



# Ponderings

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Sulphur-crested Cockatoo (AL)



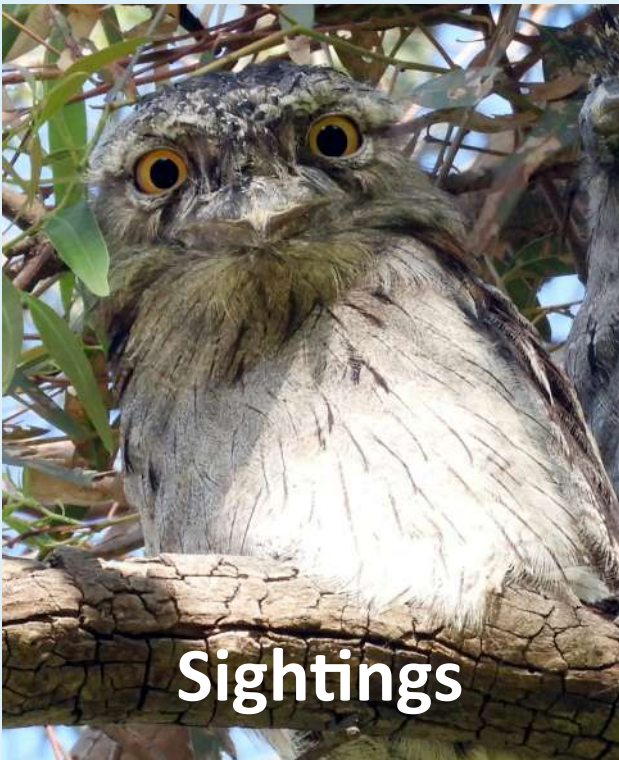
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo (DH)



Pobblebonk Frogs (DH)



Musk Lorikeet (AL)



## Sightings

Tawny Frogmouth (AL)



Rainbow Lorikeet (AL)



Australian Wood Duck (AL)



Galah (MA)



Australian White Ibis (MA)



# From the Editor...

Welcome to the (slightly) new look Ponderings! First of all I'd like to thank Anna, Nina and all of the other past editors and contributors, who've made the newsletter what it is today. I intend to maintain the look of it as much as I can, and keep all the old features with only a few minor changes of my own. (There might be a slight decline in graphic design quality, as I've also taken over that role formerly performed so admirably by Ray Hehr!).



A bit about myself - I've lived in Strathmore, about 50 metres from the creek, for all of my 59 years, spending many hours walking dogs at various places along the creek. It's only been the last few years I've discovered some of the more picturesque spots, such as Five Mile Creek Reserve, Essendon, the Boulevard in Pascoe Vale South, Nursery Corner Strathmore and Horseshoe Bend, Oak Park. For much of the rest of the time I've found myself looking at...Concrete!



I used to walk past the concrete sections each day I'd attend Strathmore High School, and on weekends would ride my bike up and down the concrete banks of the creek. I still walk the concrete section near Esslemont Reserve occasionally, to get closer to the creek. I think it's fair to say our attitude towards the concrete has changed a great deal over the 50 years of its existence! When I was a kid, there were fences trying to keep us out of the creek (and failing!), houses would turn their backs on it, and access was discouraged. Now, with the development of the MPC shared track, and with great

planting work done by groups such as the FoMPC and councils, many more people are accessing the creek, walking and riding along its banks, and seeing... concrete! And to a 21st century eye, it looks really ugly. Anyway, you can expect to be hearing more about concrete under my editorship - my dream is to have all of the concrete either removed, broken up, or otherwise covered or hidden before I die!

Having said my piece I must say there will still be all the usual features about council plans and events, plantings and bird sightings in Ponderings that there have always been. Please feel free to contribute photos, articles and reports of what is happening in your local area, and let me know what you think about what should be in Ponderings. Send material to [fompc.ponderings@gmail.com](mailto:fompc.ponderings@gmail.com).

