

Stormwater Management Authority News

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Outcomes of Meeting 73

The board of the Stormwater Management Authority met on 12 October 2021. Key outcomes of the meeting were:

- The board was updated on the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project and the Gawler River Flood Management Program
- The board was updated on the development of the Urban Water Directions Statement by the Department for Environment (DEW) and Water and how the issues highlighted in its recent submission to DEW could be taken into account in development of the Statement
- Grant funding of up to \$100,000 was approved for the City of Prospect to undertake Churchill Road Drain stage 1 - detailed design.

Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi Wetland



The Stormwater Management Authority and Brown Hill and Keswick Creeks Stormwater Board recently toured the Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi Wetland which is under construction in the South Parklands. The 3.2 hectare wetland is one of eight sub-projects of the [Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project](#) – Adelaide’s biggest long term stormwater management/flood mitigation project.

The wetland is designed to mitigate flooding in Park Lands Creek and downstream residential areas while providing biodiversity and amenity outcomes. When finished, the wetland will include paths and crossings, an outdoor amphitheatre and viewing platforms, and will provide many opportunities for connection with nature and environmental education into the future.

The construction project team has worked closely with local Kaurna representatives in the establishment of the wetland, which will open to the public in 2022.

The Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project is a collaborative effort between the Cities of Adelaide, Burnside, Mitcham, Unley and West Torrens, to mitigate significant flood risks arising from four major watercourses in metropolitan Adelaide; the Brown Hill Creek, Keswick, Glen Osmond and Park Lands Creeks. The Stormwater Management Authority is contributing towards the costs of the Project.

As well as flood mitigation benefits, the wetland will provide many opportunities for connection with nature into the future



1 - Members of the Stormwater Management Authority along with members of the Brown Hill and Keswick Creeks Stormwater Board at the wetland construction site in August.



2 - Bulk earthworks nearing completion.



3 - Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi Wetland.

Climate Change Guidance Documents

The Department for Environment and Water has released an Action Plan for the South Australian Government on Climate Change. In addition to this action plan there are a number of climate change science and knowledge resources that may be of interest to stormwater management practitioners. The resources include a *Guide to Climate Projections for Risk Assessment and Planning in South Australia*. These resources can be accessed here: <https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/climate-change/climate-science-knowledge-resources>.

Our understanding of future climate conditions and the implications for water management is continually growing. To keep informed regarding changes to Department of Environment and Water guidance and other climate change related news you can subscribe to the Climate Smart SA e-newsletter here: <https://confirmsubscription.com/h/r/C0542B273D2DD6D02540EF23F30FEDED>.

Meet Our Staff



The Stormwater Management Authority has three support staff who oversee the administration of the SMA and funding for stormwater management planning and infrastructure projects.

Left to right: Belinda Skilton (Technical Advisor), David Trebilcock (General Manager) and Laura Allen (Project Officer).

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The [Stormwater Management Authority](#) (SMA) is a partnership between the Government of South Australia and the Local Government Association of South Australia. The SMA operates under the [Local Government \(Stormwater Management Agreement\) Amendment Act 2016](#) and comprises a seven-member board appointed by the Minister for Environment and Water. The board meets bi-monthly.