

Community information

Little Yarra River waterway improvement works and trail investigations

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Melbourne water is committed to enhancing life and liveability in your area. To enhance our waterway and improve the riparian vegetation, habitat and amenity, we are planning works to manage weeds and vegetation along a stretch of the Little Yarra River around the Yarra Junction area.

During planning for the project, it was recognised that Melbourne Water, Yarra Range Council and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) all had separate plans for the area and needed to work collaboratively to identify opportunities to achieve shared goals and reach good outcomes for the local environment and community.

Proposed works

A range of activities will be undertaken as part of the longer term project including the removal of environmental weed species .

Previous botanical surveys of the area have found 46 weed species present, 30 of which are considered high or very high risk under state and federal legislation.

Weeds to be removed as a part of this project include climbing and scrambling weeds such as blackberry, honeysuckle and ivy, as well as a range of woody weed species such as willows, holly, elms and sycamore maples.

Other project activities include pest animal control, harbour removal and warren fumigation, land survey to re-establish boundaries and assist in flood mapping.

There will also be minor revegetation to stabilise river banks and provide habitat for native animals with gates installed at key points to improve access. if required.

Impact of works

Other than minor disruption to those landowners with electric fences or livestock, generally interruptions to adjacent landowners will be minimal.

If you have any concern in relation to possible impacts that may occur at your property from these works then please contact us at your earliest convenience on the numbers provided below. We thank you for your patience.

Project opportunity

Community feedback received during consultation on Melbourne Water's Healthy Waterways Strategy, Yarra Ranges' Paths and Trails Strategy and the draft Yellingbo Conservation Area

plan, told us that local people would like more recreational trails in the area and we will now work together to identify suitable locations and options.

We are investigating a range of options across the landscape for places to potentially install shared use trails, importantly we are looking to create linkages between population centres, community facilities and existing trails to maximise use.

We are hoping to utilise both public and Melbourne Water owned land to reduce cost and impact on adjacent landowners.

The project is very much in its infancy and we are keen to engage with the local community as early as possible. We want to hear from local landholders about the trail concepts so that we can further develop options.

Investigation works are taking place at present to assess the feasibility of different options. Once we receive some feedback and more information on the trail concepts, we will be better placed to share drawings and discuss options in more detail.

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