David Widdowson

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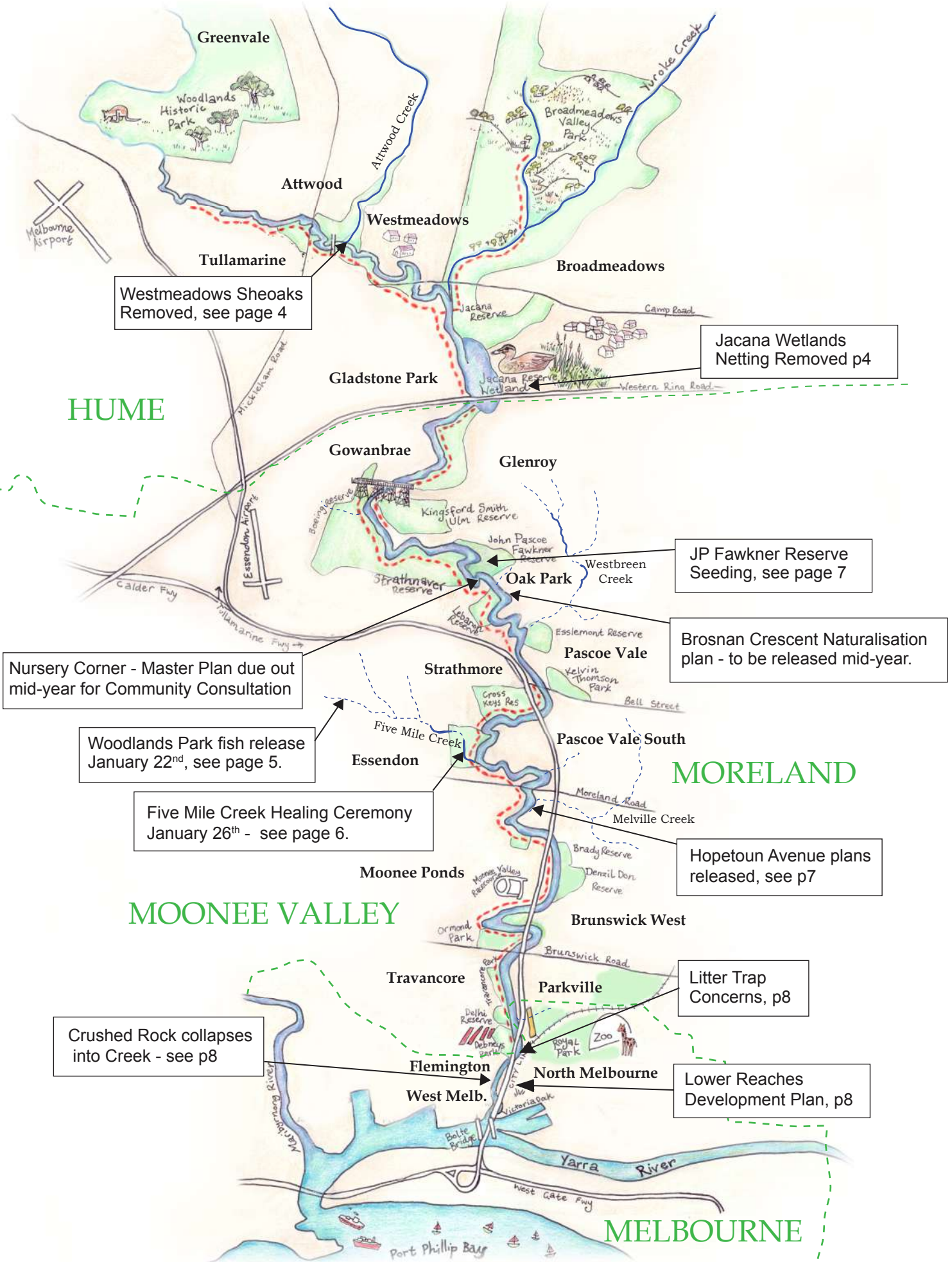
## Contributors

I'd like to give credit to all the people who have supplied material for Ponderings, but don't want to fill the newsletter with names, so I have used initials for all contributions and photos, namely:

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Views expressed are those of the authors and not necessarily those of the FoMPC.

# MPC Catchment Area - News in Brief



Westmeadows Sheoaks Removed, see page 4

Jacana Wetlands Netting Removed p4

JP Fawcner Reserve Seeding, see page 7

Brosnan Crescent Naturalisation plan - to be released mid-year.

Nursery Corner - Master Plan due out mid-year for Community Consultation

Woodlands Park fish release January 22<sup>nd</sup>, see page 5.

Five Mile Creek Healing Ceremony January 26<sup>th</sup> - see page 6.

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Green dashed lines indicate municipal boundaries, Blue dashed lines indicate former tributaries. Red dashed line is the MPC Shared Trail. Original Map courtesy of Rachel Earea.





### Westmeadows - Sheoak Removal

In late January, upstream of Mickleham Rd in Westmeadows, a stand of Swamp Sheoaks was removed from the bank beside the Koala Crescent footbridge. A Melbourne Water notice advised the work was being carried out over two days with a shared path closure and a detour in place. The non-indigenous Sheoaks are classified as woody weeds similar to Willows and their removal follows Melbourne Water guidelines. Creek reeds were flattened in the process so we'll see how they recover, they seem to bounce back after heavy rain. AL



### Jacana Wetlands

Dennis Hocking took a walk down to the Jacana Wetlands in December and - walking along the west side of the Moonee Ponds Creek, southern end - he heard the distinct wailing of a Yellow-tailed Cockatoo. Ten cockatoos flew into view with their slow, leisurely wing beat flight, and thankfully landed in the trees on the opposite side of the creek. This spectacular bird has also been sighted at Oak Park, Dunstan Reserve and Union St, Brunswick West over the summer months.

