

History of community activities

Communication and consultation with the community on the way forward are an integral part of the Tillegra Dam project.

There are a range of activities that make up Hunter Water's communication program, including regular meetings with the Tillegra Dam Community Reference Group, weekly "open house" in the area, public information sessions (eg dam safety), one-on-one meetings with affected residents, project briefings, and publication of a monthly newsletter to keep local residents informed on the status of the project.

A summary of community activities since the NSW Government's announcement of the proposed dam in November 2006 is:

<p>March 2008</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 12th meeting – Tillegra Dam Community Reference Group ▪ Issue No.10 – The News about Tillegra Dam – published in the Dungog Chronicle and distributed via email to stakeholder mailing list ▪ Heritage Open Day at Munni House – advertised in local media and flyer distribution ▪ 2nd meeting of the Government Taskforce at Munni House ▪ 9th meeting of TDCRG Cemetery sub-committee ▪ Project update – Hunter Water's "<i>Making Waves</i>" – bill insert sent to over 200,000 customers (Mar-Jun 08 billing cycle) ▪ Open house at Munni
<p>February 2008</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 11th meeting – Tillegra Dam Community Reference Group ▪ Issue No.9 – The News about Tillegra Dam – published in the Dungog Chronicle and distributed via email to stakeholder mailing list ▪ 1st meeting of the Government Taskforce at Munni House ▪ Stakeholder briefing ▪ Open house at Munni
<p>January 2008</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 8th meeting of TDCRG Cemetery sub-committee ▪ Media Release - Minister for Water Utilities, Nathan Rees, "<i>Government Taskforce Established, Tillegra Dam</i>". Aim is to facilitate communication between Dungog Council and key government agencies in relation to the proposed Tillegra Dam

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Letter to families advising outcomes of September Feedback Survey relating to preferred locations for establishment of a new cemetery in the area ▪ Project update – Open Board meeting (papers publicly available) ▪ Project update – Hunter Water’s community magazine “<i>Pipeline</i>” (Jan-Feb 2008 issue) ▪ Open House at Munni
December 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 10th meeting - Tillegra Dam Community Reference Group ▪ Issue No.8 – The News about Tillegra Dam – published in the Dungog Chronicle and distributed via email to stakeholder mailing list ▪ Article “<i>Hunter Region’s dam solution to a zero risk challenge</i>” published in <i>Water Engineering Australia</i> ▪ Project update – Hunter Water’s Consultative Forum ▪ Open House at Munni
November 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 9th meeting - Tillegra Dam Community Reference Group ▪ Issue No.7 – The News about Tillegra Dam – published in the Dungog Chronicle and distributed via email to stakeholder mailing list ▪ 7th meeting of TDCRG Cemetery sub-committee ▪ Project update – Hunter Water’s “<i>Customer News</i>” – bill insert sent to over 200,000 customers (Nov 07–Feb 08 billing cycle) ▪ Project update – Hunter Water’s community magazine “<i>Pipeline</i>” (Jan-Feb 2008 issue) ▪ Hunter Water manned display at Dungog Show ▪ Information leaflet on Tillegra Dam proposal produced for general distribution ▪ Open House at Munni
October 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 8th meeting - Tillegra Dam Community Reference Group ▪ Issue No.6 – The News about Tillegra Dam – published in the Dungog Chronicle and distributed via email to stakeholder mailing list ▪ 6th meeting of TDCRG Cemetery sub-committee

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planning Focus Meeting for Government stakeholder agencies – arranged by Department of Planning ▪ Economic Opportunities Forum for Government agencies – arranged by the CRG Economic & Tourism sub-group ▪ Open House at Munni
September 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 7th meeting - Tillegra Dam Community Reference Group ▪ Issue No.5 – The News about Tillegra Dam – published in the Dungog Chronicle and distributed via email to stakeholder mailing list ▪ Feedback survey seeking views from affected families on preferred locations for establishment of a new cemetery in the area ▪ Project update – Hunter Water’s community magazine “<i>Splash</i>” (Spring 2007 issue) ▪ Project update – Hunter Water’s Consultative Forum ▪ Stakeholder briefing ▪ Open House at Munni
August 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 6th meeting - Tillegra Dam Community Reference Group - open to members of the public – attended by around 35 local residents (in addition to CRG members) ▪ Hunter Water’s <i>Why Tillegra Now?</i> paper released at the open CRG meeting – available on website or in hard copy ▪ Issue No.4 – The News about Tillegra Dam – published in the Dungog Chronicle and distributed via email to stakeholder mailing list ▪ 4th and 5th meetings of TDCRG Cemetery sub-committee ▪ Stakeholder workshop (facilitated by Everything Infrastructure) to consider road options from whole-of-community perspective – around 20 attendees ▪ Everything Infrastructure report on outcome of road stakeholder workshop released – available on Hunter Water’s website ▪ Bus trip for interested community members to Keepit Dam to raise awareness of potential

