

Community Bulletin

Reimagining Your Moonee Ponds Creek – Stage One

August 2022

The Reimagining Moonee Ponds Creek project aims to create a more appealing creekside environment, restore waterway health and activate open space and recreational opportunities along a section of the creek in Strathmore and Oak Park in Melbourne.

Melbourne Water is leading the project, on behalf of the Chain of Ponds Collaboration Group and in partnership with Moreland City Council, Moonee Valley City Council, Greater Western Water and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

What we are doing in Stage One?

We are upgrading a section of the existing footpath along Brosnan Crescent side of the Moonee Ponds Creek to build dedicated lanes for pedestrians and cyclists. This will create two separated paths and will significantly enhance pedestrian and cyclist safety by minimising collision risks.

To facilitate the installation of additional concrete paths, there will be some impacts to native and non-native vegetation.

The project team have worked diligently to minimise the impact on existing vegetation wherever possible. Arborists have reviewed the health and significance of all the trees along the proposed paths, and changes have been made to preserve high-quality vegetation via amended routes and other treatments including the elevation of a section of path to protect surface roots. The project will remove 39 trees, of which 12 are non-indigenous. Of the 39 trees, 14 of them will be removed from along Brosnan Crescent to allow the construction of a shared path and 20 will be removed at the location of the new pond. Between Brosnan Crescent and the waterway 114 trees will be kept. The project will plant a total of 43,000 native plants within the project area and at another suitable location to offset the vegetation removals of the project.

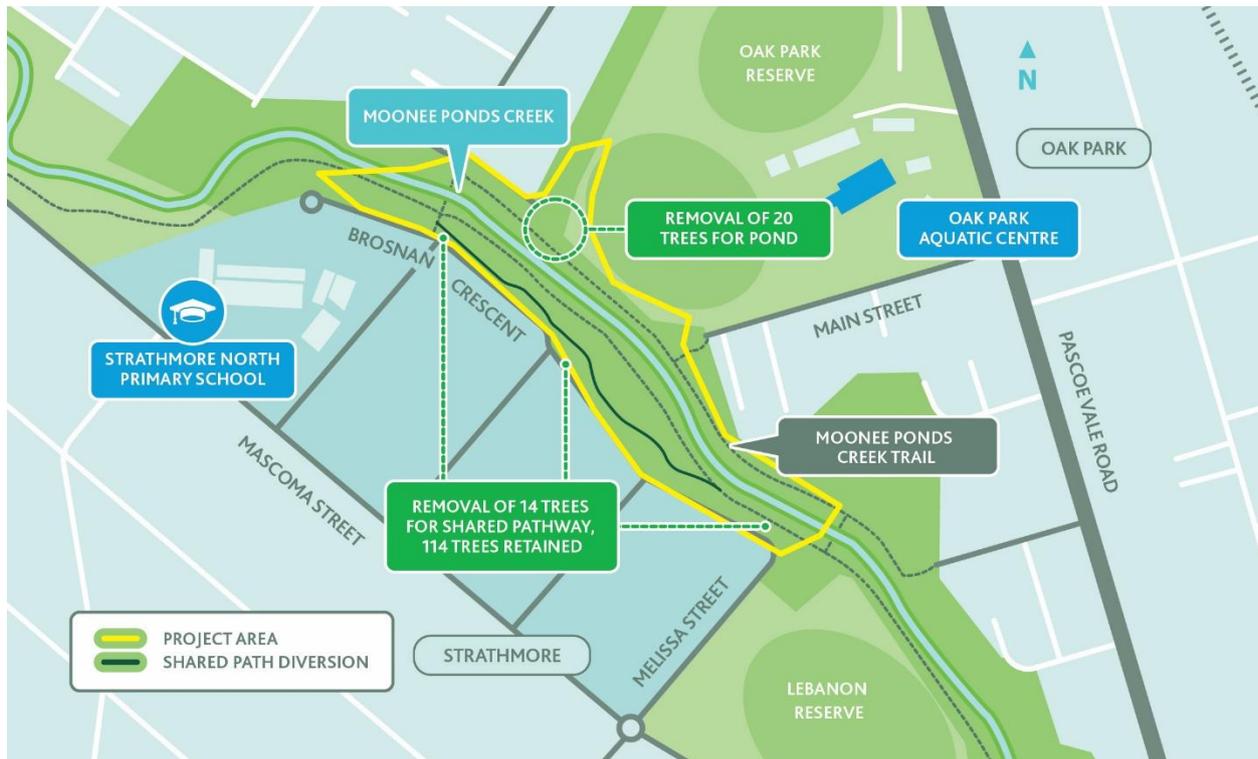
When are the works happening?

Works for this stage will begin the week commencing **Monday 22 August** and are expected to finish in November 2022.

What to expect

- For the safety of everyone, the pathway will be closed during the works.
- Pedestrians and cyclists will be temporarily detoured along Mascoma and Odin Streets.
- A small site compound will be established at the corner of Brosnan Crescent and Odin Street inside the Moonee Ponds Creek boundaries and at Main Street, next to the Oak Park Reserve.
- To enable heavy vehicles to access the works area, there will be temporary parking changes including the removal of parking along the north side of Brosnan Crescent and Main Street at times. Parking will remain available on the south side of the road.
- Access to all local streets and their properties will be maintained and managed via traffic management as required.
- There will be an increase in large vehicle traffic in the surrounding areas as vehicles deliver plant and equipment and assist with the works.

- There will be short-term increase in noise and dust. We will use a range of measures to reduce these impacts including sound mats, gawk screens and dust compression mats. We will monitor noise and dust levels throughout works to ensure they don't exceed Environmental Performance Agency thresholds.



When are we working?

Works will be undertaken between:

- 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday
- 7am to 1pm Saturdays

On occasions we may need to undertake works out of hours. We will notify you in advance if these works are required. The timings of these works are weather dependant.

What's next?

We will continue to keep the community updated on progress and upcoming works for further stages of the Reimagining Moonee Ponds Creek project and thank you for your patience.

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