The netting at the northern end of the Jacana Wetlands was removed in early December 2019, exposing the now dense vegetation. What were mud flats, ideal for wading and the smaller foraging marine birds, are now lost to them. - DH



### Hume's Gardens for Wildlife – Garden Guide Training Day

**Saturday 14 March, 10am to 3pm**

Westmeadows Hall, 107-109 Raleigh Street (green building near Moonee Ponds Creek)

Catered lunch and refreshments will be provided

Hume City Council is seeking people to become volunteer Garden Guides for the new Gardens for Wildlife program, which aims to help residents, schools and businesses in Hume to create gardens that are more wildlife friendly. This typically involves planting native plants, or better yet, locally indigenous species to provide sources of food and shelter. There are also various habitat features that could be installed, from something as simple as a bird bath, to bee hotels, nest boxes, lizard lounges or frog bogs. The more people that have wildlife gardens will also enable animals to move more easily and safely through the landscape.

Garden Guides will be trained up to undertake garden visits, and provide appropriate advice and resources. With climate change contributing to massive environmental destruction and the devastating loss of fauna, Gardens for Wildlife is promoting the many positive things we can all do to help local wildlife. And you get a beautiful garden for people to also enjoy.

Contact Council's Urban Biodiversity Officer, Melissa Doherty, on 9204 2466 or [melissado@hume.vic.gov.au](mailto:melissado@hume.vic.gov.au) if you would like to attend this training session, or to arrange a Garden Guide to visit your garden.



# Woodlands Park Essendon

### Woodlands Park ponds fish release celebration



Join the celebration as we welcome the newest residents of the ponds of Woodlands Park.  
To say thank you for your patience during these works we cordially invite you to come and celebrate the reintroduction of wildlife to the ponds, starting with the release of baby fish and yabbies!



**Woodlands Park Essendon, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** Celebrating the new wetlands, the Park hosted a crowd of hundreds of people to see the release of baby fish and yabbies into the partially restored pondage/lake area. Silver and Golden Perch were chosen, even though they are not indigenous, as they will eat Carp eggs and also mosquito fish (another common pest fish) that may reemerge as the wetland fills. The crowd enjoyed the countdown to release, having access to the ponds again, and the free ice cream! It was a celebration of the reopening of the park after restoration works to create a filter bed and wetlands area. Reed planting was demonstrated and improvements to the park will continue over the next months. - AL & MA







**Five Mile Creek Reserve, January 26** - A beautiful summer evening under the eucalypts for our Bunjil's Marroun Healing Ceremony and an Acknowledgement of History at Five Mile Creek hosted by Moonee Valley City Council. We listened to the wise words of Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Elder Aunty Diane Kerr then were treated to a wonderful performance by Uncle Kutcha Edwards and his band. - AL



Aunty Diane Kerr



Cr Jim Cusack, Cr Nicole Marshall, Danny Pearson MP, Cr Narelle Sharpe, Aunty Diane Kerr, Cr Samantha Byrne, Bill Shorten MP.



Uncle Kutcha Edwards





MA

## Moreland Nature Plan

Moreland has a remarkable diversity of indigenous flora and fauna as well as sites with remnant vegetation, especially along our creeks and waterways. These sites provide critical habitat for many species including reptiles, native birds and possums. They are also sites that are historically and culturally significant to Moreland, contributing to the character of our landscape and our sense of place. It's important that our natural environments are protected, so in 2019-20 Council allocated funding to prepare a Nature Plan to guide natural resource management in Moreland over the next decade and beyond.

In late 2019, Council asked the community (through its online communication platform – **Conversations Moreland** and interviews with key stakeholders) what they felt is important, and below is some of the feedback we received:

- \* Protect existing vegetation (especially trees and remnant vegetation) and plant more large canopy trees.
- \* Continue revegetation programs with indigenous plants, particularly along waterways, and improve maintenance.
- \* Strong interest in support for naturestrip planting.
- \* Plant more wildlife and insect attracting plants – dense, diverse understorey planting.
- \* Retain water in the landscape – wetlands, creek naturalisation and other Water-sensitive urban design.
- \* Cat management.
- \* Interest in fruit trees and other edibles in open space.
- \* Work with Traditional landowners.
- \* Connect people to nature.

A draft Plan will be available for community consultation in April/May and the project can be followed on <https://conversations.moreland.vic.gov.au/nature-plan>