	<p>tourism opportunities for Dungog – arranged by CRG Economic & Tourism sub-committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Media release – Minister for Water Utilities, Nathan Rees "<i>International Experts for Tillegra Dam Review Panel</i>" ▪ Media release – Minister for Water Utilities, Nathan Rees "<i>Ministers meet Anti Dam Group</i>" ▪ Open House at Munni
<p>July 2007</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5th meeting - Tillegra Dam Community Reference Group ▪ Issue No.3 – The News about Tillegra Dam– published in the Dungog Chronicle and distributed via email to stakeholder mailing list ▪ 3rd meeting of TDCRG Cemetery sub-committee ▪ Public Information Session on dam safety – attended by around 75 local residents - presentations by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Norm Himsley, Executive Engineer, NSW Dams Safety Committee, on role of Committee, ○ Bob Broadfoot, Project Engineer, Hunter Water, on basic construction approaches for dams. ▪ Stakeholder briefing ▪ Visit to Dungog township and Tillegra area by Minister for Water Utilities, Nathan Rees – meeting with community representatives from the Tillegra Dam Community Reference Group and Dungog Council representatives – informal discussions with local residents during walk down Dungog’s main street ▪ Media release – Minister for Water Utilities, Nathan Rees "<i>Design Plans for Tillegra Dam Underway</i>" ▪ Release of GHD’s "<i>Route Options Submissions Report</i>" outlining outcomes of the public exhibition period – available on Hunter Water’s website ▪ Project update – Hunter Water’s community magazine "<i>Splash</i>" (Autumn 2007 issue) ▪ Open House at Munni
<p>June 2007</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4th meeting - Tillegra Dam Community Reference

	<p>Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Issue No.2 – The News about Tillegra Dam – published in the Dungog Chronicle and distributed via email to stakeholder mailing list ▪ Public exhibition period for road relocation options – call for community feedback – displays at Dungog Visitor Information Centre and Munni House - around 700 brochures distributed during public exhibition period – 110 responses received ▪ 2nd meeting of the TDCRG Cemetery sub-committee ▪ Cemetery gathering for families with loved ones interred at the Quart Pot/Munni Cemetery – arranged by community members of the CRG Cemetery sub-group – attended by around 110 people - Hunter Water information leaflet distributed ▪ Media release issued by Minister for Water Utilities, Nathan Rees – 07/08 State Budget “\$155 million to be spent on water in the Hunter” ▪ Media release issued by Hunter Water “<i>Hunter Water selects Dam Consultants</i>” ▪ Stakeholder briefing ▪ Open House at Munni
<p>May 2007</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3rd meeting - Tillegra Dam Community Reference Group ▪ Issue No.1 – The News about Tillegra Dam – published in the Dungog Chronicle ▪ Establishment of the Economic and Tourism Development Sub-group (sub-set of the Tillegra Dam Community Reference Group) ▪ 1st meeting of the TDCRG Cemetery sub-committee ▪ Information Sessions at Bandon Grove and Dungog on road relocation options – attended by around 110 people in total ▪ Commencement of public exhibition period for road relocation options – call for community feedback – displays at Dungog Visitor Information Centre and Munni House ▪ Stakeholder briefings

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April 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open letter to Dungog community from Hunter Water's Managing Director re dam safety – published in Dungog Chronicle ▪ Establishment of the Cemetery Sub-group (subset of the Tillegra Dam Community Reference Group) ▪ Project update – Open Board meeting (papers publicly available) ▪ Stakeholder briefings ▪ Open House at Munni
March 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2nd meeting - Tillegra Dam Community Reference Group ▪ Open House at Munni
February 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1st meeting - Tillegra Dam Community Reference Group ▪ Stakeholder briefings ▪ Open House at Munni
January 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Expressions of interest called for community representation on the Tillegra Dam Community Reference Group ▪ Stakeholder briefings ▪ Project update – Hunter Water's community magazine "<i>Splash</i>" (Summer 2007 issue) ▪ Open House at Munni
December 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Information Day at James Theatre, Dungog – attended by around 200 local residents ▪ Stakeholder briefings ▪ Open House at Munni ▪ Brett Peterkin appointed – independent facilitator for public meetings and chair of the Tillegra Dam Community Reference Group
November 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Announcement by the NSW Government – Tillegra Dam to proceed, subject to obtaining all necessary approvals ▪ Stakeholder briefings ▪ Information Day at Munni House – attended by around 100 local residents ▪ Commenced open house at Munni

