

Reimagining Your Moonee Ponds Creek

December 2024

We've got some exciting news..... Works to transform Moonee Ponds Creek are almost complete!

We're pleased to announce that the Strathmore side of the creek is now open and ready for you to enjoy! We've already noticed ducks, cormorants and other wildlife enjoying the space and making their home here, which is wonderful to see.

In this newly transformed space, we upgraded the Moonee Ponds Creek Trail which was widened and replaced with concrete, and relocated away from the waterway. We created a gravel path next to the creek for people who like to wander at a slower pace and enjoy the sights and sounds of the flowing creek.

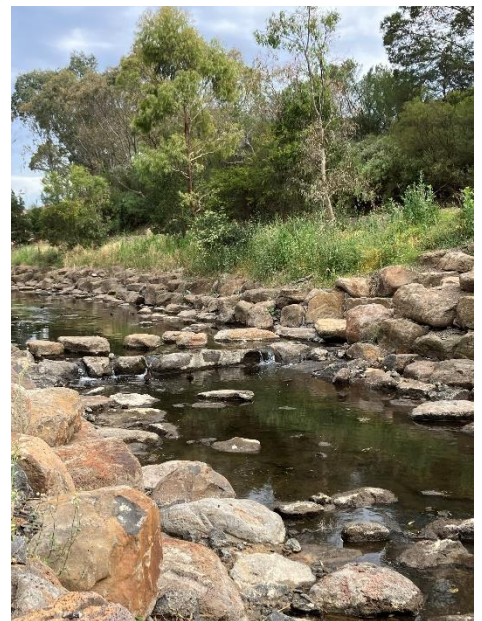
We planted thousands of grasses, sedges, trees and shrubs, which are establishing well. We'll be back in Autumn 2025 to do some more revegetation to fill in the gaps.

We invite you to explore the stepping stone crossing to hop over to the other side of the creek and perhaps spot some insects, water bugs, ducks and other birds along the way. Or you can use the new, wider bridge to venture to the other side.

Caring for the environment

Keeping the area clean is important for protecting the delicate ecosystems and making it enjoyable for everyone. Please be sure to keep to the designated paths and stepping stones. These paths allow you to explore safely without disturbing the plants and animals.

Please remember to pick up after your dog and dispose of waste responsibly. And to help look after our local wildlife, please keep your dog on a leash while enjoying the new space.



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What's next?

Our major works on the Oak Park side are almost finished. The works to create stepped terracing on the banks have been the most complex part of the project to deliver, and have taken a lot longer than we anticipated. The good news is that these works are almost finished and we're opening up some areas on this side of the creek over the holiday period. Temporary fencing next to the new shared path and boardwalk will remain in place until permanent fences are installed in January-February 2025.

From mid-January 2025, we'll be starting to pack up the site sheds and heavy machinery, and restoring areas affected by our works. There are some other minor activities we need to complete between January and March 2025, such as the installation of public safety fencing in the ponding and terracing area, line markings on shared paths, landscaping, and reinstatement of fencing around the oval.



Major works on the pond and terracing area

We'll be back again in April-May 2025 to complete the planting when weather and ground conditions are more favourable. Plantings in the terracing space and boardwalk area will help to blend the rockwork and infrastructure in with the natural surroundings.

Cultural Immersive Trail

Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation continue to work with the Chain of Ponds Collaboration and design consultants, Kelp Creative, to create an experiential trail along both banks of the creek. The trail will highlight the cultural and natural values of the waterway, and celebrate Moonee Ponds Creek as a place owned, lived in and celebrated by Wurundjeri people.

Using a mixture of signage, art and digital media, the project invites the community and trail users to learn from Elders and knowledge holders about aspects of Wurundjeri culture and history, and encourages people to become better connected and care for Country. Installation of cultural elements is expected to start in early 2025.

Thank you

The Reimagining Moonee Ponds Creek Project Team would like to thank our community for your patience, understanding and cooperation through the impacts of construction, and we wish everyone a safe and happy festive season.

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