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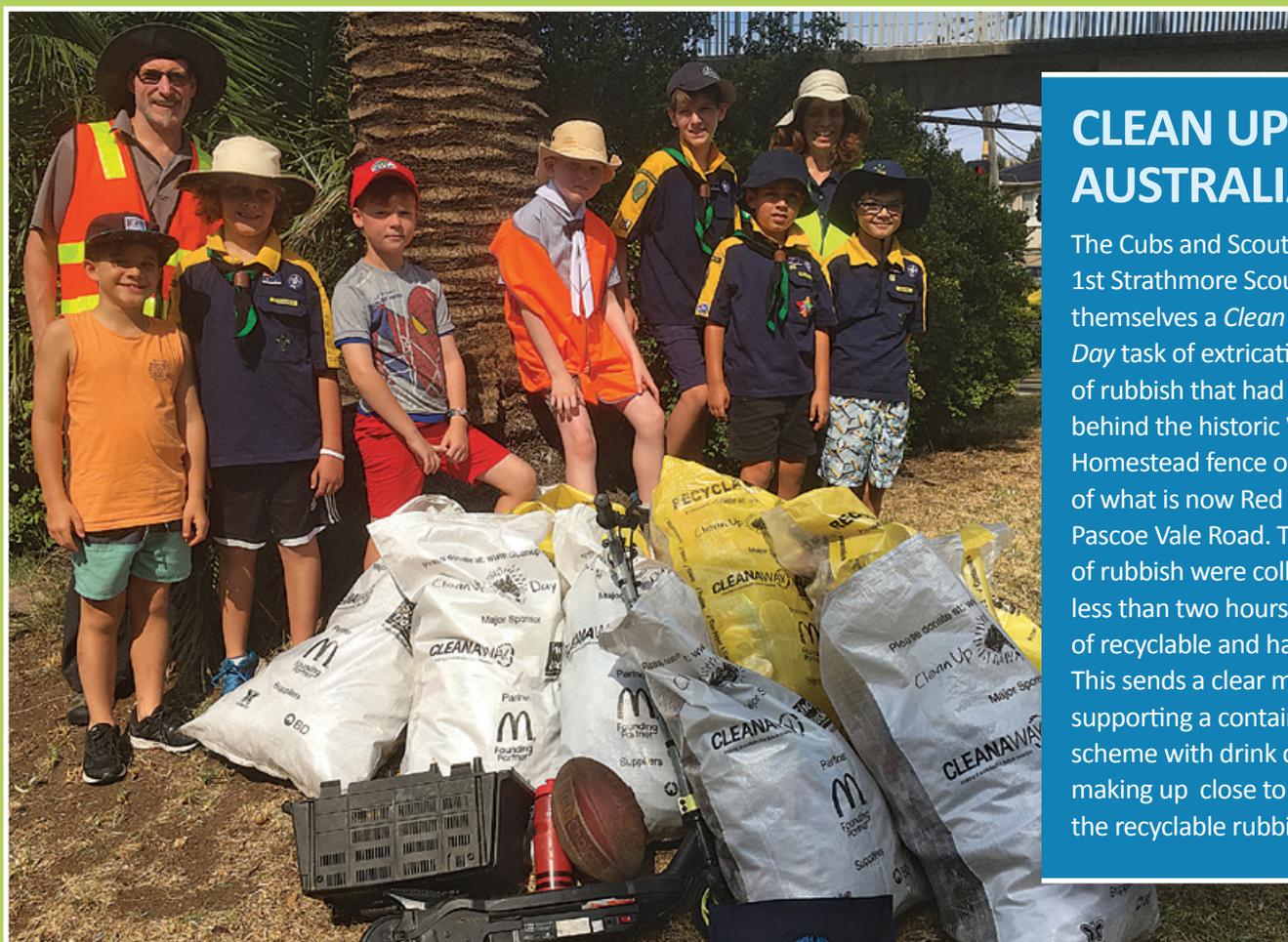
Renewed call for the introduction of a State deposit scheme on drink containers

At the February Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek meeting members discussed the issue of the unacceptable amount of litter in the Moonee Ponds Creek and called for the State Government, agencies and Councils to address:

- The introduction of a State deposit scheme on drink containers
- Introduction of litter collection close to source – e.g installation of grids on all street drains
- Installation of litter traps on all major storm water drains

- Upgrade litter trap infrastructure – so that litter is prevented from entering waterways during normal flow and high rainfall events
- Increase in the management of litter traps, in particular by increased frequency of emptying post high rainfall events
- Establishment of a hotline for reporting Creek litter events

