

Wyangala Dam Wall Raising Project

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Working closely with the local Community fundamental to successfully delivering this project

WaterNSW is committed to working closely with the local community on all aspects of the Wyangala Dam Wall Raising Project. Projects of this significance will require community engagement on matters including environmental approvals and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process, cultural heritage and inundation assessments, as well as determine long-term positive legacy opportunities.

Despite ambitious timelines and a focus on delivering a fast-tracked project, there will be no shortcuts on mandatory requirements including public input to the EIS for the project.

Our engagement with aboriginal communities across the region has also already started and we are now in the process of contacting approximately 50 groups across the Lachlan Valley to register their interest in the preparation of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment.

Once the COVID-19 restrictions on social gatherings are further revised, WaterNSW will be able to recommence our program of face-to-face meetings with the community and stakeholder groups. In the meantime project information and updates are being made available via local newspapers, radio, social media and our website. An online Q&A session for the community will soon be held with details to be advertised locally and on our website.

There will be impacts from a project of this scale and significance

As with any major infrastructure project, it is inevitable that some properties, public assets and infrastructure will be affected by a rise in water storage levels from the raising of the dam wall.

The precise impacts will not be known until September 2020 when the detailed investigations and assessments have been completed. We have already started to engage with public and private landholders in the area to better understand potential impacts on their properties.

This will include assessment of potential impacts not only on physical assets, but also on business and farming operations. Our investigations will also assess the impact on cultural heritage, as well as public infrastructure such as roads and bridges in the Wyangala catchment.

Letters have been sent to potentially affected landholders regarding this process. If you are likely to be affected by the rise in water level and have not yet received a letter please contact Alice Jarrett at alice.jarrett@waternsw.com.au to start the process.



WaterNSW is committed to working through both the challenges and opportunities that arise from this project. We understand that the potential impacts can cause uncertainty for individuals, families, businesses and communities and we're committed to keeping you informed, and spending the time needed to work directly with you to understand potential impacts on your property or business.



Alice Jarrett
Community Engagement Officer, WaterNSW



It's critical throughout this project that landowners who may be affected by inundation are dealt with sensitively and respectfully, and are given the time they need to go through that process. I look forward to the inundation modelling being made available at the end of September.



John Stafford, Upper Lachlan Mayor

WaterNSW will progressively work through challenges and opportunities with individuals and the broader community to achieve the best possible balanced outcomes.

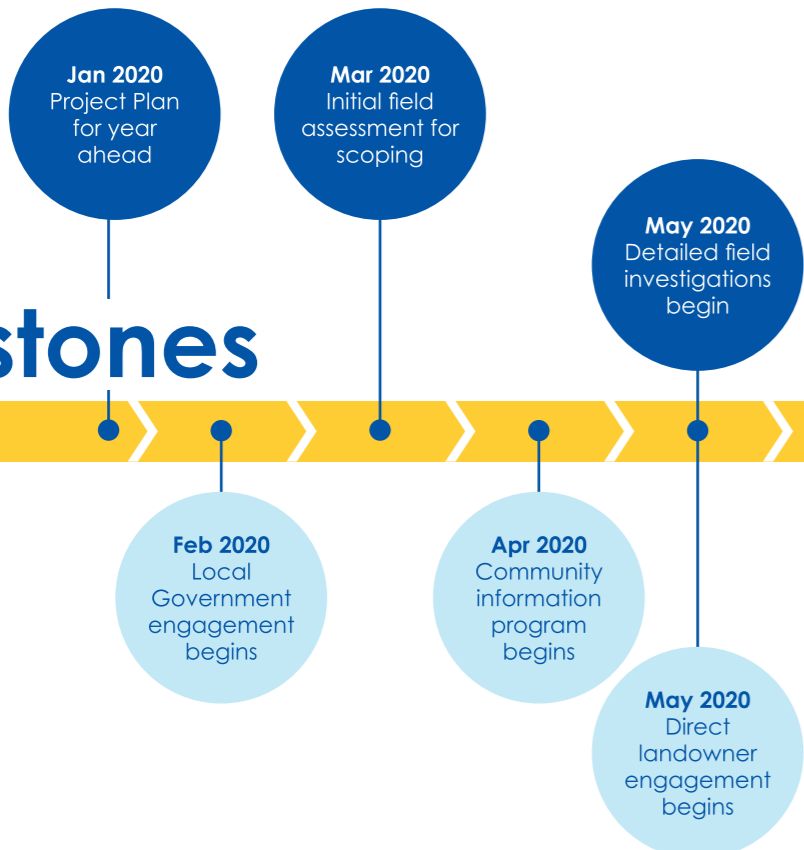
One of the early challenges is the relocation of the Wyangala Waters Caravan Park. Already the managers at Reflection Holiday Parks have held initial meetings via webinars with their site holders. WaterNSW will be supporting Reflections as this consultation continues with their customers and site holders. While construction of the new park will start in October this year, site holders will not need to immediately relocate. Relocation timeframes and arrangements will be worked through over the next 12 months.

