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Lake Conjola entrance opened

Shoalhaven City Council has acted swiftly to open the entrance to Lake Conjola following heavy rainfall on 19-20 March.

Following heavy rain in the lake catchment area, the lake peaked at 1.32m above AHD on Monday 21 March.

Council's Natural Resources and Floodplain Unit had been monitoring the situation over the weekend. When water levels reached 0.9 metres above AHD, with the prospect of further rainfall, Council contacted a contractor to open the lake on Monday 21 March. Under the circumstances, it was decided to open the lake promptly at a location where there was a small amount of sand to be removed and where the excavation machinery could gain access.

Council's Policy Planning Manager Neil Southorn said the lake was opened successfully on Monday 21 March at 10.20am.

According to the Bureau of Meteorology, the level at Lake Conjola had fallen to 0.87 m AHD by 9am Tuesday 22 March and was steady.

Council staff are monitoring all lake levels with Burrill Lake at 0.81m above AHD and Tabourie Lake at 0.74m above AHD.

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