Help guide the future of the Yarra River at Bulleen

Draft Yarra River – Bulleen Precinct Land Use Framework Plan
The draft Yarra River – Bulleen Precinct Land Use Framework Plan recommends future land uses and connections for a section of the Yarra River encompassing parts of Bulleen, Heidelberg and Lower Templestowe (see summary map overleaf). The draft plan brings to life a vision for a healthy river and environment, a thriving arts and cultural scene and connected people and places. The draft plan aligns with the 50-year Community Vision for the Yarra River established as part of the forthcoming Yarra Strategic Plan – a landmark, integrated river corridor strategy – and delivers on a key short-term action in the Victorian Government’s 2017 Yarra River Action Plan.

In 2018, we asked the community about the future of Yarra River. You told us it was important to improve, protect and celebrate the river, environment, cultural and heritage values.

Key features of the draft plan
The draft plan proposes:
- A continuous open space connection on the eastern (Manningham) side of the river.
- New pedestrian and cycling links, providing better connection to the river and improved north-south access.
- New pedestrian and cycling bridges across the river with stronger physical connections to the Heidelberg town centre.
- Delivery of new open space, recreation and conservation areas.
- New places for ecological connection and revegetation.
- Investigation of road access improvements, including the future widening of Templestowe Road.

North East Link Project
The North East Link Project is a project to connect the M80 with the Eastern Freeway. While the project is likely to leave a lasting impact on the precinct, it also creates an opportunity for renewal and connection. The anticipated impacts of the North East Link Project are outlined in an Environment Effects Statement being separately assessed by a concurrent inquiry and advisory committee process. You can find information about the North East Link Project, and how to make a submission about it, at engage.vic.gov.au/north-east-link-project.

Have your say
The Minister for Planning has appointed an advisory committee to make recommendations about the draft plan and two private development proposals in the precinct for the former Bulleen Drive-In site and the Yarra Valley Country Club.

You can view the draft plan, the private development proposals and the supporting information and make a submission for the advisory committee to consider. You can also nominate to be heard at the committee’s public hearings. If you make a submission, you will be notified about the timing and location of the hearings after the exhibition process has closed.

2019 key dates
- SUBMISSIONS OPEN: 13 May
- PUBLIC BRIEFING: 29 May
- SUBMISSIONS CLOSE: 7 June

During the public exhibition period, you can view copies of the documents at the Manningham City Council offices and libraries (Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster) and Banyule City Council offices (Level 3, 1 Flintoff Street, Greensborough VIC 3088 as well as Ivanhoe & Rosanna offices).

Visit Engage Victoria

Attend the public briefing
2pm, Wednesday 29 May 2019
Manningham Function Centre
699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Project Timeline

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Create new pedestrian and cycling bridges across the Yarra River.


Redevelop the Yarra Valley Country Club to include a new cultural place. Facilitate some residential uses. Restore and link remnant indigenous landscapes.

Deliver open space or recreation at the Bulleen Golf Driving Range site and adjoining properties.

Deliver open space and recreation at 165 Templestowe Road and adjoining private land.

Investigate duplication of Templestowe Rd.

Develop a new Cultural Gateway at Bulleen Industrial Precinct. Integrate cultural uses with employment uses.*

Redevelop the former Bulleen Drive-in site as open space or conservation*.


Proposed improvements
- Expansion of parkland ecological connections/potential active recreation
- Potential development opportunities
- Circulation from Heidelberg Major Activity Centre
- Cultural ‘core’
- Expanded cultural place
- Potential new cultural place
- Cultural Gateway
  - Proposed walking path
  - Proposed cycling path
- Road widening/duplication
  - Signalised intersection
  - Left in/right in/left out intersection
  - Proposed bridge connection

*Subject to North East Link Project Infrastructure requirements

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