

## What to expect

We're committed to minimising our impact on the community, businesses and the environment as we deliver world-class water supply solutions. Specific information will be provided to affected residents throughout the project but as a guide please see below potential impacts that you may notice throughout construction.

**WORKING HOURS** - The majority of the works will be completed during standard construction hours of 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday, and Saturdays between 7am and 3pm when required. Any works occurring outside of these hours will be communicated as required.

**PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST** - The majority of our works will take place away from any shared paths, so access will be maintained to pedestrians and cyclists at all times. If shared paths do need to be closed for any reason, this will be communicated and we will ensure there are clear divisions in place.

**NOISE AND VIBRATION** - During construction, noise is expected from trucks and machinery. We will reduce these impacts as much as practicable.

**VEGETATION** - A small number of trees will need to be removed from the site. Logs from the removed trees will remain on site and be used for habitat purposes. As part of this project we will plant 1,700 new trees and plants for improved shade and cooling. Prior to any vegetation or tree removal, a qualified wildlife handler will complete an assessment. On the day of removal, a wildlife handler will complete a site walk through and if fauna is found, attempt to relocate without chasing or causing distress.

**SERVICES** - There will be no impacts or interruptions to your water or sewerage services while we undertake the works.

### PROJECT TIMELINE

- 
**JUNE 2022**  
Project announcement
- 
**NOVEMBER 2022**  
Construction contract awarded
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**DECEMBER 2022** - Detailed design and construction plan completed
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**JANUARY 2023**  
Stage 1 preliminary works
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**FEBRUARY 2023**  
Stage 1 works commence
- 
**LATE 2023/EARLY 2024**  
Stage 2 works commence
- 
**LATE 2025**  
Main works completed
- 
**2025-2027** - Minor works completed and ongoing maintenance

\*Timeline dates are subject to change



### KEEPING YOU INFORMED

We'll continue to maintain contact with directly affected community members throughout the project's design and delivery stages. We'll also keep the broader community updated on the project's progress.

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## Reimagining Blind Creek Introductory Bulletin January 2023



### What we are doing?

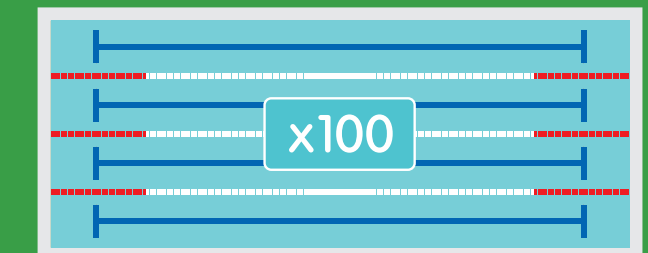
In Melbourne, rivers and creeks are essential to our way of life. That's why we are committed to enhancing life and liveability in your local area and reimagining Blind Creek. As well as improving water quality, this project will open the space up for the community to enjoy now and for generations to come.

Blind Creek is a concrete stormwater drain that helps alleviate flooding to surrounding properties. This project aims to naturalise 1.65km of the creek by converting the drainage channel into a natural waterway. Waterway naturalisation can provide a large number of benefits including water quality improvement, ecological restoration, flood mitigation, urban cooling and community recreation and amenity.

### What's happening at Blind Creek?

The Reimagining Blind Creek – Lewis Park project aims to create a desirable open space where people can interact with nature and each other. In addition to naturalising the creek, there will be three new wetlands, a range of paths, a boardwalk and other amenities for the community to enjoy.

The project also aims to boost water security for a growing population by harvesting around 100 Olympic sized swimming pools worth of stormwater that can be used to irrigate local sports ovals and community gardens.



Overall, the project will improve the quality of water flowing through to Dandenong Creek by removing large amounts of Nitrogen from the water.

Melbourne Water is leading the project in partnership with Knox City Council.



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Reimagining Your Creek



**WHAT DOES THE PROJECT INVOLVE?**

The project works include:

- Naturalisation of **1.65 kilometres** of Blind Creek
- 3 new Blind Creek wetlands**
- 2 stormwater harvesting ponds**
- 6.3 kilometres of new paths**
- 676,941 plants** installed in the area for improved biodiversity outcomes
- 1,700 new trees** for improved shade and cooling
- 65 metres** of boardwalk through the wetland system for improved access and amenity
- A number of new **community infrastructure assets** such as community viewing platforms, pedestrian bridges, stepping stones crossings, benches and tables

**PROJECT AREA**

MAP NOT TO SCALE

**Capturing your ideas**

In 2018, we worked with Knox Council to engage local users of Blind Creek and its open space to discuss our plans for the area and seek input into the proposed designs. We finalised the design concept based on local knowledge, community values and priorities. **We are now ready to begin construction in early 2023.**



**PROJECT CONSTRUCTION STAGES**

The project will be delivered in two stages. Stage 1 began preliminary works in mid-January which included weed spraying and cutting, site office set up and the installation of temporary fencing and signs. The site compounds are located at each of the Stage 1 project areas which include portable offices, toilets and storage for materials.

Vehicle access to the project site is via Parkhurst Drive, with traffic management and reduced speed signage in place.

Construction works for Stage 1 will begin the week commencing **Monday 30th January** and are expected to finish in July 2023.

STAGE 1 - FEB-JUL 2023		STAGE 2 - LATE 2023 & 2024	
1.1	Bridge construction	2.1	Bridge construction
1.1	Seating nodes	2.1	Informal creek crossings
1.1	New concrete/gravel paths	2.1	Revegetation installation
1.1	General landscaping	2.1	Seating nodes and viewing platforms
1.1	Revegetation installation	2.1	Stormwater pond for irrigation purposes
1.1	Wetland construction with connection to Blind Creek	2.2	Footpath renewal works
1.2	New gravel paths	2.2	Reinstate vegetation
1.3			