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## **Wentworth's Lock 10 to re-open in October**

Lock 10 at Wentworth which closed in May this year for major refurbishment will re-open to boat navigation the week beginning 27 October.

Murray-Darling Basin Commission Chief Executive Dr Wendy Craik said the works were part of planned, necessary maintenance and upgrading of structures along the Murray.

“Some components of the lock had been in place since it was built in 1929 and were nearing the end of their useful life.

“The work has included emptying the lock, removing and repainting the gates and refurbishing the valves

“The four lock gates, each measuring 9 by 7.5 metres and weighing more than 18 tonnes, are being grit blasted and completely repainted to ensure long life,” Dr Craik said.

“The twelve main valves, each measuring 2 by 1 metres and weighing about a tonne, are being replaced.

“Quite a number of other components are also being reconditioned or replaced.

“We and State Water, who are carrying out the work, chose this time of year as it is the quietest period for tourist craft, the main users of the river,” Dr Craik said.”

Dr Craik said the works had not had any impact on the water levels in the adjacent weir pools.

State Water will advise local councils, visitor centres, boating associations, boat hire companies and registered owners of houseboats in the area likely to be affected of the re-opening date.

“With these major works done, the lock will be in top operating condition for decades to come,” Dr Craik said.

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