

Community information

Little Yarra River waterway improvement works and trail engagement

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Melbourne water is committed to enhancing life and liveability in your area. To enhance our waterways 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.

Melbourne Water is working closely with Yarra Ranges Council and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) on this project to identify opportunities to achieve shared goals and deliver 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.

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 larger woody weed species such as willows, holly, elms and sycamore maples.

Other project activities include pest animal control, warren removal and fumigation, land survey to re-establish boundaries and 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 impacts 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.

Trail 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.

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

Engagement on trail

The trail proposal has reached concept design stage and we are commencing engagement with the local community.

We want to hear from everyone!

If you are a local landholder, community member, business owner, trail user or visitor to Yarra Junction, we want to hear from you!

That way we can further develop options and prepare Detailed Designs based on your feedback

Visit our Your Say page to find out more and have your say!

You will be able to view the overall plans for the area as well as see the Concept design for the proposed section of trail.

Jump on and take the short survey or join us for a virtual Community Drop-in session where you can ask questions and provide feedback on the proposed trail.

<https://yoursay.melbournewater.com.au/little-yarra-trail>

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