

Mordialloc Creek Wetland at Aspendale Gardens

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In 2009, Melbourne Water plans to create the Mordialloc Creek Wetland between Waterways and the Wells Rd bridge at Aspendale Gardens.

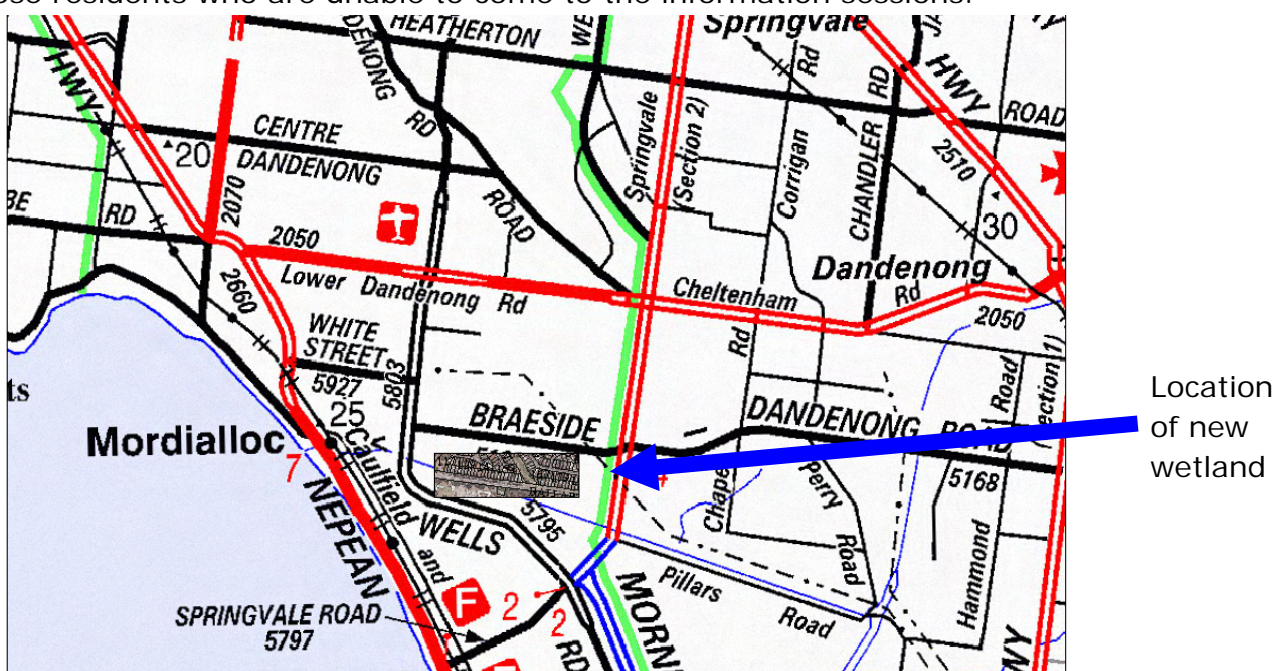
We will make the creek wider, create a large new wetland and put in lots of new native plants. This will improve flood management and the creek will have cleaner water and look more attractive.

Please come to one of our Community Information Sessions to discuss the plans.

<u>What</u>	Community Information Sessions
<u>Where</u>	Aspendale Gardens Community Centre, 103 Kearney Drive
<u>When</u>	Thursday, November 27 between 2-4pm or 6.30-8pm

Please call Nicky Kindler on 9235 2286 to RSVP.

This community bulletin provides an outline of the works being conducted for those residents who are unable to come to the information sessions.



What will be done?

The work will involve:

- removing the levee bank on the Braeside side of the creek
- removing soil and silt from the flood plain and placing this on land on the Braeside side of the creek
- planting the wetland and the areas around it.

This will create a new wetland within a creek corridor from Wells Road to Waterways. Because of the way water will drain into the wetland it will provide a freshwater wetland.

When will the work be done?

The earth works are planned to start in January 2009 and are expected to take six months to complete. The planting will be done during Spring 2009.

Walking path on the Aspendale Gardens side to stay

The path along the Aspendale Gardens side of the creek will not be affected because the levee bank there won't be changed. During the earth works the path may be fenced off from the work area when necessary for safety reasons.

How will the work be funded?

The work will cost about \$7 million, funded by Melbourne Water and developer contributions from future industrial development in Braeside.

Who will do the work?

Melbourne Water is managing the project. The work will be done by a construction company supervised by Watsons Engineering Consultants.

Why are we doing the work?

The land on the north side of the creek in Braeside between the creek and Canterbury St is subject to flooding. Once the works are finished, the creek will be able to carry more water after heavy rain reducing the risk of flooding and allowing this land to be developed.

Nitrogen in stormwater run-off causes damage in marine waters such as Port Phillip Bay. We're helping to reduce the amount of nitrogen getting into the bay. The new Mordialloc Creek Wetland will stop about 1.7 tonnes of nitrogen every year from getting into the bay. We've built 46 wetlands across Melbourne since 2002 and the new Mordialloc Creek Wetland will be one of the largest.

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