



## Reimagining Your Creek Arnolds Creek, Melton West Community Update

**July 2018**

The Reimagining Arnolds Creek project aims to create a desirable open space where people can interact with nature. The 1400 metre section of Arnolds Creek to be redesigned extends from Bulmans Road in the west and from Cambrian Way in the north-east to High Street Melton West.

### Capturing your ideas

In March 2018, we installed large signs along Arnolds Creek and distributed a Community Update to houses near the section of the creek to be reimagined.

We encouraged residents to:

- complete an online survey
- join our Community Advisory Group
- come and talk to us at community events
- phone or email the project team.

To capture your ideas and comments we attended local events, Clean Up Australia Day and Harmony Day, and set up an information desk at Woodgrove Shopping Centre.

As we wanted to draw on local knowledge, we recruited residents and members of community groups to participate in our Advisory Group.

A copy of the consultation report is available online  
[www.yoursay.melbournewater.com.au/reimagining-yourcreek](http://www.yoursay.melbournewater.com.au/reimagining-yourcreek)

Thanks to everyone who made time to tell us what you like about the existing space as well as your ideas, suggestions and priorities for its redesign.

Your feedback has been used to influence the redesign of Arnolds Creek.

### Our proposed design

Based on your feedback and priorities, we developed a clear idea of what's important to you and how the existing open space could be improved.

These priorities and preferences included:

- planting trees for shade and native vegetation
- constructing paths to connect people to schools, shops ...
- providing areas so people can sit and enjoy the open space
- having nature play areas and educational sites for children.

People also thought that it would be a good idea if we didn't make flooding any worse!

We expect the design drawings to be available online in late July and we will have copies available to share with you.

#### **We will be at Woodgrove Shopping Centre on:**

- **Thursday 26 July, 3pm to 7pm**
- **Saturday 28 July, 10am to 4pm.**

Come and talk to us! We are keen to hear your feedback on these designs before we progress them for construction.

## Some of your comments ...

Here's some of the suggestions we heard and have included into the design.

- We would love more paths and shade in this area. We are deterred from using it in summer because it's way too hot in the straight sun
- Lots of trees for shade and open areas for picnics
- Keep the existing path and extend it! Have paths connecting all entrances. Currently there are no bike or pram paths so we use the drain as a footpath
- Lighting would be good as it is very dark there at night
- Ideally, the entire catchment should be all linked up
- A space that encourages people to enjoy the outdoors and interact with others
- I would love to have a place close to home where I can go with my young children where there are things for them to see and do
- It needs to be an area that invites people and they are able to use all their senses to enjoy the creek and open space
- Please plant more trees and grasses. The area is pretty bare and it should be returned to more natural state with beautiful native vegetation and trees.

If we were able to include your ideas and suggestions into the redesign, we did.

However, there were some ideas that aren't in the redesign. This may have been due to costs, the need for ongoing maintenance or funding by council or because the suggestion didn't align with the project's aim – to enhance life and liveability.

We have shared these ideas and suggestions with Melton City Council for its consideration and future planning for Melton West.

**To see the drawings of the reimagined Arnolds Creek and talk to the project team, we will be at Woodgrove Shopping Centre on Thursday 26 July from 3pm to 7pm and on Saturday 28 July from 10am to 4pm. Alternatively, the drawings will be available online.**



Participating in the Clean Up Australia Day event



Initial meeting with the Community Advisory Group



Meeting with the Melton City Council staff

## What's next

Once these initial plans for the reimagined Arnolds Creek have been reviewed by the community and our project partners, we will prepare a detailed design for construction.

We expect the detailed design to be completed in September 2018 and construction to start in late October or early November 2018.

To keep up to date with what's happening, follow our Arnolds Creek webpage.

## More information

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