

Poor workmanship on reservoir to cost ratepayers dearly

A number of defects discovered inside the 12 year-old South Hay raw water reservoir is believed to be the result of inferior materials and/or workmanship during its construction.

This is the view of Council's Infrastructure Manager, Greg Stewart who said the defects discovered were most disappointing.

Mr Stewart said the project was designed and supervised by the

Department of Public Works, with Council approving the Development Application in May 2003.

The defects were discovered when the reservoir was taken off-line for minor maintenance.

These included draining and removing sludge sediment, repairing the sampling point tap and a visual inspection of the internal components.

The internal inspection revealed some dis-

appointing surprises – blisters in the wall paintwork with at least one penetrating up to four mm deep and bubbling and blistering of the floor paintwork.

Corrosion was also discovered on the overflow pipework and on the steel brackets supporting the internal ladder as well as on the overflow outlet pipe.

Mr Stewart said immediate remedial works were required, including the removal of

the corrosive built-up and the blisters.

“This work will involve the temporary removal of roof sheeting to allow elevated work to be undertaken from a ‘man basket’ attached to a crane,” he said.

“The cost of this work is unknown but I suggest it will be in excess of \$10,000 and, more likely closer to \$20,000.”

Mr Stewart also recommended Council make provision within

the next five years to have the interior cleaned, refurbished as necessary and repainted by competent, experienced contractors.

Thumbs down to the delusional people who think it is OK to break the law and use drum nets.

I'm delusional for thinking they will only keep two, and believe that fish can swim out of these condemned nets.

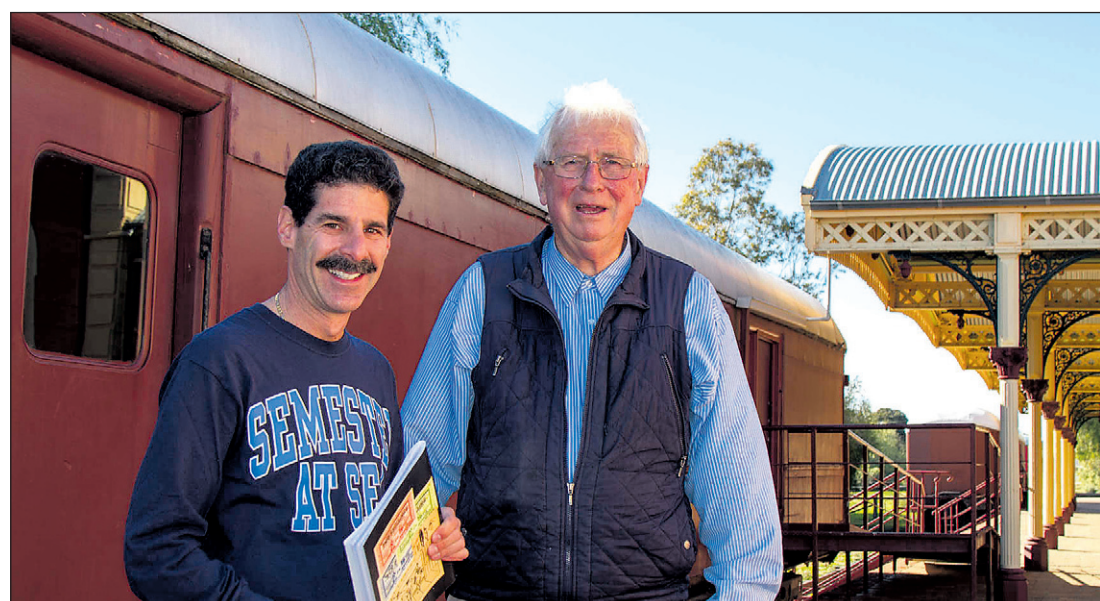
What about the other casualties, the platypus, the turtle, water birds and water rats that are continually drowned in these nets? I've heard that one bloke drops off fish to his mates when they are not home, they don't know how long the fish has been there, and throw them out. Drum netters are reaping the river and kill hundreds more fish than a line fisherman. The fellow who went to court was let off lightly, the fine was a one-tenth of what it could have been. Jane Griffiths, Secretary Hay Family Fishing Club.

He said this could cost Council \$250,000.

On his recommendation Council resolved to immediately carry out the remedial works and

to budget for further works to be carried out in 2017/18 in conjunction with intended works at the Leonard Street reservoir.

US visitors make 35,000 at Dunera Museum



Dunera Museum president, David Houston pictured with Danny Spungen from the USA who was the 35,000th visitor to the museum. Photo: Margie McClelland.

Dunera Museum last week received its 35,000th visitor since it opened in 1999.

The group of visitors from the US comprised Danny Spungen, his wife Natalie and daughter Leanna from Chicago.

Mr Spungen is a principal of the Spungen Foundation, a Jewish charitable trust which annually supports educational, medical and Jewish facilities in the USA and around the world.

His visit to Dunera Museum at Hay came about because of his particular interest in Jewish holocaust museums around the world.

He attended the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz Holocaust Museum in Poland, before visiting Hay where Dunera Museum President David Houston gave the family a guided tour of all the Dunera Museum internment sites around Hay.

Mr Spungen is a principal of the Chicago Holocaust Museum and he sought photos and stories about Dunera to jointly promote Hay and the Chicago Holocaust museums. After Hay they went on to visit similar facilities in Melbourne and Shanghai China, where many Jewish refugees from the Holocaust were also interned during World War2.

David Houston pointed out that technically Hay was not a holocaust museum, because all but one of the 1,984 mostly Jewish inmates in Hay survived and left Hay healthier and heavier than when they arrived.

This was in stark contrast with the slave labour and genocide camps established by the Nazis in Europe, where over six million Jews were terrorised, bashed

and killed.

Danny and David agreed that Dunera Museum at Hay was a related and contrasting story for joint promotion and David related to him a favourite story which many Dunera Boys have told him:

After the four steam trains of 44 carriages set out for their 19 hour non-stop journey in 1940 from Sydney to Hay's newly built two concentration camps for 2,000 civilian internees, the Dunera Boys were startled to have the Australian 16th Garrison Battalion guards hand them their rifles.

They were then given the order to “hold these rifles” while we roll ourselves a cigarette.

The Dunera boys often laugh about the story, adding “we knew Australia was a strange country of platypus and kangaroos, but a Hay train journey where the guards gave the prisoners their rifles to hold, was a stark, unbelievable contrast to the 1940s train journeys with Nazi guards in Europe, which for six million Jews ended in death.

“It was no surprise that over 800 Dunera boys returned to Australia after the war to make their home here,” David said.

“This is one of many stories to be told about the Hay Garrison at the open day at Dunera Museum this Saturday, July 25 between 5pm and 6pm with drinks and nibbles.

“The 75th Anniversary Dunera Day at Hay will be held on Saturday, September 5, commencing at the Hay Railway at 8.30am with the symbolic re-enactment of their arrival, to start the commemoration.”

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