

Community update

Upper Stony Creek wetland creation complete

October 2020

Melbourne Water is committed to enhancing life and liveability and creating vibrant green spaces for our community. To transform a once bleak area along Upper Stony Creek in Sunshine North, we are currently working to create a new open space with a wetlands area, improved environmental values and increased connections.

The works, a partnership between Melbourne Water, Brimbank City Council, City West Water, Greenfleet, Development Victoria and DELWP with Federal Government funding was initially scoped to include the removal of the concrete channel to naturalise the creek. However, due to the large amount of asbestos contamination and the costs of cleaning the site, we have been unable to remove the concrete channel.

The plan was revised to enhance the site with a wetlands area and native plantings along the channel, creating a natural space with improved environmental values. It will also include increased connections through a network of paths and tracks around the site encouraging the use of the space for passive recreation and relaxation.

The civil component of the wetlands is now complete. The area will be opened to the public later this year, once the planting is completed.



Before and after – Nov 2017 to Sept 2020

What's happening now?

We are finalising the northern channel which will include remediation of the channel and revegetation with trees and shrubs indigenous to the area.

The wetland area has been planted out with netting installed to ensure that the vegetation establishes.



Bird netting around wetland to protect new plants

The works on the northern channel are expected to be complete by October.

Work will also be shortly on the installation of a stormwater harvesting and reuse irrigation system for the Upper Stony Creek Project area. This scheme is being delivered as part of the Victorian Government's investment in securing vital sustainable water supplies and supporting the provision of high-quality public open space for the Sunshine community.

It is exciting to see the progress of the works with all Project Partners looking forward to the completion of works and the official opening of this new green space for the local Sunshine community to enjoy.

For further information on this project call 131 722 or visit <https://www.melbournewater.com.au/what-we-are-doing/works-and-projects-near-me/all-projects/upper-stony-creek-transformation>

COVID-19 - what we're doing to continue delivering your services

Water utilities like ours are well prepared to manage and respond to public health challenges like COVID-19, with well established and practised business continuity plans in place.

Our core services of Water, Sewerage, Waterways and Drainage management will continue to be delivered without interruption to ensure we deliver on our vision of Enhancing Life and Liveability.

We thank you for your patience and understanding during this time and will work hard to ensure any changes are minimal as we continue to deliver our services.