

Wilcannia Weir Replacement Project



Project Update - November 2021

Latest information on the Wilcannia Weir project

Final design contract award

The successful tenderer for the detailed design of the new weir has been awarded to GHD in September 2021. We look forward to advancing the project to the construction phase, once we get the environmental approvals in 2022.

Covid-19 impacts

Our hearts and minds have been with Wilcannia community since the outbreak of COVID-19 cases and restrictions. We know this has been really difficult time for the community and are now looking forward to being able to travel to Wilcannia.

The project team has also spent time in lockdown in their hometowns in NSW and Victoria. To keep key stakeholders and community representatives informed on the progress of the weir project, during this time we have been meeting over the phone and online where possible. We are now planning to run sessions in Wilcannia in November and December 2021.

Local business registration

[Water Infrastructure NSW](#) is committed to creating sustainable employment opportunities and outcomes for local and Aboriginal communities while we plan and deliver infrastructure projects. If you own or operate a local business in-and-around Wilcannia, we encourage you to submit your interest and contact details to our **Wilcannia Weir Local Business Register**.

You can register your business online from **8 November 2021** to **17 December 2021** by visiting our project webpage at dpie.nsw.gov.au/wilcannia-weir. We will also be running a number of drop-in sessions in the area, if you want to visit us to register your business in person:

- **Tuesday 16 November 2021 (from 12pm-2pm)**
at the Cobar Golf and Bowling Club, Bloxham Street, Cobar
- **Wednesday 17 November 2021 (from 12pm-2pm)**
at the REDI.E training room, 35 Reid Street, Wilcannia.

Animation to help explain the environmental approval process

Two short [animations](#) on our project website show why Wilcannia is getting a new weir and the important environmental approval process that has to occur before construction is legally able to begin.

Line drawings of local river life, that were made during the School and Community Art Workshops held in schools and at the Courthouse Cafe in 2020, feature in these animations, including an emu, turtle, fish and lizards. Another animation is coming soon to show how the new weir will work during times of normal river flows and during times of drought.

You can view the animations here at www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/wilcannia-weir.



Certificate 2 in Tourism course completion

The Certificate 2 in Tourism course finished in August 2021 at Wilcannia campus. It was the final course of the training program partnership between TAFE NSW, REDi.E, Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

A total of 20 students overall graduated from the four courses that were run in Fit for Work, Construction, Hospitality and Tourism. Everyone is so proud of the participants, with many of them completing all of the courses. A graduation ceremony will be planned to celebrate the student's achievements.



Wilcannia participants of the Certificate 2 in Tourism course on field visits.



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