Reimagining Arnolds Creek

The Reimagining Your Creek project aims to create a desirable, open space where people can interact with nature. One of the existing creeks to be naturalised is Arnolds Creek, Melton West. This project will be implemented by Melbourne Water in collaboration with stakeholder organisations and community representatives.

What’s involved

Melbourne Water plans to upgrade more than a kilometre of the existing Arnolds Creek concrete channel. The 1400 metre section starts at High Street and extends to Bulmans Road in the west and Cambrian Way to the north. See map or check Melway 336 E8.

Currently, this area has an underground drainage pipe and a concrete-lined overflow channel that diverts water downstream and collects run-off.

Water from Arnolds Creek flows into the Werribee River and to Port Phillip Bay.

By removing the existing concrete channel and adopting contemporary urban design and landscaping ideas, this open space will be re-designed to meet the needs and aspirations of the local community.

To support the development of ideas and preferences and to provide feedback on options as they are developed for implementation, Melbourne Water plans to establish a Community Advisory Group. You can nominate to participate in this group.

Initial plans and designs will be shared with residents and the broader community to ensure you have opportunities to provide feedback and your preferences are considered.

By working together we can reimagine this section of Arnolds Creek. Through this project we can improve the health of the waterway and create an accessible open space that has improved visual amenity, enables better community connections, and is a fun place to visit.

Maps and diagrams:

- Map of Arnolds Creek showing the section to be reimagined
- Possible re-design of the open space. Photo provided by ELYPS Landscape + Urban Design
- Existing open space - looking north from Bulmans Road

More information

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Working together to get the solution right

Melbourne Water plans to work with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), Melton City Council, Western Water, the Community Advisory Group and residents to reimagine a section of Arnolds Creek.

By working collaboratively, an initial design will be developed and shared so that feedback from residents and users of the existing open space can be captured and incorporated into the design that is prepared for construction.

Your opportunity to participate

To ensure that the reimagined Arnolds Creek has input from residents and the local community, we are looking for people to nominate for the Community Advisory Group.

By working together and capturing your ideas and feedback, we can:
• Better understand how the Melton West community connects with Arnolds Creek at this location
• Identify what aspects of the creek are most important to you
• Re-design this section of Arnolds Creek, based on your priorities and expectations for improving amenity and use.

Over the next six months, we will implement a number of face to face and online activities for you to share your ideas, comments and aspirations for reimagining the creek.

Follow our project page to be kept informed of opportunities to contribute: www.yoursay.melbournewater.com.au/reimagining-your-creek.

Together we can improve the health of the waterway and make the creek a place that looks, sounds and feels like a waterway.

By adopting this co-design approach, we can deliver improved:
• Amenity, connectivity and liveability based on local knowledge, community preferences and aspirations
• Flood mitigation and public safety during wet weather events as well as the quality of water flowing into local waterways.

By working together we can design and construct a reimagined waterway that meets community expectations and achieves our requirement for a safe and healthy waterway.

What’s next - proposed activities and timeframes

We will begin to share information about the project in early March 2018 and expect the consultation process will take approximately six months.

Once the detailed design has been completed and feedback captured from the community, we anticipate construction to start in late 2018 and to be completed by July 2019.

Potential ideas and options to consider

While we need to ensure any changes to the waterway don’t impact our flood mitigation measures, the proposed re-design of this section of Arnolds Creek could include urban landscape design ideas and suggestions that:
• Create landmarks within the landscape
• Provide improved paths for walking and cycling that connect people to existing facilities
• Encourage people to visit Arnolds Creek and enjoy the waterway and natural environment that provides habitat for birds, frogs and other animals
• Allow people to cross, interact and engage with the waterway and wet habitat areas.

The photos below show recent examples of how a creek can be re-imagined, re-designed and re-constructed.

 Arnolds Creek Clean Up Australia Day BBQ – Saturday 3 March 2018 As part of this event, we will be holding a BBQ lunch in the carpark at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 599 High Street, Melton West. Join us in the carpark at 10.00am to help with the clean-up. Then, come back from 11.30am to 12.00 for lunch and to talk to the project team.

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