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## Latest news on Knoxfield



Artist impression

Important works are happening on site, and we are pleased to share our progress in this edition of the Knoxfield Development Community Newsletter.

While the planning process progresses with Knox City Council, we also continue our work in preparation for delivering this great development for the area. This includes much needed housing, open space and a carefully designed new wetland built with wildlife and community at top of mind.

### Repair and maintenance works to the dam

The existing dam located on site continues to deteriorate and requires urgent repair works to reduce any community safety risks - including the possibility of flooding.

The first phase of works has been completed and involved minor maintenance works on the culvert to address cracking and leaks.

The second phase of works will take place in the coming months. Machinery will be on site to remove the concrete spillway and associated unstable soil and remove weeds and invasive plants around the spillway to improve the water flow into nearby Blind Creek. Rocks will also be added to replace the concrete and soil removed.

We understand that the community is concerned about the risks of these works to the Blue-billed Duck and other wildlife. Works are being carefully planned in accordance with statutory regulations and our Ecologist will be on site to monitor Blue-billed Ducks and other wildlife currently on the dam while works are underway.

### Wetland construction via a staged approach

We have been working with a team of experts to develop the design for the new wetland. We have committed to constructing the wetland in a staged manner, providing continual access to a waterbody for wildlife currently using the existing dam.

We have developed a five-stage construction process which includes the following stages:

- 1. Construct** the new habitat wetland and outfall to Blind Creek with no works or disruption to take place on the existing dam.
- 2. Monitor and assess** the progress of the new habitat wetland over a 12-month period to assess how the habitat has established and the behaviour of existing species.
- 3. Decommission** the existing dam once there is evidence of flora and fauna in the new habitat wetland. Significant species will be reinstated in the new habitat wetland, either through translocation or propagation.
- 4. Construct** the treatment wetland and sedimentary basin as guided by our technical experts.
- 5. Establish** the treatment wetland and deliver the surrounding amenity which includes an active open space with a bird lookout, walking trails and landscaping.

Ecological monitoring will take place throughout the staged construction process and once the new wetland has been constructed.

We would value your feedback on our staged wetland construction approach. If you would like to contribute, please visit [development.vic.gov.au/knoxfield](https://development.vic.gov.au/knoxfield).

## Get in touch with the Knoxfield Project Team

We want you to know that you can contact the project team to ask a question and learn more about our exciting plans in Knoxfield. You can also keep up to date about project milestones by signing up to our mailing list.

To register your interest and get in touch with the project team, please email [knoxfield@development.vic.gov.au](mailto:knoxfield@development.vic.gov.au)

### About The Project

- Targeting the delivery of approximately 10% of affordable housing.
- Delivering approximately 416 townhouses with a mix of two to four bedrooms, up to three storeys high.
- Working with a selection of builders to ensure the housing product meets a diverse range of needs.
- Partnering with the Green Building Council of Australia to deliver its new Green Star Homes standard as part of this project.

## Next Steps

After the finalisation of planning permits, we will be able to make announcements about the sales office opening and timing for sales to commence.

## Resources

To learn more about the project and follow the ongoing ecological monitoring reports, please take a look at the resource section of our website:

[development.vic.gov.au/knoxfield](https://development.vic.gov.au/knoxfield)

Register for more information on project milestones, the proposed wetlands and townhouse sales:

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