

# Reimagining Your Moonee Ponds Creek

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**We're transforming part of your Moonee Ponds Creek into a more natural looking waterway and enjoyable community space.**

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, Department of Energy, Environment & Climate Action (DEECA), and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation.

## Project update – we're halfway!

We've reached the halfway mark in the project! Works are continuing well and are on track to be finished in early 2024.

The planting of more than 43,000 native trees and shrubs is steadily progressing, with almost half the riparian plants now in the ground.

So far, we've completed about 80 per cent of the rockwork along both creek banks. The remaining sections will be completed once all the new shared paths are constructed.

Construction of the new Brosnan Crescent concrete shared path (Moonee Valley Council side) is progressing well, with the section around Strathmore North Primary School completed during the winter school holidays. The remaining section is anticipated to be complete and opened in August.

A new gravel path will replace the existing asphalt path on top of the southern bank of the creek (Moonee Valley Council side). These works will be happening in September-October.

In-stream channel rockwork (on the bottom of the creek) is now in progress. It's a slow and meticulous process to place the rocks in such a way to make it look as 'natural' as possible, and we anticipate that we'll complete this activity in October-November.

In an exciting milestone for the project, the concrete weir – referred to by locals as 'The Great Divide', where the concreted section of creek meets the natural part – has been removed! This will soon be replaced with rocks to integrate with existing rockwork in the natural part of the creek.



Photo credit: Robert Eason

***'The Great Divide' has been removed – where the concreted section of the creek meets the natural part***



***New shared path near Strathmore North Primary School (above)***



***Naturalisation works in progress (top and bottom right)***

## What to expect

### Bypass pump in place during in-stream channel works

During the installation of in-stream channel rockwork (on the bottom of the creek), a bypass pump needs to be in place to divert water around the works zone. In order to complete these works as quickly and efficiently as possible, the pump will need to run continuously. This is because we will be working with wet cement, and we need to keep water away from the site so the cement can dry.

Some noise is expected from the generator which powers the pump. We are very mindful of its location in a residential area, and we have made every effort to install the most effective noise-reducing measures around the pump as we can. We'll also turn off the pump when site conditions allow, and when it's not needed for our activities. The pump will be located at the end of Ethel Street for 3-4 weeks (until mid-late August 2023). After this, it will be moved to another location near the Oak Park sports oval.

We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding while we carry out these works.

### Keep up to date with what's happening

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