

CHAIN OF PONDS REVISIONS ARISING FROM COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The community consultation process ran from 14 June 2018 until 14 August 2018, inviting residents and key stakeholders to make submissions regarding the draft strategy. Moonee Valley and Moreland Council held three community consultation events at the Campbell Turnbull in Brunswick West, the Flemington Community Centre and Glenroy Library. A public seminar and panel discussion was held together with the Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek at the Glenroy Library. Overall 50 general comments were shared and 80 formal submissions received on the document including formal submissions from the National Trust and the Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek.

1. Include Figures # for all diagrams for cross referencing
2. Executive Summary Add implementation timeframe, responsibility and funding
3. Intro pp. i-v replace with roman numerals and acknowledgements at the end.
 - i. Add in Forwards from MVCC, Moreland, Friends and Chris
4. The Catchment p.10 Delete p.9 image and merge text with p.10, crop image, and add in north compass, port phillip bay, Yarra and Maribyrnong
5. The Catchment p.10 Text: edit Bell St with Citylink "intersects with the creek"
6. Structure of Plan p.11 Text on structure on p11 move to 7
 - a. P.11 Merge contested ground text with p.9
 - b. P.11 Brosnan conversion images shift move to future creek (p.24) and then merge p.24 image with principles and project summary on p.15 (check Tony re acknowledgment)
 - c. P.22 drop 1980 back in bar and add 2010 with East - West link, Tulla Widening, Westgate Tunnel Project and Essendon Airport Development (remove from p.24); Melbourne's Population reaches 5 million (2018)
 - d. P.23 add in Herbert St, Moonee Ponds Collaboration (2017), Chain of Ponds endorsed (2018)
7. C.02 p.27 Previous consultation becomes previous plans
8. C.03 Project consultation 29-37 Move to Appendices and check text is accurate in the p.11 structure "documenting the consultation" and change to documenting the plans... and include Wurundjeri
 - a. Include 1-2 paragraph summary from Council report on consultation process and then transfer all to Appendices'
 - b. Use the themes from p.40 with the community consultation summary and send p.40 to Appendices
 - c. P.43 Merge pp42 and 43 and remove aerial
 - d. P.45 Add remaining parks
9. D.01 The Creek Catchment p. 46 Delete map and page - check relevance of text with map on p.43
10. D.04 Flow Regime p.49 Include catchment area in the map and consider overlay of flood mapping if clear with present colour and catchment as black and roads as grey
 - a. p.50 Rework the climate table in to the paragraph
 - b. p.54 remove 2 images and merge titles with p.55 text
 - c. pp 70-73 Move to Appendices with updated data from ALA

- d. pp.74 & 75 Include catchment area in the map and consider overlay of flood mapping if clear with present colour and catchment as black and roads as grey
11. Component 14 p 124 Changed text to: Component 14: linear PARK MISSING LINKS For many years, there has been a strong desire to connect up a number of 'missing links' in both the formal and informal path network along the Moonee Ponds Creek.
 12. Various revised text
 - a. There are important opportunities to improve linkages between, and along, both sides of the creek in locations where there is poor neighbourhood connectivity. These connections will encourage more people to access and use the creek to improve broader community health outcomes.
 - b. These sections of the creek are typically very narrow with land titles to the edge of the creek embankment. Improving connectivity and accessibility for these sections will need to be sensitive to biodiversity, local community and site feasibility, such as geotechnical and flood investigations.
 - c. Potential solutions for these 'missing links' may include the construction of staircases, informal paths, fence removal, ford crossing and bridges.
 - d. The precise form of these solutions would be dependent on many factors and subject to a detailed investigation and community consultation.
 - e. Union Street escarpment reference in maps: linear park study area, project scope and urban form. Need to add 6B layer to all with amended MVCC parks
 13. F.05 component 04 pp. 121 - 124 Reference to dog walking added: Dog walking is the most popular passive recreation activity along the trails. Management of dogs is addressed under Council's Local Law.
 14. Component 45 Revised with exercise stations added: A suite of unique and identifiable park furniture and fixtures should be developed for the linear park. This will include bike racks, seating, tables, fitness stations, barbecues, water fountains, bike repair stations, fences, handrails and balustrading.
 15. Linear Park Section; Action on maps review distance between the bridges and crossings to identify crossing points and gaps
 16. F.09 component 37 p.133 Changed text: Alternative locations, such as schools or existing sporting reserves, should be considered prior to locating new sporting infrastructure along the creek corridor. Facilities should only be considered where they can contribute positively to the ecological operation of the Moonee Ponds Creek due to stormwater, light and noise pollution.
 17. Linear Park: Bridges & Underpasses p. 248 Change text for C to Missing Links for further investigation
 18. Base Plan A03 & A04 pp. 149 & 150 Vanberg - Hopetoun Missing Link for further investigation
 19. Implementation Plan Changed text to following: Advocate to the State to resolve existing missing links along the shared user path, including the Vanberg – Hopetoun Precinct, through a detailed investigation and community consultation
 20. D12: Separation from the city p.147 Simplified text to: There are some quite removed and remote sections of the creek which offer a sense of urban wilderness. This raises the importance of these experiences along the creek.
 21. F.06 Bridges and underpasses p.244 Linear park missing links

