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KOO WEE RUP RECREATION RESERVE PARKS PIPE WORKERS

Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve is set to benefit from the Victorian Desalination Project after entering into an agreement to provide parking for pipeline construction workers.

The agreement between the Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve Committee and the construction contractor building the pipeline, Thiess Degrémont Nacap, will see workers parking at the showgrounds and travelling to work by bus.

In return, Thiess Degrémont Nacap will build a new crushed rock access road adjacent to the netball courts and place bitumen around the buildings adjoining the oval.

Jason Spears, Project Director for Thiess Degrémont Nacap, said a similar agreement was in place with Lang Lang Showgrounds, which will benefit from an upgrade of its main entry, internal roads and carpark.

Discussions are now underway at various other locations along the pipeline to secure more parking locations.

“We’re working to minimise traffic and parking impacts in local towns while the pipeline is being constructed,” said Mr Spears.

“The Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve is used year round by local cricket, football, netball, dog obedience and horse riding clubs. We’re pleased to be able to lend a hand with some improvements.”

Ray Brown, Secretary of the Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve Committee agreed. “This is a real bonus for the community,” he said.

“We were not anticipating being able to undertake this work ourselves so it’s great to have the reserve upgraded through this agreement. It means access and parking will be improved, which is particularly important from a safety point of view given that so many families come to the reserve to participate in a whole range of activities.”

The Victorian Desalination Project involves the construction of an 84km pipeline to connect the desalination plant to Melbourne and, via other connections, regional water networks.

Work crews have been busily installing temporary fencing, building access roads and delivering pipes to the pipeline easement in preparation for pipe laying, which began near Berwick last month.

The agreement at Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve will not impact on sporting fixtures and other activities scheduled at the reserve for the remainder of 2010.

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About Thiess Degrémont Nacap

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