

VICSES Wonthaggi

Update

October 2022



Project update

- On 2 September 2022, the building contract was awarded to Bowden Corporation.
- In late September 2022, a works letter notification was completed for surrounding residents and businesses.
- The building permit (stage 1) and vegetation removal permit has been issued to the builder.
- The builder completed the Cultural Heritage Management Plan Induction in early October 2022.



Next steps

- Site vegetation removal and temporary fence installation.
- Site establishment and construction commencement.
- Ongoing construction to achieve practical completion in mid-2023.

This update is current at time of distribution, however due to unforeseen circumstances, changes may occur.

Project timeline:

- 1 Site identification Completed
- 2 Site due diligence Completed
- 3 Concept and schematic design Completed
- 4 Town planning approval Completed
- 5 Detailed design Completed
- 6 Procure and appoint construction firm Completed
- 7 Construction commenced October 2022
- 8 Construction concludes Mid 2023
- 9 Handover of facility Mid-late 2023



Construction process

Once a builder has been appointed to construct a new VICSES facility, ESIA's project team plays an important role in managing the contract so that the construction phase runs as smoothly as possible.



Emergency Services Infrastructure Authority's (ESIA) role

During the construction of a new VICSES facility, ESIA's project team is responsible for a range of contract administration and management tasks, including:

- Reviewing the Contractor's Program and Plans (site management, traffic management, OH&S, Environmental Management Plan and commissioning / handover)
- Regular site visits and attending site meetings
- Responding to Contractor's requests for information, resolving technical queries with consultants and issuing of instructions to Contractor as required
- Managing the review and approval of Contractor submissions including samples, shop drawings, as-built drawings and operation and maintenance manuals
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How long will it take to build our new facility?

ESIA estimates that your new facility will take approximately ten months to construct. As with any construction project of this size, there may be some schedule impacts, however ESIA and your VICSES Regional Manager will keep you informed throughout the process. Extensions or refurbishments will take less time to complete.



What happens if the weather impacts the progress of the build?

Factors such as inclement weather are considered when the estimated project timeline is determined. However, there may be issues out of ESIA's control that mean the construction will take longer than anticipated.



Can we visit the site while it is under construction?

Construction sites are busy places. Many contractors work side-by-side and heavy vehicles come and go so there are a number of OH&S risks that must be considered. ESIA will endeavour to organise an opportunity for you to inspect the construction site at some stage.



Can we move into our facility as soon as construction has been completed?

Following practical completion and the certificate of occupancy commissioning of the facility must be undertaken before the unit is operational. This process ensures that new facilities and equipment are ready for occupancy and use, this process can take up to two months.



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