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## Belconnen trunk sewer project update

We are building new sewer infrastructure in public lands parallel to Ginninderra Drive between Copland Drive Melba and Tillyard Drive, Charnwood. The project consists of 2.4km of sewer pipe, 18 sewer manholes, a 170-metre pipe bridge across Ginninderra Creek, and four Odour Control Units (OCUs).

This new infrastructure will service the communities of Belconnen, Gungahlin and Hall. Our work hours will continue to be 7am – 5pm Monday to Friday and 8am - 1pm on Saturdays.

### Program update

The team have now completed installing the full 2.4kms of sewer pipeline after experiencing very difficult ground conditions for the final section of sewer installed within public lands adjacent to Goldner Circuit Melba. This has included the planting of native trees, dry land grasses and repurposed mulch.

Activity	Status	Completion
Sewer pipeline installation	Completed	February 2023
170-meter Pipe bridge across Ginninderra Creek	Completed	February 2023
Installation of 18 sewer manholes	Completed	November 2022
Restoration along sewer alignment	In progress	April 2023 <i>(weather permitting)</i>
North Latham OCU (Project 1)	Building completed. Internal fit out, utility installation and earthworks in progress. External pit construction in progress.	July 2023 <i>(weather permitting)</i>
Latham OCU (Project 2)	Retaining wall completed. Detailed earthworks and building works to commence	
Florey OCU (Project 3)	Building completed. Roofing in progress. Internal fit out, utility installation and earthworks in progress.	
Evatt OCU (Project 4)	Building completed. Internal fit out, utility installation and earthworks in progress	
Mural artworks for OCU buildings	Expected to commence in June 2023	Late 2023 <i>(weather permitting)</i>
Restoration of OCU sites	Expected to commence in June 2023	August 2023 <i>(weather permitting)</i>

### Restoration

Work is continuing across our pipeline corridor as we complete the final stages of restoration which includes footpaths, topsoiling, and the planting of native grasses and trees. We have engaged a specialized local landscaping contractor to ensure this important work is completed to a high standard.

As part of our landscaping plans, areas of high environmental sensitivity including Natural Temperate Grasslands are being restored and protected. Once initial restoration works have been completed and inspected by the ACT Government, the project team will be responsible for maintaining the areas for a further period of 24 months.



*Restoration work across the pipeline corridor is expected to be completed by April 2023, weather permitting.*

## OCU update



*Ductwork as part of the mechanical fit out inside an OCU.*

Each OCU will also feature a final building finish that connects to the local environment and community. The final designs can be found on the project website under 'Projects 1,2,3,4 – Odour Control Units (OCU)' and clicking on the OCU factsheet, using the QR code or website link below.

Painting of the murals will begin by June this year, with each location expected to take six weeks to complete. All four OCU locations are expected to be finished by late 2023.

## Delany Court playground update

The installation of a new playground at the end of Delany Court, Melba is taking shape with the installation of a swing set, slide, animal springers, fire pole, arc bridge, pommel walk and rope scramble now in place.

Work to complete the final landscaping surrounding the playground, including restoring the footpaths, planting of native grasses and trees and mowing of the verges, is underway.

The playground is due for reopening to the public by the end of May 2023. Thank you for your patience during this work.

Yours sincerely



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The OCUs are being constructed to improve the ventilation of the Belconnen trunk sewer, whilst reducing the impact of the existing ventilation system to the community by treating the air through carbon media to remove all odours prior to discharge. Each OCU will be 20 metres long by 7 metres wide and 4.5 metres high and will include a ventilation stack.

Works are progressing well across with all structures now taking shape. Inside the OCUs, the fit out includes the installation of carbon filtration units, ventilation pumps, filtration units and electrical and fittings well underway.

Each OCU will be connected to the existing sewer network, and due to the efficiency in treating foul air, will allow us to remove 15 vent shafts located along the existing sewer network.



*The external walls comprise precast concrete panels.*



*Playground features have been installed.*

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