22. p.138 typo: Anna Lanigan
23. Implementation plan p.268 Change the image to tree hollow; Changed text to: arboreal HOLLOWES
24. Component 01 - park design & identity p.236 Added text: public art can play an important contributory role in defining the character and identity of the linear park.
25. Component 33 Gathering Spaces Add text: This could include opportunities for temporary activation supporting local businesses and sporting clubs where appropriate.
26. Component 06 Added text: Wayfinding signage can be located at intersections providing guidance to public transport, community facilities and retail areas.
27. Component 06 Added text: Improved design and appropriate vegetation treatments can improve safety and reduce incidents.
28. Component 41 Revised text: Proposed lighting should utilise energy generated within the park (Component 40) and deploy energy efficient luminaires which minimise light spill and disturbance to habitat areas. Suitable solar block lights within existing infrastructure such as within the path or rails would be preferable.
29. Implementation Plan Eco Revised text from Quantify the value of the open space to better advocate to "Quantify the value of the creek corridor to better advocate"
30. Implementation Plan Eco New Action: Quantify the social and environmental outcomes of the Chain of Ponds to advocate for delivery Undertake a cost benefit analysis of the Chain of Ponds Plan to quantify the economic value of delivering these outcomes to the community Short MPCCC; C; MW External grants
31. Implementation Plan Eco New action: Advocate to the water authorities to investigate and invest in sustainable, lower cost sources of stormwater harvesting for open space irrigation Ongoing C; MPCCC Existing base
32. Implementation Plan Revised wording: community spaces (eg toilets integrated within pavilions).
33. Implementation Plan New action: Establish coordination groups across Councils and other key stakeholders to strengthen communication and collaboration Short C Existing base
34. Implementation Plan New goal: Undertake pilot project to demonstrate removal of the concrete drain and naturalisation of the creek
35. Implementation Plan Reworded: Develop implementation plans for pedestrian loops and circuit routes using ford crossing, bridges, ramps and stairs at strategic intervals and practical along the creek
36. Implementation Plan Reworded: Review lighting strategies to ensure they meet a range of users and improve navigation with consideration of potential fauna impacts
37. Water investigation Tool 28 Added: Potential sites include, for example, the former watercourse at Herbert St.
38. Water investigation Tool 32 New text: Daylighting - The daylighting of stormwater pipes can provide a viable stormwater treatment option that could be integrated with harvesting for reuse. Daylighting also increase the community's awareness of a pre-existing watercourse that currently remains hidden. Site constraints, stormwater flows and the depth of these pipes need assessment. Opportunities may include the tributaries of the Moonee Ponds, major stormwater outlets and existing flooding easements.
39. Chronology Recreation Revised text: "1984 The City of Essendon unveiled plans to convert the banks of the Moonee Ponds Creek and neighbouring areas into a linear park.

The plan involved the construction of noise barriers and a 11 kilometre path from the northern most part of the city near the trestle bridge to the southern most point, south of Ormond Road. This was part of a larger Federal Government employment initiative, together with State and Councils, to create a 27 kilometre linear path. (E.G. 11/7/84)"

