

Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline



Quarterly Update Newsletter

July 2023

About the pipeline

The Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline (FGP) is a \$983 million project to address the single source water supply risk from Awoonga Dam and enable long-term water security for GAWB's customers.



The 117-kilometre pipeline will run from the Lower Fitzroy River in Rockhampton and connect to Gladstone Area Water Board's existing water network at Yarwun. The pipeline comprises a water treatment plant, reservoirs and pumping stations at locations along its alignment including Laurel Bank, Alton Downs and Aldoga.

The FGP will have the capacity to transport 30 gigalitres per annum from the Fitzroy River to Gladstone. The pipeline is designed to be efficiently retrofitted with additional infrastructure to enable bi-directional flow in the future.

McConnell Dowell BMD Group Joint Venture (MBJV) has been contracted to construct the FGP, and once constructed, the FGP and associated infrastructure will continue to be owned and managed by the Gladstone Area Water Board.

Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline Benefits

Benefits of the FGP include:

-  Continuous operations of Gladstone's industry
-  Water security and reliability
-  More than 400 jobs at the peak of construction
-  Contributing to the growth of the Queensland economy
-  More than 40% of construction costs to be spent locally throughout project delivery
-  More than 10,000 hours of training to the delivery team
-  More than 25 apprenticeships and traineeships
-  Target spend of \$10 million with suppliers and businesses owned by First Nations Australians
-  Target of 10,000 hours for First Nations Australians workforce participation
-  Commitment to delivering the FGP with a diverse and inclusive workforce

Timeline



2022 – Ongoing

- Environmental and planning permits and approvals
- Detailed Design for pipeline and facilities
- Procurement of sub-contractors, equipment and materials
- Traditional Owner engagement
- Addressing land access arrangements and engaging with impacted landholders
- Engagement with State Government, Gladstone and Rockhampton Councils and other interested stakeholders.



February 2023

Queensland Government announcement of funding.



April 2023

Attendance at the Gladstone Engineering Alliance Supply Chain Expo on 27 April 2023. *Gladstone Entertainment and Convention Centre.*



May 2023

MBJV Industry Briefing Sessions held in Gladstone and Rockhampton on 27 and 28 May 2023, hosted by Gladstone Engineering Alliance. *Gladstone Entertainment and Convention Centre and Rockhampton Leagues Club.*



June 2023

- Attendance at the Darumbal TUMRA Community Day on 2 June 2023. *Emu Park Beach*
- Arrival of the first pipes from Steel Mains Pty Ltd to the MBJV laydown site in Gracemere on 19 June 2023. *Gracemere*



Upcoming activities

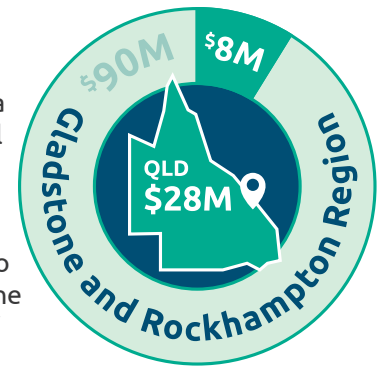
Upcoming FGP activities include:

- MBJV Attendance at the 2023 Dorrie Day (First Nations Career Day) in Gladstone on 3 August 2023 (hosted by Port Curtis Coral Coast Trust)
- Continued local procurement and subcontractor awarding
- Workers accommodation camp to be established in Gracemere
- Construction begins in late August 2023.

Local spend

The FGP team are committed to creating a lasting legacy in Central Queensland. To help achieve this, GAWB and MBJV have committed to local spend targets to support businesses in the region. A total spend of \$90 million is expected for the Gladstone and Rockhampton area.

As of 30 June 2023, a total of \$8 million has been spent within Gladstone and Rockhampton, and a further \$28 million has been spent within Queensland.



Industry briefing sessions - May 2023

As owners and managers of the FGP, GAWB is committed to supporting local industry and contributing to a lasting positive legacy in the region by delivering tangible benefits such as jobs, supply contracts, local capability raising and First Nations Australians workforce participation.

In support of our commitment to maximising local industry participation, our principal contractor McConnell Dowell BMD Group Joint Venture presented two industry briefings in Gladstone and Rockhampton on 27 and 28 May 2023. The industry briefing sessions invited all businesses in the local government areas of Banana, Gladstone, Livingstone and Rockhampton to hear more about the project and how they can be involved.