With the committed timeframes and fast tracked delivery of this critical state significant project, we encourage everyone to stay up to date through our website and across the project updates.

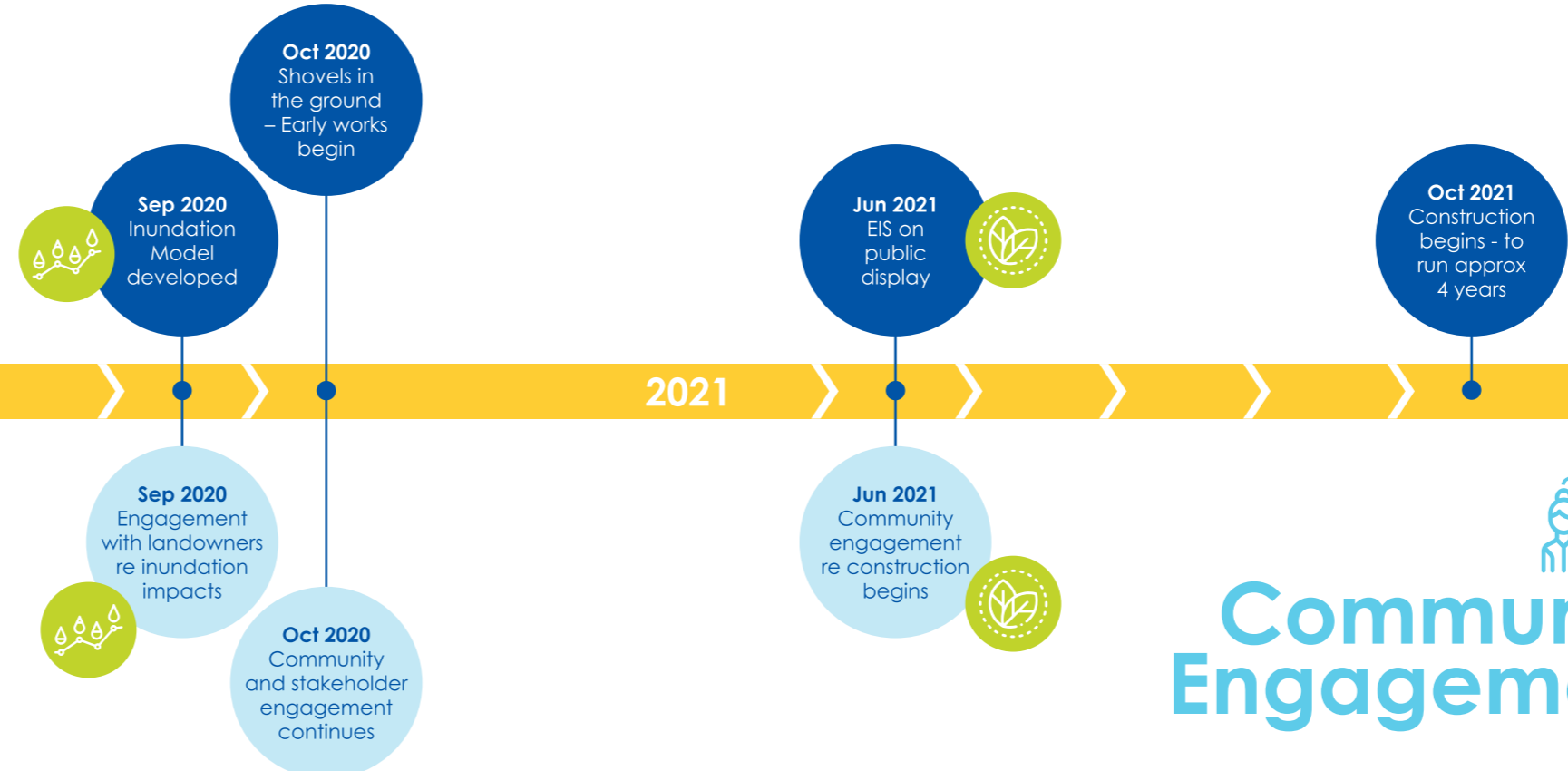


Key Milestones

2020



2021



Although this project is being fast tracked, relevant approvals are still required

There will be no shortcuts on mandatory planning and approval requirements. The community will have an opportunity to comment on the EIS and we encourage you to have your say at that time on all aspects related to environment and heritage assessments.

Inundation mapping will be completed in late September this year and will be provided as a matter of priority to landholders first and then the broader public thereafter.



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