Recent events at the Jacana Wetlands are reported in this issue and renewed efforts to clean up the Lower Moonee Ponds Creek are being made with three Ocean Crusaders Paddle Against Plastic events planned for this year (details in calendar)



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

The Cubs and Scouts from 1st Strathmore Scouts set themselves a *Clean up Australia Day* task of extricating years of rubbish that had built up behind the historic Wannaeue Homestead fence on the site of what is now Red Rooster on Pascoe Vale Road. Twelve bags of rubbish were collected in less than two hours, six each of recyclable and hard rubbish. This sends a clear message supporting a container deposit scheme with drink containers making up close to 75% of the recyclable rubbish

Litter overflow in drain at the North Jacana Wetland

During January a period of heavy rain resulted in reports on our Facebook of excessive litter at a drain flowing into the Moonee Ponds Creek at the Ring Rd end of the North Jacana Wetland.



This resulted in a series of questions being posed to Ryan van den Hove, Waterway and Land Officer, Regional Services North West and Maribyrnong. Melbourne Water

Would you be able to confirm whose drain it is?

The drain is a Melbourne Water Asset, which consolidates local Council drainage from Broadmeadows and Jacana, prior to discharging into Moonee Ponds Creek.

Where does the responsibility of Hume Council and/or Melbourne Water lie for the drain and its litter?

The drain is a Melbourne Water asset, so its ownership and maintenance is the responsibility of Melbourne Water.

The litter is a multiple broad stakeholder and community issue/responsibility. Once it enters Melbourne Water's drains/waterways it is a Melbourne Water management issue.

Does the drain have a gross pollutant trap(s) or other litter collection measures anywhere along its length?

Yes, The drain does have a litter collection trap immediately upstream of where it connects to Moonee Ponds Creek.

There is also a large litter trap on Moonee Ponds Creek at the top of the Jacana Wetlands.



Both these litter traps provide a significant amount of litter treatment. However during large storm events they are unable to treat all the water that is flowing through the system and this is causing the build-up of litter and debris at the bridge.

Do you know the maintenance timeframe for cleaning litter from the drain and its wetlands outlet?

Melbourne Water currently undertakes the following litter removal activities on an ongoing basis.

1. Inspection of litter traps on a monthly basis and clears them as required.
2. Litter removal at the Jacana Wetlands every 4 months.
3. In addition to the regular maintenance above, Melbourne Water has been clearing litter and debris from the outlet in question, following storm events. We currently have works planned to remove the litter and debris at the outlet in February/March this year.

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Follow-up at Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek meeting

Ryan van den Hove, Waterways and Land Officer, Melbourne Water gave a report on the issue of litter entering the southern Jacana Wetlands and the Moonee Ponds Creek. Ryan confirmed concerns had recently been expressed through FoMPC Facebook of large amounts of litter at the Widford Road drain outlet/Moonee Ponds Creek. The drain has a caged litter trap which functions to trap litter during low to medium flows, but not during high flow/storm events. Litter then is trapped against the M80 bridge structures. Melbourne Water currently inspect the traps monthly and removes litter as required, however, works are also prioritised

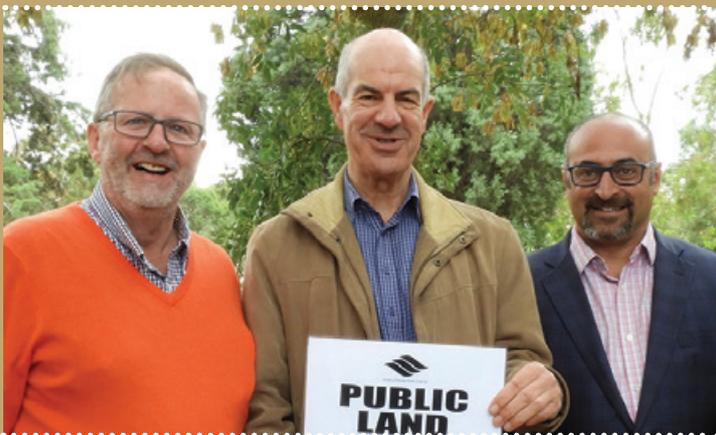
depending on storm and other unforeseen events. Ryan reported no more permanent solution has been developed at present for the problem, however he considers it is a good time to discuss the issue due to the recent release of the Chain of Ponds plan, the Collaboration group's litter working group, and the high level review Melbourne Water is undertaking. The City of Hume was retrofitting drain entries to reduce litter entering the system and this is an effective technique.