We value your feedback! - LA

## J.P. Fawcner Native Grasses seeded



VA

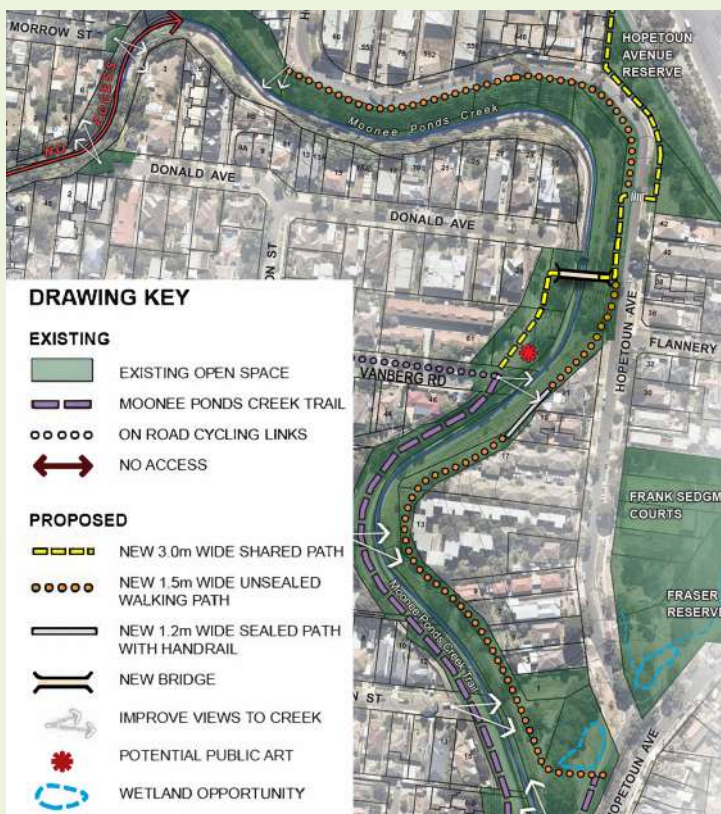
In October last year an area of JP Fawcner Reserve was direct seeded with Native Grasses, following on from several years of weed control. The seeding was done with a specially built seeding machine and tractor which does a lot of work in Victoria's western districts. Prior to the direct seeding works, the site contained large areas of exotic grasses with a few pockets of native grasses. Following the warm weather and summer rain there are the first signs of germination of the sown grasses. - VA



## Vanberg Road/ Hopetoun Avenue

In 2019, a plan for improving access to this section of the creek was developed as part of the *Chain of Ponds Collaboration*. A key recommendation of the plan was the potential for a foot bridge connecting Vanberg Road, Essendon and Hopetoun Avenue, Brunswick West. The bridge element of the project was identified as a critical component, requiring a significant contribution from the project partners. Without collaboration, this project would be unlikely to be built by a single organisation. Moreland and Moonee Valley Councils have both shown great commitment to the project, agreeing to provide additional funding to the initial \$400,000 provided by the Victorian Government (through the *Boosting Recreational Use of Waterways Initiative*). The Bridge will move cyclists across the creek and more directly north towards Moreland Road on the Brunswick side. Functional bridge design works have been completed and a tender process for final design and construction is underway.

The project also supports the creation of a new one and a half kilometre long walking circuit along the east side of the Creek, improvements to vegetation and the removal of a section of cyclone fencing along Hopetoun Avenue. The new walking path will wind along to avoid damage to existing vegetation. Work on these projects is anticipated to start mid-2020 and finish by the end of 2020. - LA



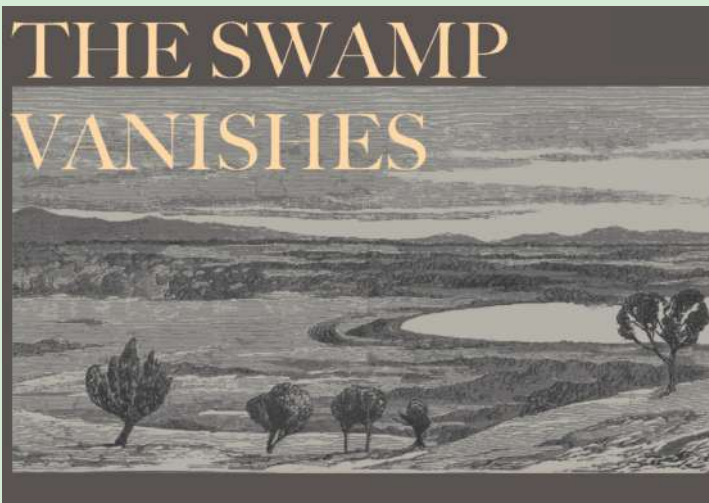




TS

### Crushed Rock collapses into Creek

Crushed rock set to be used on the West Gate Tunnel Project - between Dynon Rd and Footscray Rd - has tumbled into the creek after a bank on which it had been placed collapsed. A barrier has since been placed in the creek to prevent the rubble from travelling further. "It puts the waterway under huge threat," said FoMPC president Peter Scully, concerned that no one knew what other contaminants and chemicals could be mixed up in the rock. "It looks like crushed broken rock but there could be any other chemicals floating around in it, like fuel". The rubble in the Creek will be removed with a long reach excavator. Revegetation is not scheduled until after the new bridge structure is completed. KO & News.com.au



Before European settlement of Melbourne, a large wetland lay between the Moonee Ponds Creek and the Yarra River. It was variously known as the Blue Lagoon, Batman's Swamp and the West Melbourne Swamp. This exhibition illustrates the history of the area, from the blue lagoon that sustained aboriginal people for millennia to a polluted swamp, then reclamation for railways and industry. It traces how a significant wetland vanished from sight.

Free exhibition by the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, 239 A'Beckett St, Melbourne.

Monday to Friday 9am-5pm. Until July.



