

Reimagining Your Creek Tarralla Creek, Croydon Community bulletin



Reimagining Tarralla Creek aims to transform a two kilometre section of Tarralla Creek (from Dorset Road to Eastfield Road) into a fun and friendly open space and waterway. We are enhancing the area by adopting contemporary urban design and landscaping ideas with extensive native plant revegetation. We have submitted plans to Maroondah City Council for approval to remove some existing vegetation along the project area to facilitate these works to commence this summer.

The works

The works respond to what we heard from the community. To create a green space to recreate, relax and enjoy nature whilst improving access and connectivity. To achieve this we will be constructing education interpretations, contemplative spaces, a new pedestrian bridge, a number of informal creek crossings, gathering spaces, community furniture, walking circuits and a bird hide.

For the entire reach, over 180,000 native plants sourced from local nurseries will be planted, including 500 trees to establish 40% canopy cover along the alignment.

Proposed tree removal

The works have been designed to limit impact on existing vegetation as far as practicable. In planning for the works, we engaged an arborist to undertake an assessment of the trees along Tarralla Creek that may be impacted by construction.

203 trees were identified along the 2km waterway corridor and adjacent to the wetland. Of these trees, 36 have identified for removal, 85 to be habitat pruned and retained on site and 82 will be saved and incorporated into the works.

Nearly half of the trees assessed were given arboricultural ratings of low or very low, primarily being early-mature to maturing eucalypts with poor structure from past failures and decay, as expected in a natural setting.

The largest area of tree loss will be on the southern side of the wetland near the footbridge to allow for construction of a new bridge crossing and wetland expansion.

Impact on fauna

We understand the impact tree removal has on wildlife and are committed to carrying out inspections to understand the level of impact and what controls need to put in place to minimise distress on wildlife in the tree removal area.

An ecologist will be on-site during the tree removal works to check each tree prior to removal.

Your opportunity to comment

The map overleaf identifies the locations of the trees that are proposed for removal and for those that will be retained.

We have made every effort to minimise the number of trees that are removed as part of this project whilst delivering on the project vision. We will continue to look at ways to reduce the number of trees impacted by the project.

Maroondah City Council are currently advertising a planning permit for native vegetation removal associated with the Reimagining Tarralla Creek project.

Please let us know if there are any specific concerns regarding the proposed tree removal via the project specific email ReimaginingYourCreek@melbournewater.com.au or via phone on 1800 290 769

Next Steps

We plan on commencing construction this summer for Stage 1, from Norton Road to Vinter Avenue, pending planning permit approvals and funding confirmation. The construction of future sections will be staged over the coming years to align with funding.

Proposed tree removal location



If you would like more information on this project, please visit <https://yoursay.melbournewater.com.au/reimagining-tarralla-creek> to check out the designs and plans for the area.

More information

For more information about this project or our activities:
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Map showing all proposed stages

