

# Reimagining Your Moonee Ponds Creek

October 2024

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

We are pleased to let you know that the new pedestrian bridge at Odin Street and Margaret Street is open! This marks a significant milestone in our project, and we're excited to move into the final stage of works as we look towards completing major works by the end of the year.



Photo 1 - A photo of the construction site with a crane lifting the bridge into place.

## Upcoming works

The below works are scheduled to happen over the next few months:

- shared path safety fencing and line markings
- major works to finish the pond and terracing space
- construction of the boardwalk and informal shared path on the northern side of the creek
- plantings around the bridge and other landscaping around the creek
- reinstatement and restoration of areas affected by our works.

## Access around our works zones

The shared user path on the northern side of the creek between Margaret Street and Main Street will be closed **from 30 October until mid to late December 2024** while we install a boardwalk in this area. Path detours will be in place via Margaret Street and Main Street. For your safety, please follow the detour signs. A detour map is provided overleaf.

## Cultural Immersive Trail

Works continue with Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation and the Chain of Ponds Collaboration to create an experiential trail along the creek.

The trail will acknowledge and pay respect to the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the Moonee Ponds Creek and share stories of their cultural and spiritual connection to Country. Design is well underway with Kelp Creative and construction is expected to be completed by January 2024. The trail is supported by the Department of Energy, Environment & Climate Action (DEECA) through the Port Phillip Bay Fund.

## Stage 2 funding announcement

In other exciting news, we're thrilled to announce a second stage of the creek's naturalisation! With \$16.4M in state and federal funding, we will build on our Stage 1 works and transform another concrete section from Oak Park and Strathmore through to Lebanon Reserve into a thriving natural waterway.

These works are made possible by an \$11.4 million contribution from Melbourne Water through the Reimagining Your Creek Program, and \$5 million awarded to the Chain of Ponds from the Australian Government's Urban Rivers and Catchments Program.

The State Minister for Water, The Honourable Harriet Shing and Federal Minister for the NDIS and Member for Maribyrnong The Honourable Bill Shorten made the announcement at a ministerial event at Moonee Ponds Creek on 24 September. Delivery for this second stage is planned for 2026-28.



Photo 2 - Stage 2 announcement event L-R: Anthony Cianfone MP, Member for Pascoe Vale; Peter Khalil MP, Federal Member for Wills; Hon. Harriet Shing MLC, Minister for Water; Kathleen Matthews-Ward MP, Member for Broadmeadows; Hon. Bill Shorten MP, Federal Member for Maribyrnong; Dr Nerina Di Lorenzo, Managing Director Melbourne Water

## Detour Map



### Keep up to date

We appreciate your patience and cooperation while we complete these exciting works. To keep up to date on this project, please scan the QR code and subscribe to the e-newsletter.



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

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