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Water level being lowered at Rutherglen's Lake King

To address concerns with slow water leaks at Rutherglen's Lake King, the lake's water level is in the process of being lowered.

The lake was established in the 1800s and is a popular recreation area with gardens and a playground on one side and a swimming pool nearby. The lake, which was excavated using manual labour and horses and carts, sits between the local caravan park and the Rutherglen golf course. There is a popular 1.2km walk around the perimeter of the lake, which features ducks and geese and long-necked turtles as well as remnant and regenerating native vegetation.

Indigo Shire Council's Manager – Civil Operations Ron Sneddon inspected the lake today. "At the advice of the Department of Sustainability and Environment's consulting engineer, the lake is being slowly lowered to relieve the water pressure that is affecting the rate of leakage from the lake's earth wall. Clearing of vegetation has also been done to make it easier to inspect the leak sites and monitor changes," Mr Sneddon said.

"This lowering of the water level will take a week or two or when the leaks stops."

The boggy area created by the leak has been fenced off, so residents and visitors can still use the playground and picnic area and continue to walk around the lake.

Work on the lake is being co-ordinated through Indigo Shire Council in partnership with the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

Caption: Civil Operations Manager Ron Sneddon on the bank above the leak at Lake King in Rutherglen.

Caption: Works Officer John Pleming at the site of a leak at Lake King in Rutherglen.

Caption: Rutherglen's Lake King is home to many birds including ducks.

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