

Chain of Ponds Moonee Ponds Creek

Catchment Collaboration

What is the Chain of Ponds?

The Chain of Ponds is an ambitious collaboration to **“transform the Moonee Ponds Creek into an iconic waterway for Melbourne that provides high social and environmental benefits”** with 17 partner organisations committed to achieving this goal.

Transforming the creek will provide numerous benefits to local communities living in and around the creek catchment

ENVIRONMENT

- The creek corridor supports a healthy ecology and connected habitat.
- Water management is holistic and driven by innovation

SOCIAL

- The catchment supports a vibrant and well connected waterway corridor and an active, healthy and happy community
- The waterway corridor supports appropriate urban development and provides quality open space
- Cultural heritage and traditional owners of the creek corridor are acknowledged and celebrated

ECONOMIC

- Green infrastructure considerations are imbedded in all investment across the catchment
- The economic and social vitality of local communities and businesses are supported

Chain of Ponds collaboration will enable outcomes for the creek catchment through coordination activities and advocacy.

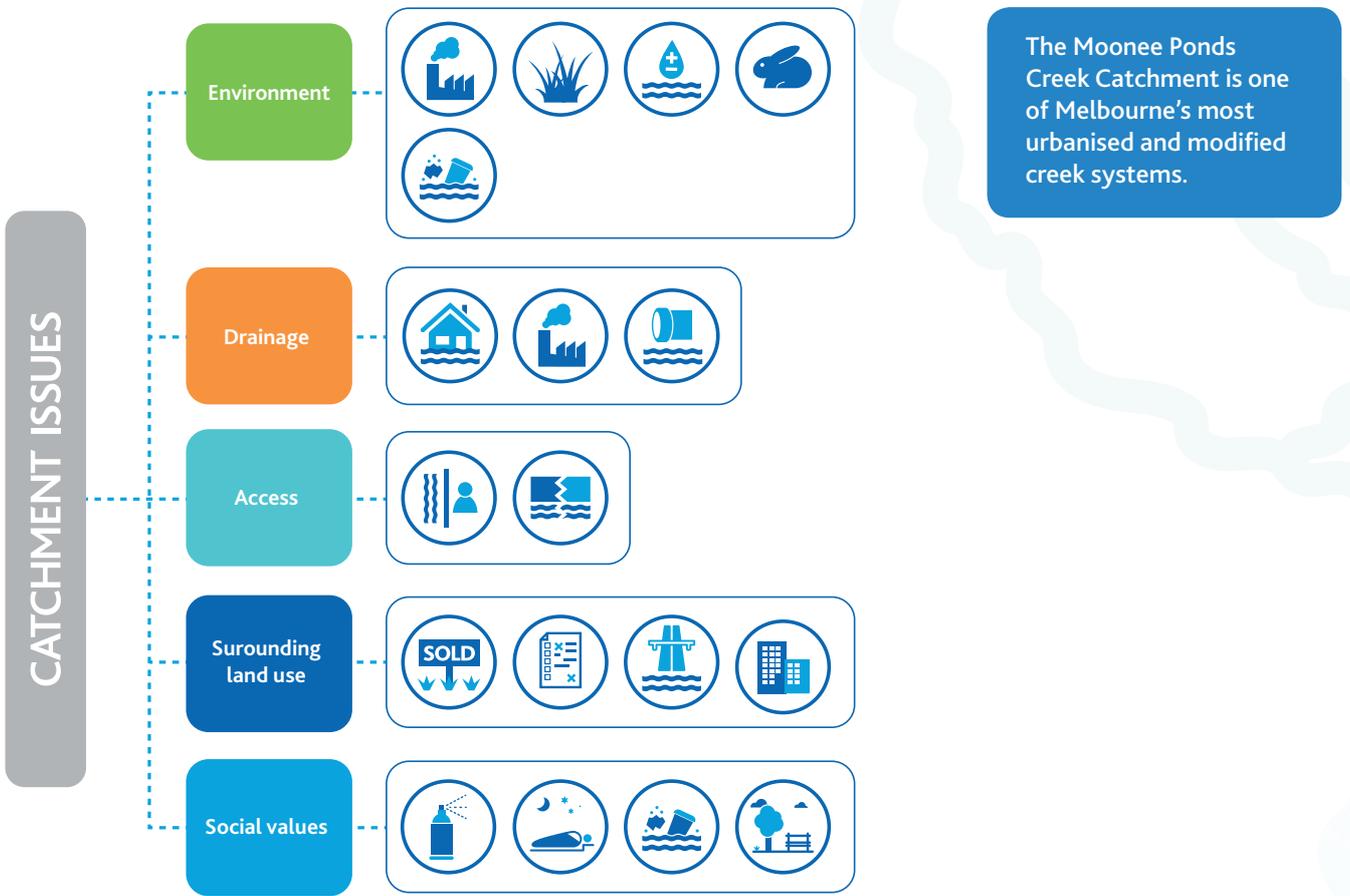
COORDINATION

- Developing a portal of data and mapping for easy sharing.
- Leveraging opportunities to deliver on strategic actions aligning with multi-agency targets and objectives.
- Developing guidelines to inform private and public space development around the creek.

ADVOCACY

- Seeking new, and leveraging existing, funding for large on-ground infrastructure projects or for programs such as education, research and catchment modelling.
- Ensuring development proposed in the catchment does not preclude realisation of the long-term vision.