In response to questions, Ryan stated that Melbourne Water did undertake checks post storm events, but there was no guaranteed immediate response to reported litter problems and it could be a month before cleared. Discussion within the meeting agreed responses are warranted immediately after an event and suggesting a hotline for such reporting.

New Year celebration at Gowanbrae

It was a general feeling that everyone was having such a good time we actually forgot to take some photos until the speeches were announced and special thanks to the Lions Club of Glenroy for cooking up a splendid lunch.

This was a wonderful celebration of a productive year and a very special victory. President of the Friends of Moonee Ponds



Creek, Kelvin Thomson, former Mayor of Moreland, Cr John Kavanagh and Peter Khalil, Federal Member for Wills all spoke with enthusiasm of the huge win of securing 1 - 33 Outlook Drive as parkland. All three acknowledged the relentless efforts of local residents and the Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek and we in turn thanked them for their tireless support.

We endorse the comment made following the announcement that the Outlook Drive land will be open space for future populations to enjoy forever!

Did you know?

The Moonee Ponds Creek features in a beautiful painting "Mooroop Narkwarren Dreaming" gifted to the Essendon Baseball Club at Boeing Reserve, Strathmore Heights. The artwork by Tarina Fanning tells the story of the club. Call in and see it in the new Pavilion that was officially opened in February.



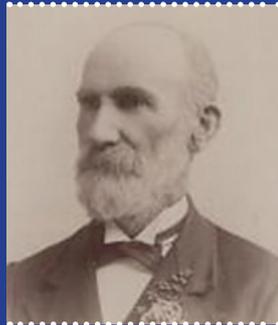
Down the Drain

Lost Tributaries of the MPC Part 2 - Melville Creek

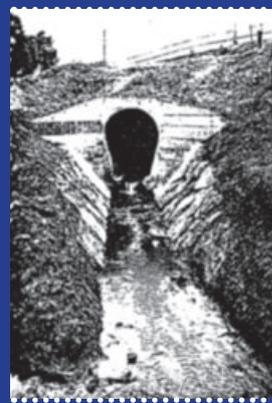
By David Widdowson

Travelling along Melville Road south of Moreland Road, there is a valley you might expect to be carved out by a creek over a period of thousands of years, however there is no sign of such a waterway now. This is where Melville Creek - a former tributary of the Moonee Ponds Creek - once ran, until it was ingloriously transformed into Melville Main Drain No 4320 in the early to mid years of the Twentieth Century.

