



## We're refurbishing the Ben Buckler Ventilation Shaft

12 May 2025

We'll soon begin work to refurbish the Ben Buckler ventilation shaft to preserve its heritage value, make it structurally safe and ensure it continues to operate efficiently. The Ben Buckler ventilation shaft is a heritage listed operating asset that's an important part of the Bondi Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF).

The Ben Buckler stack that we see today was built in 1910 and is in fact the second shaft to be built on that site. A brick ventilation shaft was originally constructed at the same site in 1888, however, this soon developed a series of cracks and flaws and had to be demolished and replaced.

We are currently working to refurbish the existing stack to preserve its heritage value, ensure its structural integrity and prioritise community safety.

### The work will involve:

- Piling work to provide scaffolding support around the stack.
- The set up of fencing and scaffolding around the stack.
- Remediation of concrete surface as required
- The set up of material lay down areas within the fenced area
- The remediation of compression straps around the shaft
- Repair of the lightning protection on the shaft surface
- Rehabilitation of site upon completion of work.

Work will begin in early mid-May 2025 and will take up to 8 months to complete, weather permitting.

### Our work hours

- 7 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday
- 8 am to 1 pm Saturdays, if needed.

Having been a part of the North Bondi shoreline for more than 100 years, the Ben Buckler is an important and iconic asset, and our work will ensure that it continues to be protected for many generations to come.

### Where do I get more information and help?

If you would like to know more, please contact our community engagement team at [delivering4customers@sydneywater.com.au](mailto:delivering4customers@sydneywater.com.au) or call 1800 006 113 (option 6).

Kind regards,

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