- Supporting lead partners and organisations in delivery of larger capital projects

Driving forces for Chain of Ponds, Moonee Ponds Creek



Key

Homelessness	Vandalism	Flooding	Weeds	Pollution	Water quality	Rabbits	Urbanisation
Litter and rubbish dumping	Encroachment of transport infrastructure	Maintenance of drainage assets	Lack of connectivity along creek	Ineffective planning controls	Open space being sold off	Poor access to creek	

The Chain of Ponds Collaboration does things differently.

- Takes a whole-of-catchment approach to governance and project management
- Identifies collaborative opportunities for the catchment that cannot be realised in isolation;
- Develops and implements ideas and strategies for catchment protection and enhancement;
- Works collaboratively to influence major urban renewal and infrastructure projects that impact on the Creek corridor;
- Protects and enhances biodiversity, habitat and biolinks along the Creek corridor;
- Ensures approaches to development and waterway improvement are consistent with established strategic directions across the catchment and are based on best practice;
- Enables a mechanism to consider options for co-investment in meaningful projects; enables stronger advocacy for waterway management issues, e.g. through strategic and statutory planning mechanisms.
- Ongoing group meetings, communications, and engagement of senior management in collaborating organisations

Opportunities to transform Moonee Ponds Creek

Opportunities Map

- Natural waterways
- Underground drains
- Constructed waterways

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Location specific opportunities

- Connecting People to the Creek
- Land bridge
- Activating spaces shadowed by freeways
- Channel naturalisation
- Urban renewal