JW

### Litter Traps

John Widmer reports that the Litter Traps along the lower Moonee Ponds Creek (installed by Transurban but now managed by Melbourne Water) are poorly designed and maintained. FoMPC is asking for the Traps to be cleaned after obvious rain events rather than on a monthly cycle that disregards the amount of matter held. Also the litter in the traps is not 80% organic matter that has been reported, with much more rubbish seen. Over the next few years there will be an extra 15,000 people living in high rises being constructed close to the creek that will impact the area. - JW



### MPC Lower Reaches Development

City of Melbourne councillors last year voted to approve a plan to transform the Moonee Ponds Creek corridor by introducing a diverse mix of open public spaces to revitalise the creek.

The final Moonee Ponds Creek Strategic Opportunities Plan notes that "there is a pressing need to restore both the recreational as well as ecological potential of the creek." The plan focuses on three key reaches of the creek. To the north, from Brunswick Road to Racecourse Road, what is now a concrete stormwater drain will be remediated – becoming "a focal point for the local community and biodiversity."

To the south, from Dynon Road to the Yarra, what is now an inaccessible, infrastructure-dominated area will become a "significant source of public open space." And centrally, between Racecourse Road and Dynon Road, what is now an industrial area will become an area for mixed-use development. This development would involve the creation of a new public space between Macaulay train station and the creek, dubbed the "Macaulay Terraces."

Source: ArchitectureAU.



# Down the Drain - Lost Tributaries of the MPC

## Part 6: Mascoma Main Drain by DW

Just north of Mascoma Street/ Boeing Road in Strathmore Heights lies a small but quite steep-sided valley that hints at another lost tributary of the Moonee Ponds Creek, turned into an underground Main Drain, mainly in the 1960s.

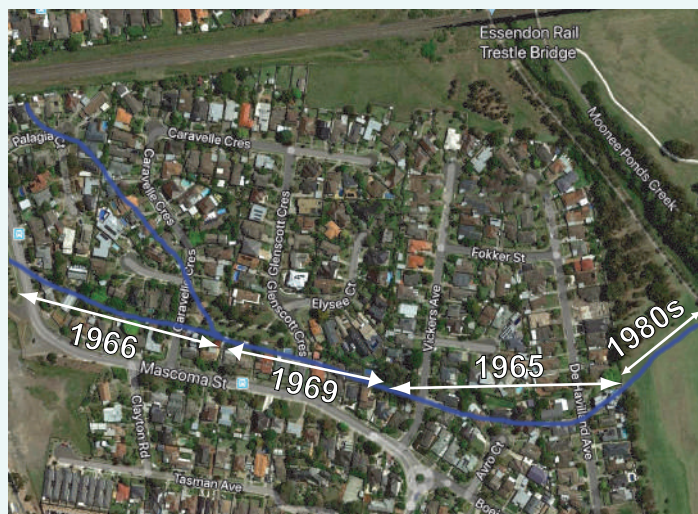


The Melbourne 1945 aerial view shows the minor creek, with a possible secondary branch, flowing from the railway line to the Moonee Ponds Creek. The Trestle Bridge, built in the 1920s through undeveloped farm land, can be seen at top right.

By the time the rapidly expanding suburbs reached Strathmore Heights in the early 1960s, the creek became an issue for the developers, so:

"Two sections of the Mascoma Street Drain were undergrounded...in 1965-66, at the time that residential subdivisions at Strathmore Heights were being developed. The City of Broadmeadows was emphatic that the drain should be undergrounded, feeling that an open drain would be a hazard to children, and would be aesthetically unacceptable. The underground drain was designed and constructed by the [Melbourne Metropolitan] Board of Works, but was financed by the subdivider" (MMBW 1981). Such an arrangement between the MMBW and developers was common at the time.

The MMBW 1981 book continues: "In mid-1969, the intervening section of drain between Vickers Avenue and Caravella Crescent was undergrounded for similar reasons at cost to the developer. In 1976, the Strathmore Progress Association requested the Board of Works underground the drain through the parkland between the rear of houses in De Havilland Avenue and Moonee Ponds Creek for aesthetic and safety reasons - the council was informed that they would be expected to contribute towards the cost of the undergrounding of the drain [as it was] council owned land." So the final section was completed through Boeing Reserve in the mid 1980s.



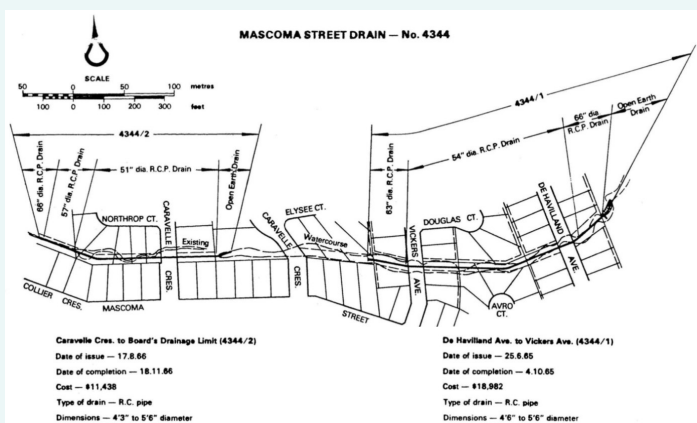
The current view (courtesy Google Earth) has had the path of the old creek superimposed, plus arrows indicating when each section was undergrounded.



