

Eyre Peninsula desalination project update

Early works continue

Early works for the project continue to move forward as planned, with several activities already in progress.

The selection and relocation of logs for wildlife habitat at Uley South have been completed. The temporary fence has been installed, and vegetation clearance is progressing as planned, including the section along St Andrews Drive between the desalination plant and the wastewater treatment plant.

The design for the Marine Intake Pump Station (MIPS) entrance is still in development, with the aim of minimising the amount of vegetation to be cleared.

A site office and amenities will be established within the wastewater treatment plant to make project operations more efficient and support day-to-day activities.



Students dive into desal

Two Port Lincoln schools recently welcomed presentations to support their learning following the Water Detectives live show, which is part of the Our Water, Our Future education program we have provided for schools on the Eyre Peninsula. The live shows Water Detectives of the Eyre Peninsula and Water Wise Game Changers have been performed 36 times in 26 schools and received fantastic feedback from teachers and students. They kicked off the ongoing education program, which teaches students about water sources in the EP, and how we can all take action to protect our vital water resources.

Nearly 50 year 3 and 4 students at Kirton Point Primary School took part in an interactive session focused on desalination and its role in securing local water supplies. The same week, 92 year 4 students at Port Lincoln Primary School attended a similar presentation, gaining further insights into how desalination works and why it matters to their community.

The sessions sparked thoughtful questions and lively discussion, highlighting the students' curiosity and enthusiasm. To help put their learning into action, students received practical tools such as shower timers, watering cans, and washcloths to encourage water-saving habits at home.



Engaging Eyre Peninsula on water security

The Water Security Roadshow is nearing its conclusion, with Port Lincoln the last town to engage in our series of community outreach activities.

The team has been connecting with local communities, providing information about our Eyre Peninsula Water Security Response Plan, water efficiency, and available rebates for selected water efficient appliances and fixtures. Details about the available rebates can be found at sawater.com.au/EPwatersecurity.

In addition to pop-up sessions, the Water Security team has presented to local councils and met with community groups such as Lions and Rotary Clubs. These efforts are aimed at raising awareness of the Eyre Peninsula being in water security level 2 — save water and encouraging sustainable water practices as we work towards a long-term solution for the region's drinking water supply.

Looking ahead, the team will continue to engage with local retailers, large water users, and key stakeholders to ensure the community remains informed and involved. If your club or community group would like a presentation from our Water Security team, feel free to get in touch by emailing us at EyrePeninsulaWaterSecurity@sawater.com.au



Upcoming power works

SA Power Networks (SAPN) will soon begin work to bring power to the desalination plant site.

The work is set to start in late April or early May and continue through June and July.

Work to install the new power supply will begin at the Port Lincoln city substation and involve trenching along Tennant Street, across Mortlock Terrace, following the rail corridor on Verran Terrace, and finishing at the bottom of Windsor Avenue. SAPN will contact those along the route to keep everyone informed.

Sign up for updates

We would like to ensure you remain up to date with information about the construction activities, when they are occurring and what to expect.



If you would like to receive these updates, please register by scanning the QR code.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss these works in more detail, please contact us directly



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