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Wentworth's Lock 10 to close for repairs, upgrade

Lock 10 at Wentworth on the Murray River will be closed to boat navigation between 26 May and 26 September for major refurbishment works.

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

“While boating navigation through Lock 10 will need to be suspended, the works are necessary to be able to continue operating the lock safely,” Dr Craik said.

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

Dr Craik said the works were not expected to have any impact on the water levels in the adjacent weir pools.

State Water New South Wales would carry out the work which includes emptying the lock, removing and repainting the gates, refurbishing the valves and evaluation of any further work needed.

“We and State Water have chosen this time of year as it is the quietest period for tourist craft, the main users of the river,” Dr Craik said.

“State Water will directly inform, local councils, visitor centres boating associations, boat hire companies and all known registered owners of houseboats in the area likely to be affected.

“State Water will adhere to the schedule as far as possible though some variations may be needed subject to river conditions and other circumstances that might arise.

“The aim will be to re-open the lock ahead of time, if at all possible,” Dr Craik said.

These sorts of repairs and maintenance are done only every 20 years or so.

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