This small park with playground between Caravella Crescent and Glenscott Crescent is the only remaining sign of this minor tributary, now reduced to Main Drain number 4344.

**Next time: Widford St/ Jacana**

See the FoMPC website for the complete text of the MMBW's 1981 Book on the Development of the MPC, plus a compilation of the entire **Down the Drain** series (under Tributaries).





# MPC History

## Reminiscing with Maurice



Travelling along the Moonee Ponds Creek Trail between the Trestle Bridge and Strathmore North Primary School, many people would not be aware of the very significant work done since the 1980s to stabilise the banks, and reduce what had been a serious erosion issue in many places. Here are a couple of before and after shots from the Nursery Corner Section, Strathmore, showing how one section was shored up in 2001; much has changed in the 18 years between images. Without this work some houses on the high side could well have been in big trouble! - MA



Erosion in Woodlands Park



## Five Mile Creek 1919



Anne Black discovered this great old Album of Photos of Five Mile Creek and Salmon Reserve from 1919 (State Library of Vic).



Five Mile Creek just east of Woodlands Park



Erosion in Woodlands Park



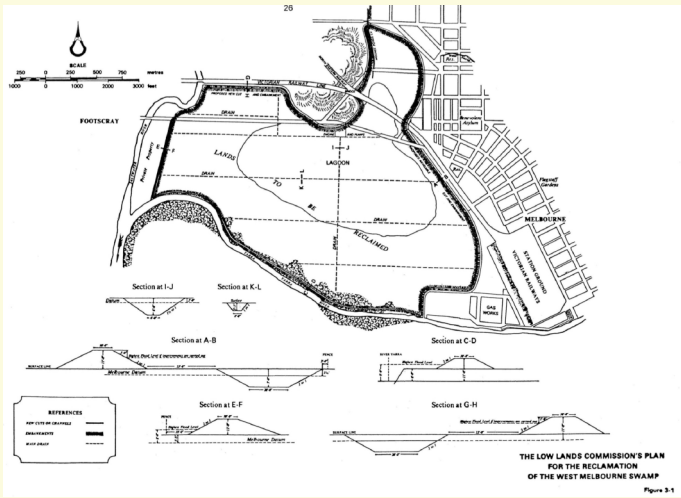
South of Napier St



# What's new on the FoMPC Website

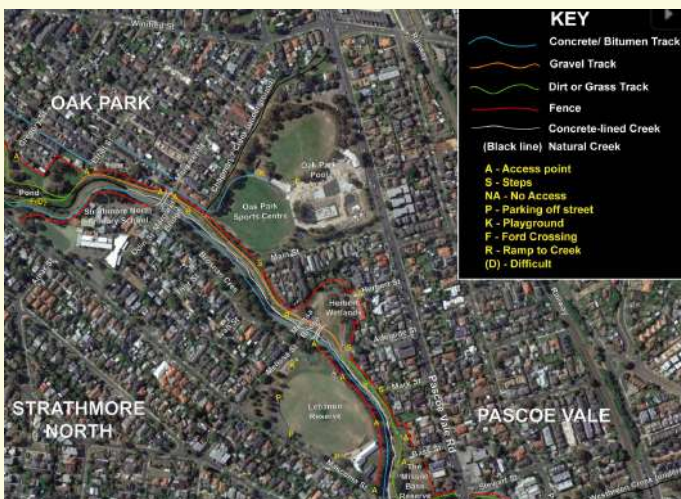
[www.mooneepondscreek.org.au](http://www.mooneepondscreek.org.au)

The FoMPC website has been updated to include the following items:



## MMBW Book

“The Development of the Moonee Ponds Creek Drainage System” was a book published by the MMBW in 1981 to give a history of changes that have taken place to the creek and why they were done. The book provides a justification for much of the work that was done to concrete large sections of the creek, and put most of its former tributaries underground. The original scans of the book including all its pictures and diagrams are included, plus a complete copy of the text only, making it easier to read. The book is a valuable resource for researchers, but also a fascinating summary of the History of the Creek from the early years of European settlement, when and where it has flooded, and what actions were taken at various times to rectify issues.



## Access Guides

Access Guides are a series of maps based on a Google Earth images of the suburbs the MPC runs through. The Guides name surrounding streets, show tracks, features, which areas are concreted or natural, playgrounds, bridges, fords, parking areas, fences, steps and ramps where the creek can be accessed.



## Ponderings Back Issues

All back issues of the seasonal newsletter are featured, right back to the first issue from 2001. Fascinating reading showing how the FoMPC has changed over 20 years.

