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## **Celebrating 25 years of service**

Built in 1857, Yan Yean Reservoir was Melbourne's first and is the oldest water supply reservoir still in use in Australia. The water from the reservoir has always had noticeable colour, high iron concentration and turbidity owing to the shallowness of the reservoir and the nature of the soil and vegetation in the area. In order to improve the quality of its drinking water supplies, Melbourne Water decided that a new direct filtration plant was needed.

The plant was specifically designed and built to improve the quality of Melbourne Water's drinking supplies from the Yan Yean Reservoir. Yan Yean Water Treatment Plant was the first privately financed project of its type in the Australian water sector under a Build Own Operate and Transfer (BOOT) contract. Construction was completed in June 1994. Further upgrades were implemented in 1998, to ensure continuity of Whittlesea's water supply.

TRILITY as sole operator designed, built and financed the 155 ML/d Yan Yean Water Treatment Plant and then operated and maintained the plant under a 25-year services contract for Melbourne Water. TRILITY is very proud to have partnered Melbourne Water in the delivery of Australia's first privately financed treatment plant in the water sector and are sad to see the contract term end.

TRILITY's dedicated team, some of whom have serviced Melbourne Water and the Yan Yean facility through the design, build and operations, spanning some 25 years. Contracts such as this are only possible due to the devoted team of professionals who service them.

### **Contract snapshot;**

Contract commencement – 1 July 1994

Contract term – 25 years

Contract end – June 30, 2019

Official handover on site at Yan Yean Water Treatment Plant, July 1, 2019

Tim Wood, General Manager – Wholesale Services at Melbourne Water said "We are extremely grateful to all the TRILITY team for their exceptional and seamless level of service for 25 years. The highly professional operational team based at the Yan Yean treatment plant have been a pleasure to work with, integrating and collaborating with Melbourne Water in a way which has added significant value over many years.

We're excited about the upcoming upgrades to the plant however it also means an end, for now, to this valued operational relationship. We would like to thank them deeply for their service and wish the team all best for the future."



Francois Gouws, Managing Director TRILITY said “We are very proud of the partnership we have built with Melbourne Water over past 25 years. It’s a partnership built on collaboration and the exceptional services provided by the Yan Yean Operational team. We look forward to again having the opportunity in working with Melbourne Water in the delivery of affordable, high-quality water and wastewater and environmental services across Melbourne”

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### **Melbourne Water**

Working on behalf of the community, Melbourne Water manage and protect Melbourne’s major water resources. Melbourne Water supply affordable, high-quality water, reliable sewerage, healthy waterways, integrated drainage and flood management services and outstanding natural community spaces that help make Melbourne a fantastic place to live.

### **TRILITY Pty Ltd**

TRILITY is an established industry leader, dedicated in the delivery of water, wastewater, reuse and biosolids solutions across Australia and New Zealand’s municipal and industrial sectors. This leadership draws on more than 25 years’ experience of providing high-quality environmentally sustainable solutions for our public and private sector clients. Services include; financing, design and construction, operations and maintenance, asset management, utility services and bespoke modular solutions.

An Australian and New Zealand company with the support of its shareholders Beijing Enterprises Water Group (BEWG), TRILITY has a growing footprint across Australia and New Zealand. As such, our capabilities span the full life cycle of water and related services, which our dedicated team of industry specialists deliver to millions every day.

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