

Reimagining Your Moonee Ponds Creek

March 2023

We're working to transform a section of your much-loved creek in Strathmore and Oak Park into a more naturalised waterway.

Melbourne Water is leading the delivery of the project, on behalf of the Chain of Ponds Collaboration Group and in partnership with Merri-bek City Council, Moonee Valley City Council, Greater Western Water, Department of Energy, Environment & Climate Action (DEECA), and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation.

What we're doing

A 360 metre section of the concrete-lined Moonee Ponds Creek is being transformed into a more natural, enjoyable community space. We're doing this by removing the concrete panelling along both sides of the creek near the Margaret Street bridge, and planting trees and shrubs for shading and cooling. We'll also be creating new shared paths and a new bridge to improve active transport connections in the area.

The re-naturalisation works will result in:

- A more appealing creek-side environment where people can interact with nature in a cooler, healthier environment
- Improved water quality and waterway health by slowing water flows
- Activation of open space for community use and recreation
- Improved biodiversity and habitat for native species.

A 'smashing' start

In late January, we celebrated the removal of the first concrete panel with local community members and our project partners. It was an exciting and memorable milestone!

The concrete panels are being replaced by rockwork to provide a more 'natural' feel to the waterway. So far, we've completed more than 250 metres of rockwork along the northern side of the creek.



Celebration of first concrete panel removed



Rockwork lining in progress

What's next?

After the northern side is complete, we'll commence rockwork lining on the southern side. This will be followed by the installation of rockwork on the concrete base of the channel to create a meandering creek with low flows.

The Brosnan Crescent shared path works (Moonee Valley Council side) have been put on hold to prioritise channel works while weather conditions are favourable. We're expecting to commence construction for the shared path in May 2023.

Timing of project activities

What	When
Stage 1: Moonee Valley Council shared paths	May 2023
Stage 2: Channel rockwork	January 2023 to June 2023
Stage 3: Revegetation of creek channel banks	May 2023 to September 2023
Stage 4: Construction of new bridge	September 2023 (during school holidays)
Stage 5: Construction of Merri-bek shared path	October 2023
Stage 6: Construction of pond, channel bank terracing, and new stairs	August 2023 to January 2024

What to expect

- **Moonee Ponds Creek Trail detours** – For the safety of everyone, some shared paths will be closed during the works. Pedestrians and cyclists will be temporarily detoured along Mascoma and Odin Streets when we complete the rockwork on the southern side of the creek channel. ***Please visit the project web page for a map of the detour routes.***
- **Construction vehicle traffic** – There will be an increase in large vehicle movements in the local area as materials and equipment are delivered for the works. Construction access is via Main Street for the channel works and concrete trucks will be visible on Brosnan Crescent for the shared path works.
- **Changes to parking** – To enable heavy vehicles to access the works area, there will be temporary changes to parking, including the removal of parking along the north side of Main Street between 7am – 4pm on weekdays. Parking will remain available on the south side of Main Street.

Traffic management will be in place to ensure access to local streets and properties is maintained at all times throughout the project.

Keep up to date with what's happening

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