**Other Website features include:**

- \* Documents relating to the creek
- \* Updated calendar of coming activities
- \* The story of the creek and its history
- \* Links to other websites of interest.



## MPC images on Flickr

We have been trying to create a digital archive of images of the creek, with a map showing where each photo was taken, in order to create an easily accessible resource of pictures of the entire length of the creek. We've had mixed results; finally we settled on Flickr, despite its drawbacks. There are now over 500 images, including historical ones. The website is:

<https://www.flickr.com/groups/mpcimages/>

Feel free to use any images you need for non commercial use, just acknowledge the photographers. - DW



Concrete Solutions is a series looking at the concrete sections of the creek, how they came to be, and possible solutions for their cover up or removal.

Last time I looked at how the concrete sections of the Creek came to be, this time I will outline some possibilities for removing, altering or covering the concrete sections of the creek, with the aim of eventually naturalising the entire length of the creek. Here are some ideas about what about our Concrete Problem:

## 1. Remove it

Concrete would be completely removed and taken away. Rocks would be used to replace the concrete, to create a semi-natural state that would be attractive but resistant to erosion, similar to how the creek was done from the trestle bridge to Strathmore (picture below by Maurice Austin, taken in 2001, shows how the rocks were added to create a creek bed with minimal erosion).



## 2. Break it up

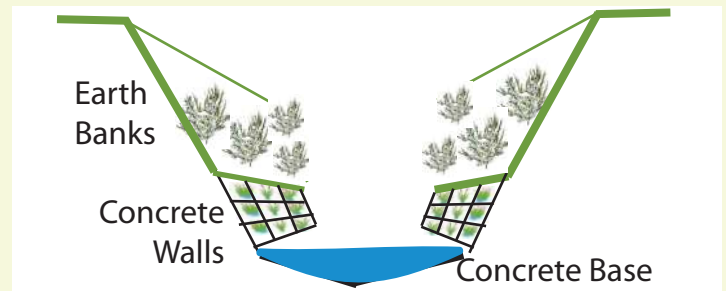
This would involve breaking up the concrete in some way, in order to "let nature take its course". An alternative would be to drill large holes in the concrete banks and plant trees in them, to break up the concrete. Eventually grass and trees would grow through the broken concrete and create a more natural appearance, however the creek would maintain its regimented look, with straight lines and regular curves instead of a random path. Might need small or large rocks added to cover up broken concrete.

## 3. Cover or Hide it

This could be done a number of ways; eg:

For the concrete base - use water; create small concrete dams every 100m or so, raising the height of average flows; this has been done already at several locations along the creek. An alternative would be to cover the concrete with medium to large rocks.

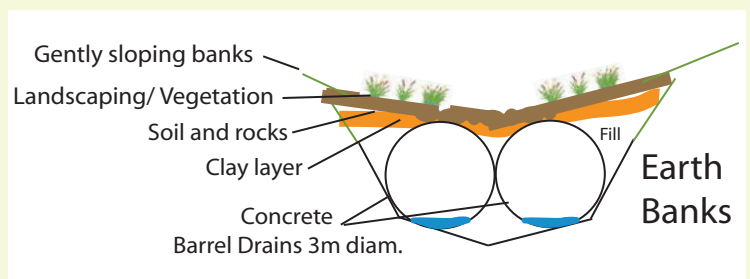
Concrete Banks - attach wire trestle, gravel holders etc on the diagonal side sections, to allow grass etc to grow down from banks.



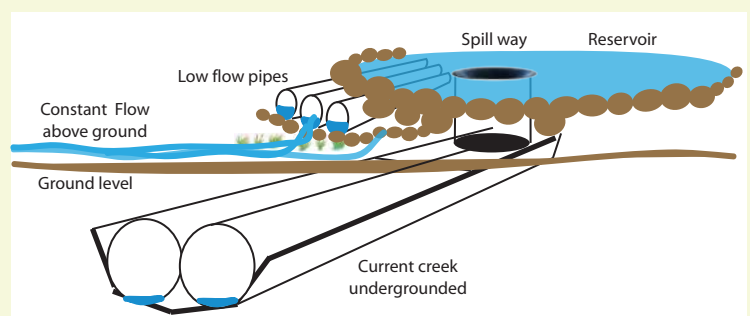
Earth banks - could be covered by vegetation, trees and shrubs.

## 4. Create "Two Creeks"

The Two Creeks idea is more radical solution; it involves keeping the existing concrete and covering it with two barrel drains, and then covering them up and creating a completely new creek above ground. The main advantage of such a scheme is that high flows of water would go underground, while the above-ground creek would have a constant low to medium flow, making it much safer for people to enjoy. The above-ground creek would be semi-natural in appearance and be much closer to ground level than it is now.



Phase one would involve the placing of two 3 metre diameter barrel drains down the entire length of the existing concrete. Work could proceed while the creek continued to flow. Phase two would involve landscaping the newly-created sections, all work to be done before flow resumed above-ground. Various landscapes could be created including Ponds, Wetlands, walking tracks, cycle or skate parks, play areas, etc.



