas. As a result of this report, we are currently rolling out a number of safety initiatives at our lakes, including:

- improved swimming area enclosures which offer a continuous float barrier separating swimmers from vessels
- changes to the size and location of some swimming areas
- the removal and consolidation of redundant or excessive signage
- a new style of safety signage at boat ramps and swimming areas based on the National Aquatic and Recreational Safety Signage Style Manual, and
- the introduction of Emergency Location Markers that can be used in an emergency to relay a specific location to emergency services.

The delivery of these changes is currently underway and we hope to have them completed by mid 2017. We'll provide an update in the next newsletter.

Noosa Festival of Water

Join Seqwater on Sunday 25 June at the 12th annual Noosa Festival of Water. Held at the Noosa Botanic Gardens, this event showcases some of the region's special features.

Come along and listen to music in the Grecian-style amphitheatre overlooking Lake Macdonald, wander the gardens, take in community displays, enjoy the food and join in activities for all interests and age groups while learning more about the beautiful Noosa region.

Wildlife warriors

Our lakes and parklands are home to a variety of native wildlife, including koalas, birds, insects, fish and lizards. While it can be exhilarating to view these animals in their natural habitat, we do need to be mindful that we are often interfering with their surroundings.

Be a *wildlife warrior* and do your bit to keep our wildlife safe – stay on designated trails and in parks, take your litter with you, and where permitted, keep your dog on a leash so you do not disturb the wildlife.

This koala was recently spotted on the dam wall at Lake Moogerah by one of our operators. We are happy to report this furry friend safely found his (or her!) way back to nearby bushland.

