

Reimagining Your Creek Project Tarralla Creek, Croydon Community Update - July 2018



Reimagining Tarralla Creek

The *Reimagining Your Creek* project aims to create desirable open spaces where people can interact with nature. One of the existing creeks to be naturalised is Tarralla Creek, Croydon.

This project will be implemented by Melbourne Water in collaboration with Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), Maroondah City Council, Yarra Valley Water, representatives from community groups and residents.

What's involved

Melbourne Water plans to upgrade almost two kilometres of the existing Tarralla Creek, from Dorset Road to Eastfield Road, Croydon. See back page or check Melway 50 J6.

This section of the creek conveys water from the wider catchment via an underground pipe and above-ground high-flow earthen channel.



Tarralla Creek, Croydon

Water from Tarralla Creek flows into Dandenong Creek near HE Parker Reserve, Heathmont. Dandenong Creek meanders through a number of suburbs into the Patterson River and to Port Phillip Bay.

By adopting contemporary urban design and landscaping ideas and incorporating suggestions from residents, this open space can be reimagined to meet the needs and aspirations of the local community.

Through this project we can improve the health of the waterway and surrounding natural environment to create an accessible open space that has improved visual amenity, enables better community connections and is a fun place to visit.

Participate and have your say

To capture your ideas and suggestions for the planned redesign, you can:

- Complete our online survey and tell us your priorities
- Attend our community information sessions
- Join our Community Advisory Group.

We are looking to you and others who live near the creek or who work, study, commute and play there to provide local knowledge and ideas for the redesign.

Once developed, the initial plans and designs will be shared with the broader community to ensure you have opportunities to provide feedback.

By working together we can reimagine this section of Tarralla Creek.

Working together to get the solution right

Melbourne Water plans to work with its project partners and representatives from the community to reimagine this section of Tarralla Creek, Croydon.

Using community ideas and suggestions, an initial design will be developed and shared with the community so that feedback from residents and users of the existing open space can be captured and incorporated into the design that is prepared for construction.

By adopting this co-design approach, we can be confident that the project delivers improved:

- Environmental health of the waterway and its surrounds
- Amenity, connectivity and liveability based on local knowledge, community preferences and aspirations
- Flood mitigation and public safety during wet weather events as well as the quality of water flowing into local waterways.

By working together we can design and construct a reimaged open space that meets community expectations and achieves our requirement for a safe and healthy waterway.

Over the next four months we will implement a number of face to face and online activities for you to share your ideas, priorities and aspirations.

Follow our project page to be kept informed of opportunities to contribute: www.yoursay.melbournewater.com.au/reimagining-your-creek

Together we can improve the health of the waterway and make the creek a place that looks, sounds and feels like a waterway.

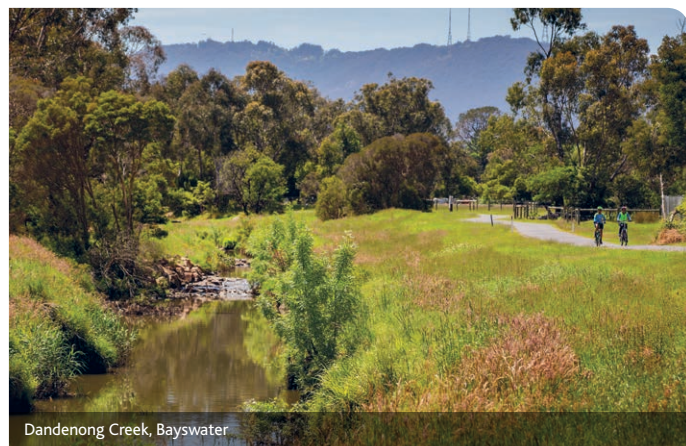
Potential ideas and options to consider

While we need to ensure any changes to the waterway don't impact our flood mitigation measures, the proposed redesign of this section of Tarralla Creek could include urban design and landscape ideas and suggestions that:

- Create landmarks within the landscape
- Provide improved paths for walking and cycling that connect people to existing facilities
- Encourage people to visit Tarralla Creek and enjoy the waterway and natural environment that provides habitat for birds, frogs and other animals
- Allow people to cross, interact and engage with, the waterway and wet habitat areas.

The photos below show recent examples of how a creek can be reimaged, redesigned and reconstructed.

One of these is the Enhancing our Dandenong Creek project. For more information visit www.yoursay.melbournewater.com.au/enhancing-our-dandenong-creek





KEY PROJECT DATES



What's next - proposed activities and timeframes

We will begin to share information about this project in August 2018 and expect the consultation process will take approximately four months. We will share the initial and detailed designs with you so that you can see how we have included your priorities and feedback into the design.

We expect construction to start in October 2019 and to be completed by July 2020.

Stakeholder and community consultation and communication

June/July 2018 - Identify stakeholders/ community representatives, build partnerships and establish advisory group



August 2018 - Launch YourSay webpage and hold information sessions to capture ideas and priorities



September 2018 - Develop initial design, share with community and stakeholders to capture feedback



October 2018
Designs shared with community and stakeholders



November 2018
Finalise designs for construction. Assess costs, funding and staging of works



October 2019
Start construction



July 2020
Complete construction



*These proposed dates and timeframes are subject to change.

Opportunities to participate

By capturing your ideas and feedback online and at information sessions, we can:

- Better understand how residents and the community connects with Tarralla Creek
- Identify what aspects of the creek are most important to you
- Redesign this section of Tarralla Creek, based on your priorities and expectations for improving amenity and use.

To ensure we get your ideas and feedback into the initial design, we will implement a number of activities and attend community events.

To stay informed about these activities, dates and locations, follow our project page www.yoursay.melbournewater.com.au/reimagining-your-creek

HOW TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST



If you are interested in participating in the Community Advisory Group:

- Complete the Application Form online
- Phone the project team on 1800 290 769
- Email ReimaginingYourCreek@melbournewater.com.au



In addition to holding facilitated workshops, we will share information at local community events

Map of Tarralla Creek showing the section to be reimagined



More information

For more information about this project or our activities:
phone 1800 290 769
email ReimaginingYourCreek@melbournewater.com.au
or visit www.yoursay.melbournewater.com.au



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