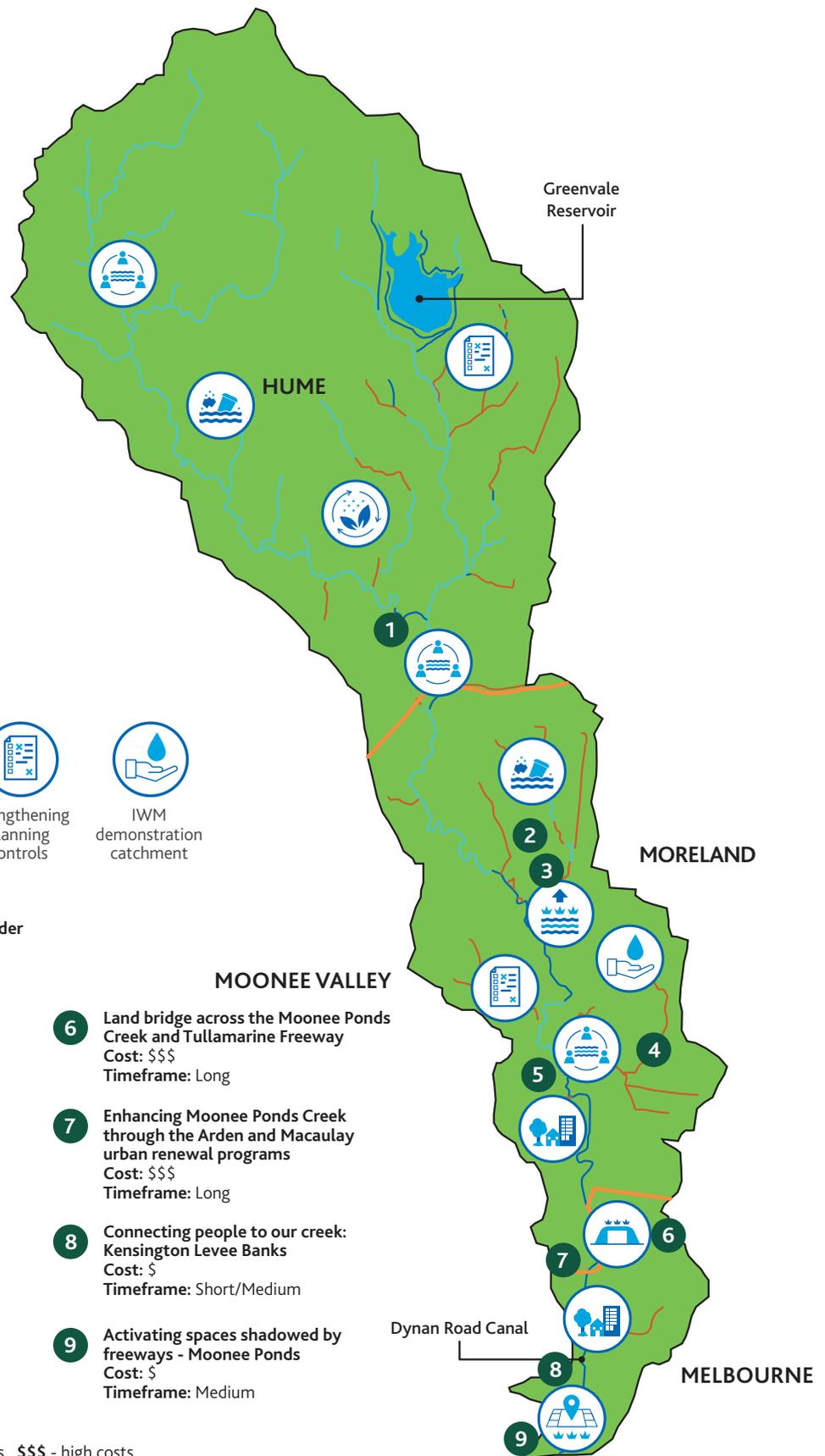
Catchment wide opportunities

- Litter education
- Ecology & biodiversity
- Strengthening planning controls
- IWM demonstration catchment

- 1** Restoring the Westeadows meander
Cost: \$
Timeframe: Short
- 2** Works at the Northern Golf Club and improving Westbreen Creek
Cost: \$\$
Timeframe: Short/Medium
- 3** Brosnan Crescent naturalisation study
Cost: \$\$\$
Timeframe: Short
- 4** IWM at the Moonee Valley Racecourse
Cost: \$\$
Timeframe: Short/Medium
- 5** Connecting people to our creek: Primrose Street Essendon
Cost: \$
Timeframe: Short/Medium

- 6** Land bridge across the Moonee Ponds Creek and Tullamarine Freeway
Cost: \$\$\$
Timeframe: Long
- 7** Enhancing Moonee Ponds Creek through the Arden and Macaulay urban renewal programs
Cost: \$\$\$
Timeframe: Long
- 8** Connecting people to our creek: Kensington Levee Banks
Cost: \$
Timeframe: Short/Medium
- 9** Activating spaces shadowed by freeways - Moonee Ponds
Cost: \$
Timeframe: Medium

\$ - relatively low cost \$\$ - medium costs \$\$\$ - high costs



What's next?

The Chain of Ponds collaboration group is committed to find lasting solutions for the catchment.

If you have major projects in the catchment, you should share these early to maximise opportunities to work together and achieve buy-in.

If you wish to collaborate with us more formally, to deliver on our coordination and advocacy agenda, please join us in the collaboration group.

Whether or not you are a formal partner, we need increased investment from other organisations to transform the catchment. If you are interested in one of the ideas shown on the opportunities map, or want to learn more about all potential ideas for the catchment, please get in touch.

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