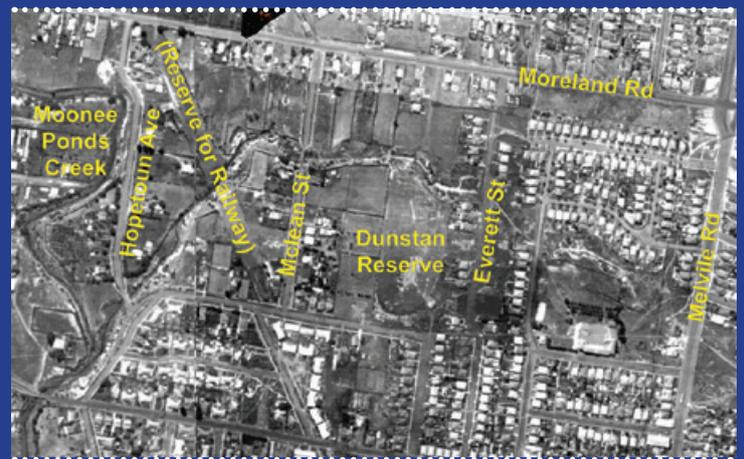
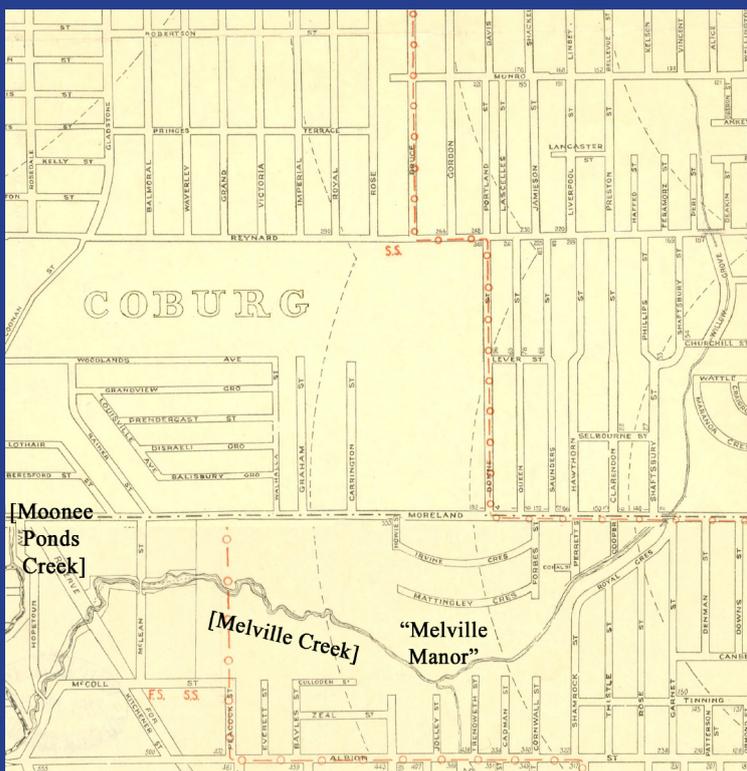
Melville Creek was named after Donald Melville (1829-1919), a Scottish migrant who became a Brunswick councillor and Mayor and finally a Victorian MP (he was one of Victoria's last Ministers of Defence, this being before Federation). Melville owned land in West Brunswick near the dip in what is now Jolley Street, and in 1870 -71 built Melville Manor there. (A report in the Coburg Leader 22/2/1902 complained of stagnant water on Melville's property from a dam used for irrigation and that "the stench was simply abominable"!). The creek which ran through his land became known as "Melville's Creek". (It should be noted that the name Melville Creek doesn't appear on any map I could find, the only primary references to the name are from newspaper articles in the 1930s. Residents of Coburg who remember the creek say that it did not have a name.)



The earliest comprehensive map of the creek I could find was this Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works (MMBW) map from 1922. The map shows Melville Creek flowing freely as an open drain or naturally banked creek south of Vincent St in Coburg (I assume that the creek ran along roadways in its upper reaches). The short section east of Jolley Street in Brunswick must have been a secondary branch. I have added the approximate location of Melville Manor. It is interesting to note the absence of Melville Rd as a major thoroughfare; it was extended after Donald Melville's estate was sold after his death in 1919, with the tram line added in the mid 1920s. Melville Road may well have been Melville's driveway originally!



There are numerous reports in The Age, Argus and local newspapers in the 1930s, referring to the state of the Creek and plans to put it underground. Apparently the creek was very steep sided for much of its path, creating a hazard for people trying to cross. There was especially concern around the Brunswick Northwest Primary school, with dangers for students mentioned repeatedly. There were also complaints about flooding, scouring of the land and mosquitos.

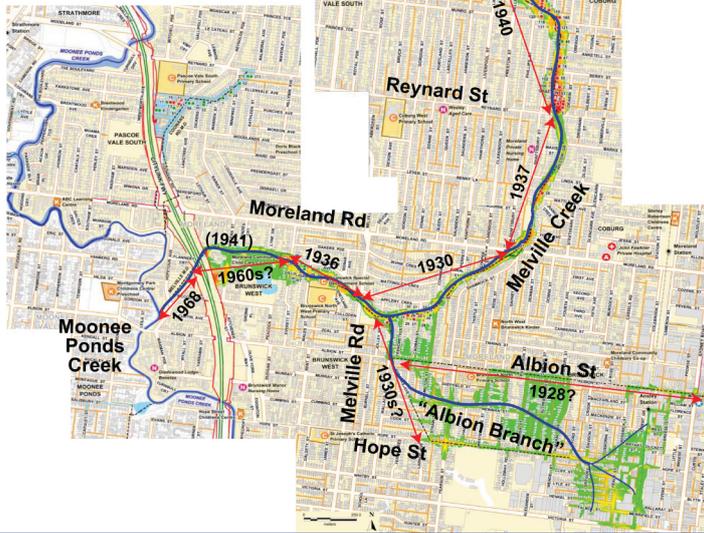


By 1945, the creek had been put underground as far as Everett St, but still flowed freely after this, as shown in this aerial view (<https://1945.melbourne>). Significant scouring can be seen along parts where the creek still flowed; the area around McLean Street had also been turned into a drain, and a narrow bridge can be seen on Hopetoun Avenue. The section marked as "Reserve for Railway" finished up being used for the Tullamarine Freeway!