Phase three would involve the creation of a reservoir at the start of each concreted section. Narrow pipes running through the rocky surrounds would create a constant low to medium flow above the surface, and a spillway would take water underground in times of high flow. When work was completed, water would begin flowing above ground. The result would be a meandering stream, or a chain of ponds and wetlands. New vegetation could filter water that flows into the creek from surrounding suburbs. - DW



# Committee News

## February Guest Speaker

Guest speaker was Lori Arthur, Natural Resources Management Officer, Moreland Council, speaking on the Hopetoun-Vanberg Bridge project, the Naturalisation of the Moonee Ponds Creek/Brosnan Crescent project and Moreland's Nature Plan.

There was much interest in the details of these projects, judging by the number of questions asked. See Moreland News on Page 7 for her report on the Bridge and the Nature Plan (Lori has asked that the Brosnan report be held over until **Winter Ponderings**). Lori was thanked for her very interesting presentation. - CL

## Call for FoMPC Secretary

Due to certain circumstances, our newly appointed Secretary has not been able to continue. The Secretary position does not have to be a difficult one and would not involve submission writing - preparation of the Agenda and writing the occasional letter would be the most of it. John Widmer offered to take on the position for a month until someone else was found. Contact the President if you are interested - PS

President - Peter Scully  
Vice President - Frank Kinnersley  
Treasurer - Vince Atkin  
Secretary - John Widmer (acting)  
Minutes Secretaries - Carolyn Layton and Marcus Lancaster

## Archives - Storage

It was reported at the December meeting that Vince Atkin had sourced a large storage locker at Guardian Storage, Pascoe Vale Road, Essendon for storage of FoMPC archival material. The cost is \$150.00 per month. Free access for the first 12 months in exchange for advertising for Guardian in Ponderings (see below). Since then Anna and Nina have moved their boxes of archives into the storage locker; the Archiving Subcommittee will sort through the material during the year and decide what to keep and what to dispose of. - CL

## Archiving - Online

Nina and Anna attended a funding information session at Archiving Victoria at the Public Records Office Vic in North Melbourne, where they discovered that the Victorian Collections database, funded by Museums Vic and the government, was highly recommended. Since then, we have uploaded all past Ponderings to the database, plus some other relevant documents. We will next look at scanning pictures for uploading. - DW

*See: [Victorian Collections](#)*

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Weekdays: 8:00am – 5:30pm  
Weekends: 9:00am – 4:00pm



# Calendar

*Cancellations and Changes will be marked on our Facebook Page*

Date/Time	Event details	Contact/ Web
March 1, Sunday 9am to 1pm	Clean Up Australia Day Boeing Reserve - meeting point at pagoda at end of carpark near bridge over creek.	<a href="http://www.cleanup.org.au">www.cleanup.org.au</a> OK to turn up on the day.
March 11, Wednesday 6pm to 8:30pm	Speak for the Trees, the Birds and the Bees Council Chambers, 9 Kellaway Ave, Moonee Ponds. Information night, booking essential.	<a href="#">Event Brite</a>
March 14, Saturday, 10am to 3pm	Hume's Gardens for Wildlife – Garden Guide training day 107-109 Raleigh Street, Westmeadows	<a href="mailto:melissado@hume.vic.gov.au">melissado@hume.vic.gov.au</a>
March 22, Sunday 11am to 3pm	Nurturing Wurundjeri: Country & Culture at AJ Davis Reserve, Airport West presented by Friends of Steele Creek	<a href="#">Friends of Steele Creek</a>
March 29, Sunday 10am - 4pm	Kensington Festival FoMPC Table Holland Park, Kensington	<a href="#">Kay Oddie</a>
April 12, Sunday 10am - Noon	Moonee Magical Morning 1 - Fun activities for the whole family Shiels Reserve, Brunswick West	<a href="http://www.moreland.vic.gov.au/">www.moreland.vic.gov.au/</a>
April 20, Monday 6.30 - 8.30pm	FoMPC Meeting, Sam Merrifield Library, Moonee Ponds. Visitors welcome to attend	<a href="http://www.mooneepondscreek.org.au">www.mooneepondscreek.org.au</a>
May 2, Saturday 10am - Noon	Moonee Magical Morning 2 - Fun activities for the whole family JP Fawkner Reserve, Oak Park	<a href="http://www.moreland.vic.gov.au/">www.moreland.vic.gov.au/</a>
May 16, Saturday 2 - 4pm	Moreland Community Planting - Hope Street, Brunswick West	<a href="http://www.moreland.vic.gov.au/">www.moreland.vic.gov.au/</a>
May 25, Monday June 1, Monday	Copy due for Winter Ponderings Winter Ponderings Released	<a href="mailto:fompc.ponderings@gmail.com">fompc.ponderings@gmail.com</a>

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For information and to join, go to: [mooneepondscreek.org.au/join-us/](http://mooneepondscreek.org.au/join-us/)  
and complete the membership form, or write to PO BOX 54, Essendon 3040.

FoMPC supports child safe environments for its activities.