

Construction Progress

Huon Contractors have been working together with Calibre Professional Services and Riverview Projects on 346 new blocks for Strathnairn Stage 2. The stage is progressing well, with parts of the site in varying stages of construction. Stage 2A1 is nearing completion with all underground works complete, road pavements constructed and asphalt placed. The final steps to this stage are completing footpaths, commissioning and testing of all the infrastructure prior to handover to the relevant authorities and opening of the roads.

Hilltop Park

The Hilltop park precinct and retaining wall is a central element of Stage 2. The Hill Top Park will consist of an informal kick about area, a playground, picnic/BBQ areas, community gathering spaces and informal seating areas.



Figure 1. Hilltop Park precinct with gabion wall

The wall is in the civil contract which is currently under construction. Construction of the wall includes underground piling, stairs and a large 3.5m high gabion wall.

Offsite Sewer

To accommodate for future population growth, Huon Contractors is currently connecting a sewer line from the current works to an existing sewer main located in MacGregor. These works involved a sewer road crossing through the existing Parkwood Road. Shoring boxes were used to support the

trenches and protect workers, reduce the area affected and minimise traffic disturbance.



Figure 2. Offsite sewer

On-Site Water

Due to the recent rainfall, Strathnairn Stage 2 now has ample water for site use. The on-site ponds are generally full and are currently being treated for release into the stormwater system, in preparation for future rainfall. All water is tested before being released into local waterways. Ponds will be released to a level of approximately 40% of capacity. Site water is used for dust suppression and construction purposes.



Figure 3. High Efficiency Sediment Basin (HES)

SPARK Training & Employment Program Continues

Through the SPARK initiative of Riverview Projects, Huon is continuing to provide 10 unpaid work experience placements of 1-week duration along with 5 permanent positions to residents of the West Belconnen area. Currently, on site there are 2 full-time SPARK program workers. We are looking for additional work experience placements and full-time positions. More information about the SPARK Program can be found on the Ginninderry website:

<https://ginninderry.com/environment-and-people/training-employment/>

Access Route

For the construction of Stage 2, all traffic is now entering the site via Parkwood Road.



Figure 4. Vehicle Access route

Huon Scholarship Program

Huon Contractors has an ongoing relationship with the University of Wollongong (UOW) and have partnered with UOW to deliver a Work Integrated Scholarship for a civil engineering student. Throughout the past 12 weeks Huon has had 4 scholars working across their sites. One of which has been at Strathnairn Stage 2. The scholarship program is highly beneficial to students, giving them exposure to the engineering process, knowledge of civil construction as well as hands on experience in

the civil construction industry which would not be possible through university alone.



Figure 5. Stormwater pit A007

COVID-19

As everyone would be aware, COVID-19 has made a large impact to all areas of society.

Fortunately construction has been able to continue despite the pandemic, however additional safety measures have been put in place to ensure the health and safety of everyone on-site as well as anyone who may come in contact with people from site.

Some of these measures include a limit of 1 person per vehicle at all times, with vehicles designated to a particular person for their use only. Hand soap and hand sanitizer readily available on-site, toolbox talks and lunch breaks staggered to minimise amount of people in one area at any time, and lunch breaks to be taken outside, rather than in lunch sheds.

Other measures such as avoiding physical contact and maintaining social distance are also implemented as per government directions.

The topic is discussed every week at our weekly toolbox talk, with all workers reminded of the measures to be taken and the consequences for not following them.