





## WTP MELBOURNE Municipal WWTP

700,000 P.E. /  $Q_{inlet}$  140,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d

Number of Tanks:	4
Plant Capacity:	140 ML/d
Immersion Depth:	5.32 m
SOTR Standard Oxygen Transfer Rate:	7,660 kg O <sub>2</sub> /h
Air flow:	76,640 Nm³/h
Total AEROSTRIP <sup>®</sup> Diffusers:	1,712

## MELBOURNE'S WESTERN TREATMENT PLANT SELECTS HIGH EFFICIENT AEROSTRIP® DIFFUSERS

AEROSTRIP<sup>®</sup> diffusers use a unique polyurethane membrane, which achieves an air bubble size of only 1 mm. Thus, the introduced atmospheric oxygen is used to the maximum, which leads to up to 45% less air and energy requirements compared to conventional diffusers.

The special polyurethane mixture contains no plasticizers or fillers: These are typical for EPDM diffusers, which become brittle within a few years.

The elastic strength of AEROSTRIP® membranes is also much higher than of silicone.

## AEROSTRIP® fine bubble diffusers by AQUACONSULT

Melbourne owes its first sewage treatment plant, dating back to 1897, to the gold fever: Located at the Werribee Farm, the sewage was initially drained on paddocks; ~ 1935 the first lagoons started operation. Today one of the most environmentally friendly sewage treatment plants in Australia can be found at this location: "Western Treatment Plant", which produces class A recycled water.

The Western Treatment Plant has benefited from these properties since 2018.

The local AEROSTRIP® partner was awarded the contract for aeration technology of the new biological stage (140 ML/d), which features a modern treatment process for nitrogen removal at low oxygen demand:

In total, 1,712 AEROSTRIP®s type Q4 are installed in four new aeration tanks.

The performance of AEROSTRIP® diffusers has been confirmed by independent experts by running several oxygen transfer tests at the manufacturer's test facility.



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