

LOWOOD-FERNVALE SEWER UPGRADE

Project Update – April 2022

Project status

We are excited to announce that construction of the Lowood Fernvale Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) is complete and it is now an active part of the Somerset wastewater network. The plant started receiving and processing wastewater from September 2021 and was fully commissioned in November 2021. The new STP, worth \$45 million, can process more than triple the capacity of the old Lowood and Fernvale STP's, catering for future growth and development of the Lowood and Fernvale areas.

In addition to the completion of the STP, the crew have been busy getting the other sections of the project completed. Including:

- **Ferny Gully pump station (PS)** – pumping all sewage from Fernvale to the new Lowood STP. Status: Construction complete, and PS is fully commissioned. Revegetation to be completed around the PS by June 2022.
- **Lowood PS** – pumping all sewage from Lowood to the new STP. Status: Nearing completion. Some minor works to be completed, including renewal of the PS access road, new fencing and gate to be installed, and revegetation.
- **Old Lowood STP** – no longer required. Status: decommissioned and demolition complete.
- **Old Fernvale STP** – no longer required. Status: decommissioned and demolition complete.



Image – Ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the commissioning of the new Lowood Fernvale STP (Nov 2021)



Image – Lowood STP Demolition site and the new underground storage facility for the new Lowood PS (Jan 2022)

Thank you for your understanding while we built this critical infrastructure for the region.

Lowood pump station

The demolition of the old Lowood STP is now complete, carefully scheduled around the nearby roost of Bats to minimise disturbance of the colony during the works. Construction of the new Lowood PS at the site of the old Lowood STP is nearing completion, with restoration works commencing soon. Restoration works includes revegetation, installation of new fencing and a gate, and resurfacing the access road.

Nesting boxes

With the help of the wonderful team at the Somerset Community Men's Shed, a range of different sized nesting boxes (pictured) have been built to support the local wildlife in Lowood. These have been installed in the trees around the Lowood Bend.

Lowood Fernvale Facebook Group

With the project nearing its end, the Facebook Group for this project will soon be deactivated. The group page is scheduled to be closed in June 2022.

We would like to thank everyone who was a part of this group and for contributing to the success of this project.

The final project update will be provided in June 2022.

For more information:

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Image – The Somerset Community Men's Shed group with the nesting boxes they built for the wildlife in Lowood (Nov 2021)



Image – Rail Trail stencil painted at the crossing of the driveway of the new STP

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