

# Small Creek

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### Why Small Creek?

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Small Creek offers a unique opportunity to enhance the natural beauty of the area, improve waterway health and provide better active transport options and connection networks for the community.

The wide space around Small Creek channel also reduces potential flood impacts that would be present along other concrete channels.

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### Where will the new creek be?

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Small Creek will run in the general location of the current concrete channel. Stages 3 and 4 meander through the area from Briggs Road to Whitehill Road.

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### Why remove the concrete channel?

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The area was originally a creek before it was turned into a concrete channel. In its current state, the channel contributes to the degradation of water in our creeks and rivers, as the hard surfaces in urban areas result in a dramatically increased volume of runoff that contains more pollutants.

This dirty water travels very quickly down the channel, causing erosion and poor water quality in downstream Deebing Creek. The Small Creek project will help reduce these problems.

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### Why not spend money elsewhere?

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This project is funded by developer contributions under Council's water quality offsets scheme. It is a legal requirement that Council spend money collected under the scheme on water quality improvement projects, a primary component of the Small Creek initiative.

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### How will it benefit me?

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Returning the creek to its natural state will result in:

- Improved aesthetics, with the creek appearing as a naturally occurring waterway over time.
- Cooler water in our waterways, a vital requirement for native fish species
- Improved environmental outcomes via better water quality and habitat for animals and plants
- Active transport connections (such as bicycle and pedestrian paths) for residents
- Potentially improving the value of property surrounding the naturalised corridor



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### Further information

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