40. Base map Dehli and Moonah on Base Map 01
41. Component 20 Open woodland edited to >20%
42. Component 45 FixturesRemoved text: This will include bike racks, seating, tables, fitness stations, barbecues, water fountains, bike repair stations, fences, handrails and balustrading. And edited the text from the "entire park" to "more widely"
43. Various images Editing of image tools and components
44. Implementation Plan Plantings Added citizen science and FoMPC
45. Implementation Plan Added action: Remove fencing along the creek corridor as part design improvements to increase accessibility and connectivity, for example, at Hilda and Gordon Streets Essendon and Hopetoun Avenue, Brunswick West Short C Open Space Existing base; External grants
46. Base Maps Add in a couple of Connectivity Constraints to Hilda and Gordon Streets Essendon and Hopetoun Avenue, Brunswick West
47. Base Maps Add in Bridge connecting Turnbull Court to the east end of Montague St
48. Implementation Plan Edited text: Prioritise green infrastructure options (wetlands and WSUDs) in place of traditional grey infrastructure (drainage pipes) asset renewals and upgrades within streetscapes and open spaces across the catchment
49. Implementation Plan Strategic Planning to Planning Unit
50. Implementation Plan Reword acquisition action to: "Investigate strategic land acquisition opportunities as part of a review of the quality of existing open space"
51. Implementation Plan Removed action: "Identify strategic properties for acquisition in flood zones to reduce asset damage while achieving social, environmental and economic outcomes" following merging of action
52. Implementation Plan Reworded action from "Resolve planning anomalies to ensure that all Council properties within the open space corridor fall within appropriate zoning (public park and recreation zone – PPRZ) and can be managed more effectively in to the future" to "Review planning controls to ensure development complements and protects the creek corridor, including resolving zoning anomalies of Council properties within the open space corridor and introducing design guidelines."
53. Implementation Plan Reworded action to: "Advocate to State Government to work with adjoining Councils to introduce consistent planning controls along the creek corridor and development guidelines."
54. Implementation Plan Removed action as repeated following revisions: "Develop appropriate design guidelines for infrastructure elements, such as sports fields and associated car parking, lighting and pavilions that reflect the creek environs"
55. Implementation Plan Revised wording of action from "Encourage improved interface with neighbouring properties through design guidelines" to "Improve wayfinding signage and investigate opportunities for the sensitive and complementary activation of open space adjoining the creek corridor"

56. Implementation Plan Revised wording to action: "Undertake updated flood modelling to better understand the current situation, the likely effects of climate change on flooding along the creek and effective mitigation measures"
57. Implementation Plan Revised wording to action: "Regular monitor and public reporting on pollution and nutrient loads in the creek"
58. Implementation Plan Deleted action 3: ", especially in constrained areas of the corridor"
59. Implementation Plan Action 1: revised wording to "Advocate to the State Government to retain, reinstate and sustainably and actively manage remnant vegetation patches and develop baseline data and monitoring programs for remnant natural assets."
60. Implementation Plan Action 2: revised wording to "Review mechanisms to strengthen the protection and enhancement of vegetation on public and private land, including options to strengthen planning controls such as the scope of environmental overlays."
61. Implementation Plan Action 3: revised wording to "Encourage adjoining private land owners to restrict weed species and plant and protect indigenous species that contribute to the corridor, especially in constrained areas of the corridor"
62. Implementation Plan Action 7: revised wording to "Investigate strategic research partnerships to investigate the effect of air, noise, light and water pollution on the ecological health of the creek and its flora and fauna." And reworded GPTS as "pollutant traps" to encompass SEP gutter guards
63. Implementation Plan Action 8: addition of "Transurban"
64. Implementation Plan Action 9: revised wording to "Develop baseline data and monitoring programs for remnant natural assets and revegetation projects."
65. Implementation Plan Action 14: revised responsibilities to "MW; MPCCC; C"
66. Implementation Plan Action 17: revised wording to "Implement a range of opportunities that offer different user experiences eg. shared trails, path and track network and encourage a diversity of activities along the creek that meet a range of physical abilities, cultural backgrounds and interests."
67. Implementation Plan Action 21: revised wording to "Explore how sports fields can be lowered to provide additional floodplain capacity to allow for creek improvements and mitigate downstream flooding with consideration to the vital role they play for active community participation."
68. Implementation Plan Action 25: Added Transurban
69. Implementation Plan Action 36: revised wording to "Continue advocacy to Melbourne Water and State Government for adequate improved stormwater catchment planning."
70. Implementation Plan Action 37: revised wording to "37. Take necessary steps in coordinating a catchment approach to the waterway in line with Include the Maribyrnong Integrated Water Management Forum"
71. Implementation Plan Action 38: revised wording to "Undertake a consolidated review of all land ownership, lease agreements, easements etc. along the creek to assist in future project implementation, management and maintenance"
72. Implementation Plan Action 38: revised wording to "Resolve maintenance agreements and land ownership anomalies to allow better management of the creek" and external grants as funding source

73. Implementation Plan New action 43: to "Monitor and review progress to measure success ; Establish an effective and coordinated review process of the implementation plan of the Chain of Ponds; Timing = Short; Responsibility = C & MPCCC; Cost = Existing base"