We were pleased to see a turnout of approximately 300 people across the two sessions, representing a variety of interested local businesses and suppliers. Thank you to all those who attended and to Capricorn Enterprise, Advance Rockhampton and Gladstone Engineering Alliance for hosting and facilitating these informative industry briefing sessions.



First pipe arrival event – 23 June 2023

On 23 June 2023 we celebrated the arrival of the first pipe for the Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline (FGP). The pipe, manufactured and supplied by Steel Mains Pty Ltd, touched down on site in Gracemere. The contractors, McConnell Dowell BMD Group Joint Venture, are ready to start major construction activities from the Lower Fitzroy River from August 2023.

We were honoured to be joined by Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing, Minister for Water and Member for Gladstone, Glenn Butcher MP, and Member for Rockhampton, Barry O'Rourke MP, who are excited to see the benefits the FGP will deliver to Central Queensland.



Due to the high-pressure water coming through the Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline, Mild Steel Cement Lined (MSCL) pipes are required to transport it safely. Almost 110 km of this pipe is being manufactured by Steel Mains, who are the only Australian manufacturers of the pipes needed.

MSCL pipe fittings, such as welded bends and special sections with instrumentation fittings are being fabricated in Redbank, Queensland. The remaining 11 km of pipe for the pipeline will be made up of High-Density Polyethylene, and is being manufactured in Toowoomba, Queensland.



First Nations engagement

GAWB are committed to participating in meaningful engagement with Traditional Owner Groups to create lasting and tangible benefits for First Nations Australians throughout the delivery of the FGP. The FGP team are actively liaising with Traditional Owner Groups to curate and facilitate opportunities to engage with First Nations Australians, specifically in relation to workforce opportunities and contracting suppliers and businesses owned by First Nations Australians.

Initial engagement has focused at the northern extent of the FGP corridor with the Darumbal People Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC as first construction activities for FGP will be in this region.

On 2 June 2023 our team attended and hosted a stall at the Darumbal TUMRA Day at Emu Park Beach, Emu Park.

TUMRA Day, short for Traditional Use of Marine Resources Agreements, is a day that aims to bring community members, visitor and representatives from various organisations together for a day of cultural celebration. The Darumbal People are the Traditional Custodians of the Rockhampton and Capricorn Coast Area.

The morning commenced with invitees being encouraged to kick off their shoes and join dancers on the beach, followed by a Welcome to Country, and various speeches which reflected on the importance of the Darumbal Traditional Use of Marine Resources Agreement. Invitees were then encouraged to visit each of the stall setups.

Coming up in August 2023, representatives MBJV will attend at the 2023 Port Curtis Coral Coast Dorrie Day, an annual First Nations careers day held in Gladstone and Bundaberg. Dorrie Day will provide an opportunity for GAWB to connect with First Nations job seekers and discuss employment opportunities related to construction of the FGP.





MBJV laydown area and workers camp mobilisation and establishment

Before major construction works begin in August 2023, MBJV will construct a pipe laydown yard including a washdown area and a vehicle workshop for minor repairs only, and a temporary workers accommodation in Gracemere.

Earthworks for the laydown area and temporary workers accommodation camp commenced on 28 June 2023 and works are expected to be completed by late September or early October, weather and site conditions permitting.

Work activities will include clearing and grubbing, removing vegetation, earthworks including profiling, grading, and excavation, construction of gravel roads, installation of drainage, delivery and storage of pipes and other construction plant and materials. Construction will occur seven days a week, 6am to 6pm.

About GAWB

Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) was established in 1973 as a Project Board under the State and Regional Planning and Development, Public Works Organisation and Environmental Control Act 1971-73 (Qld). On 1 October 2000, GAWB commenced operations as a Category 1 Water Authority under the Water Act 2000 (Qld) (Water Act) and on 1 July 2008, GAWB became a registered service provider under the Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008 (Qld).

GAWB owns and operates Awoonga Dam on the Boyne River, along with a network of delivery pipelines, water treatment plants and other bulk water infrastructure required to service our customer base. We play an important role in the region and contribute to the economic growth and prosperity of the State by providing one of the essential inputs, water, to a number of large multi-billion-dollar industries that are located in Gladstone.

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