

Community Bulletin 1

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Harding Street Main Drain Rehabilitation

The Pipelines Alliance on behalf of Melbourne Water will begin works to repair and rehabilitate a section of the Harding Street Main Drain next week.

The section of drain to be repaired is approximately 80 years old and runs from the corner of Alva Grove and Urquhart Street, through the grounds of Coburg Senior High School to the Merri Creek.

Construction is expected to take approximately three and a half months to complete and during this time you may notice:

- **Additional vehicle and truck movements** – due to workers and materials entering and leaving the site.
- **Construction noise and dust** – work hours will be restricted to 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday. We will advise you if work is required outside these hours.
- **Closure and fencing of some paths within the school and near the creek** – areas near the works will need to be fenced off for safety and security. At the end of construction, paths will be reinstated and security fencing removed.

Your water supply will NOT be affected by these works.

We will work to minimise these impacts and apologise for any inconvenience that they may cause.

It is intended that most construction vehicles and machinery will access the site from Bell Street, via Armstead Avenue and through the car park on the east side of the school.

A site area and compound will be established near the boundary fence between the school and the reserve leading to the Merri Creek.

See over for answers to some common questions regarding this project.

Common Questions:

When are you doing the work?

Work will begin during the week commencing 16 November 2009 and construction is expected to finish in late-February 2010. Some reinstatement works, including tree plantings, may take place at a later date to suit seasonal conditions.

Why are you doing this work?

The section of the drain to be repaired has deteriorated over time to the point that it could become unstable if work was not undertaken to restore it.

What is involved?

We will excavate over and around the drain to expose it. In some areas this will require the removal of trees growing on top of or near the drain.

The old box drain will be demolished and removed, before being replaced by two new pipes, 1050mm in diameter. The new pipes will provide greater durability and have a longer life span than the old structure, and will be able to carry the same volume of stormwater.

Near the creek, the old concrete headwall will be demolished. It will be replaced with a new, safer rock-lined outlet, more in keeping with the environment.

All work areas will be reinstated to a condition as good as or better than they were before we started.

How will the creek be affected?

There will be no impact on the creek or change in water quality as a result of these works.

Will the entire section of drain be repaired at once?

No. Work will begin near the outfall at the creek and we will work back through the school and towards Urquhart Street, reinstating completed areas as we go.

For information about this project call Wes Turnbull on 8417 7662. You can also call Melbourne Water on 131 722 or visit melbournewater.com.au for general information about other projects to secure a sustainable water future.