

## **STATUS OF MOONEE PONDS CREEK MASTER PLAN INFORMATION PROVIDED BY CITY OF MELBOURNE**

In response to the IAC's question about the status of any Moonee Ponds Creek Master Plan for the City of Melbourne municipality, the City of Melbourne provides the following information:

- 1.1 The City of Melbourne does not currently have a Moonee Ponds Creek Master Plan. However, many City of Melbourne strategic planning documents have recognised the importance of the Moonee Ponds Creek as a recreation space and parkland corridor. For example:
  - (a) A key direction in the Arden Macaulay Structure Plan (2012) is to 'Upgrade the Moonee Ponds Creek parkland corridor and establish five new parks'. The City of Melbourne's commitment to realising the revitalisation of Moonee Ponds Creek and securing additional open space within the Arden Macaulay urban renewal area was echoed as part of Council's resolution on 30 August 2016 to adopt Amendment C190. Council requested '...that Government identify and secure open space along the Moonee Ponds Creek corridor for future recreational purposes, consistent with the Arden Macaulay Structure Plan 2012'.
  - (b) The City of Melbourne Open Space Strategy (2012) includes 'improved open space corridor along Moonee Ponds Creek including environmental values and linear recreational use' as a proposed additional major open space and recognises the importance of the Creek for the Docklands community, future Arden Macaulay community and as a connection to Royal Park to the north.
  - (c) The Urban Forest Precinct Plan for North and West Melbourne 2014-24 identifies Moonee Ponds Creek as both a biodiversity corridor and an open space link.
  - (d) The City of Melbourne Nature in the City Strategy (2017) recognises the Moonee Ponds Creek as a 'critical biodiversity corridor for water and land based species'.
- 1.2 The City of Melbourne has a current Annual Plan Initiative (2017-18) to 'Develop a strategic opportunities plan for the Moonee Ponds Creek throughout the municipality that advocates Council's vision'.
- 1.3 The City of Melbourne is also a key partner in Melbourne Water's Moonee Ponds Creek Catchment Collaboration Group. This project will showcase a new way to enhance life and liveability within the Moonee Ponds Creek catchment by leading a collaborative problem solving approach to catchment planning. Seventeen active collaborative organisations including community groups, local governments, research organisations and government agencies are involved in the group along with 14 supportive partner organisations.
- 1.4 In 2011, the Moonee Ponds Strategic Plan Final Report was prepared by the then Moonee Ponds Creek Co-ordination Committee. City of Melbourne officers were part of the Moonee Ponds Creek Co-ordination Committee. This report does not have formal status. See <http://www.mpccc.org/2010s/Strategic%20Plan.pdf>
- 1.5 There is a current City of Moonee Valley project (in partnership with the City of Moreland) to prepare a draft Moonee Ponds Creek Master Plan focused on areas upstream of the City of Melbourne's municipality. It is expected that public consultation will occur towards the end of 2017.

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