

FGP News

April 2026

Work undertaken in the past quarter (Jan to Mar 2026)

- ✓ Energisation of the main high-voltage electrical supply from the Laurel Bank intake to Alton Downs Sediment Removal Plant (SRP)
- ✓ Laurel Bank intake facility commissioning and the introduction of 'first water' into the pumps
- ✓ Rehabilitation of the pipeline right of way
- ✓ Completion of electrical works at the Alton Downs SRP with extensive pre-commissioning and testing of instrumentation
- ✓ Completion of mechanical works at Alton Downs SRP
- ✓ Landscaping and installation of external furniture at Alton Downs SRP
- ✓ All works at the Aldoga Reservoirs are complete including the roofs and access towers
- ✓ Commenced commissioning of systems including the firefighting system at Alton Downs SRP.

Upcoming in the next quarter (Apr to Jun 2026)

- + Complete rehabilitation of the pipeline right of way
- + Complete commissioning of the Diesel Power Station at Alton Downs SRP
- + Complete all external works at Alton Downs.
- + Complete all external works at the Reservoir site in Aldoga.
- + Draw water through the Laurel Bank Intake to Alton Downs SRP to commence wet commissioning.
- + Commissioning of the pipeline between Alton Downs SRP and the Aldoga Reservoirs.
- + Commissioning at Aldoga Reservoirs.

Local spend

GAWB is dedicated to creating a legacy in the Central Queensland region. To achieve this legacy, GAWB and MBJV have committed to a local spend target of \$90 million.

As of the end of March 2026, the target was exceeded with more than \$161 million spent within the Gladstone and Rockhampton regions, and a further \$249 million spent within Queensland, and \$211 within the rest of Australia.





Supporting local wildlife along the pipeline

The MBJV environmental team has been working hard to protect local wildlife across the Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline corridor.

Their work focuses on monitoring the environment and making sure native species continue to thrive during and after construction. This is an important part of delivering the project responsibly and supporting long-term environmental outcomes.

Recent monitoring has captured some impressive wildlife sightings, including:

- ▶ short-finned eel
- ▶ pardalote
- ▶ keelback

It is great to see these species active and healthy, particularly in areas that have been reinstated following construction.

These sightings show that the rehabilitation work is making a real difference, helping restore habitats and support biodiversity along the pipeline corridor.

Securing Gladstone's water future

World Water Day, on 22 March, was a timely reminder of how important water security is for our communities, our economy and our future.

Since 1973, the Gladstone region has relied on a single source of water, Awoonga Dam. Following recent rainfall, the dam is currently at around 67% capacity (correct as of 13 April 2026), up from 42% in December 2025.

For more than 50 years, Awoonga Dam has supported households, industry and jobs across Central Queensland. While current levels are positive, relying on a single water source continues to carry risk, particularly during extended dry periods.

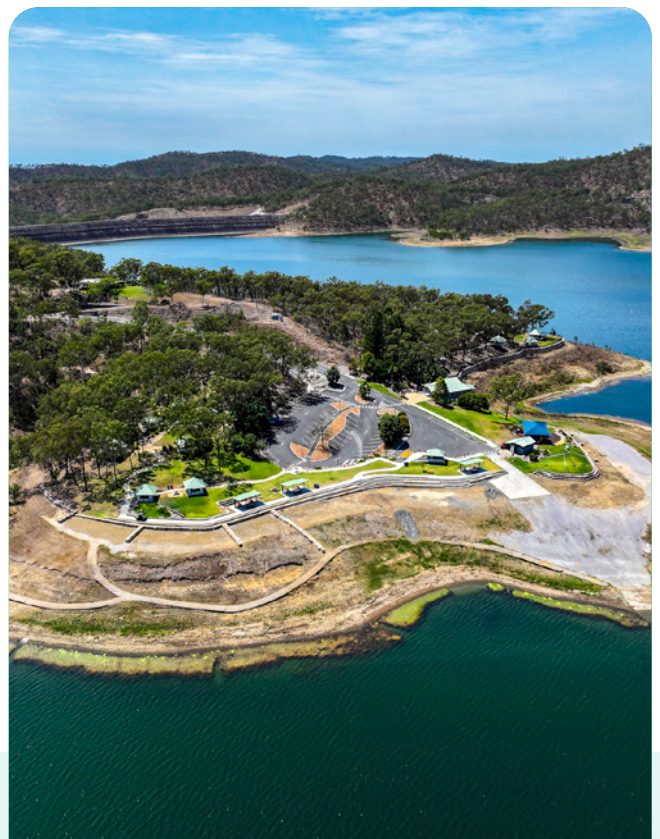
That is why the FGP is so important.

Construction of the FGP began in 2023 and is now progressing towards completion. Once operational, water from the Fitzroy River will enter GAWB's network, providing a second source of supply for the Gladstone region.

A second water source will significantly reduce the likelihood of restrictions during dry periods and strengthen long-term water security for customers and the community.

Importantly, every litre of water supplied through the FGP will preserve a litre of water in Awoonga Dam.

Water security is about planning ahead and acting before it is needed. The FGP is a critical investment to ensure the region continues to have a safe and reliable water supply to support growth, jobs and industry into the future.



FGP hits milestone with first water through Laurel Bank pumps

The Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline (FGP) has reached an important milestone, with water now circulating through the Laurel Bank intake pumps for the first time.

This milestone was achieved after the stopboard at the Laurel Bank intake was removed, allowing water from the Fitzroy River to enter the system in a controlled way.

Water is currently circulating through the pumps using a temporary bypass. This allows the project team to carefully test and confirm that the pumps and supporting systems are working as designed before water moves into the main pipeline.

This staged approach is an important part of the commissioning process. It helps ensure all infrastructure is operating safely and reliably before the next phase begins.

The project is transitioning from construction into commissioning, with further testing and commissioning activities to continue over the coming months.

The Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline is funded by the Queensland Government and delivered by Gladstone Area Water Board.

Social benefits

FGP delivers social benefits throughout construction

The FGP is delivering strong social outcomes for Central Queensland communities. The project has significantly exceeded its targets, with more than \$161 million spent with local businesses against a \$90 million target, and strong participation across the workforce. This includes more than 247,000 hours worked by women (target 50,000) and more than 80,000 hours by First Nations Australians (target 10,000). Local workforce participation has also been very positive, with 21 trainees developing valuable skills and trades to support future opportunities in the region.



247.8k Hours
By women



400
Local jobs



80.6k Hours
By First Nations
Australians



\$161.8 million
Spent with businesses and sub-contractors in
the Rockhampton and Gladstone regions



21
Trainees



\$249.2 million
Spent with Queensland based suppliers and
sub-contractors



554
Peak workforce



\$211.6 million
Spent in the rest of Australia



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