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Melville Creek

-  Possible original path
-  Main Drains
-  1930
Year Main Drain created
-  Areas at risk of flooding



The map (above) is a combination of three Flood Maps (courtesy of Moreland Council) showing the location of the Main Drains and my interpretation of where the lost Creek might have once run, based on the drains and areas now most likely to flood. The main branch emerged from the low areas north of Bell Street in Pascoe Vale and North Coburg. The secondary "Albion" Branch began near Hope Street and merged with the main branch near Jolley Street. Creation of the Melville Main Drain occurred in many stages - I have marked on the map the dates when sections were placed underground.

West Brunswick - Current View



The current aerial view of the area (courtesy Google Maps) shows that - while some of the creek's path has had houses built over it - numerous reserves and "green corridors" along its path give an indication of where it once flowed. Moreland Council, local Friends and private groups have done a great job in creating Reserves and beautifying the areas the former creek ran. Reading the many articles complaining about Melville Creek in the 1930s made me realise how much our attitudes to waterways have changed in the last 80 years. I suppose areas that might be "daylighted" in the future are from Dunstan Reserve to LD Johns Reserve and, to the west of the freeway, Fraser Reserve. So, perhaps some time in the future, Melville's Creek will once again see the light of day!

Thanks to Tony Smith (FoMPC) and Marilyn Moore (Coburg Historical Society) for their assistance.

References: Victorian Parliament Website and It Happened in Brunswick by Les Barnes (for Donald Melville); Trove.nla.gov.au for Newspapers from 1930s, Development of the Moonee Ponds Creek Drainage System (MMBW 1981) for dates of the Main Drains.

Next time: Five Mile Creek

Creeky Links



Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek: mooneepondscreek.org.au

facebook.com/groups/friendsofmooneepondscreek

Friends of Merri Creek: friendsofmerricreek.org.au/

Friends of Edgars Creek: foec.org.au

Friends of Steele Creek: facebook.com/FriendsOfSteeleCreekInc

Friends of the Maribyrnong Valley: fmvonline.com

Bowerbird discussion website: bowerbird.org.au/projects/5249

Woodlands Historic Park: whp.altervista.org/

The Werribee River Association: werribeeriver.org.au

Contact us if you have any other links to share

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Join our "Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek" Facebook Group to keep up with planting dates, events and creek news.

Join the Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek for \$20 per year

Help preserve and improve the Moonee Ponds Creek's natural environment.

For information and to join, go to: mooneepondscreek.org.au/join-us/ and complete the membership form or write to: PO Box 54, Essendon Victoria. 3040. The Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek supports child safe environments for its activities.

Chain of Ponds Collaboration & Waterways of the West



Valentine's Day saw the first meeting of the Chain of Ponds Collaboration since the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding late last year enshrining the Collaboration. The half day session featured substantial presentations on distinct processes, which aim to frame and detail planning changes and other projects to enhance the environmental and social values of the Moonee Ponds Creek corridor.

First of those presentations was from Waterways of the West (WoW) Ministerial Advisory Committee chair Chris Chesterfield who also chaired the corresponding committee which led to the 2017 legislative "reforms to protect the Yarra River (Birrarung)" and through that to the Yarra River Action Plan. The Yarra Plan identified follow up work for the western waterways as three of its actions. Chris also presented in his capacity as Director Strategic Engagement at the Cooperative Research Centre for Water Sensitive Cities (CRC) on its interest in the Moonee Ponds Creek as a model for other waterway rehabilitation. Having noted the importance of Melbourne Water's recent catchment collaborations, both for the Healthy Waterways Policy refresh and the City of Melbourne/VPA-initiated strategic opportunities for the lower Moonee Ponds Creek, Chris stayed on through the half day working meeting, providing opportunity for discussions and comment.

His presentation summarised the terms of reference of the WoW Advisory Committee as:

- develop a community vision for the waterways and their landscapes, building on recent community engagement
- identify current and emerging issues affecting the waterways social, environmental and cultural values
- investigate current and optimal institutional, legislative and regulatory arrangements for the management, promotion and protection of the waterways
- investigate additional arrangements to ensure that Traditional Owners and the community participate in management decisions
- investigate land use planning and development controls and strategic policy that would mitigate risk to the Waterways of the West and provide net benefit to the communities of the region

- identify any interim planning arrangements that could be put in place immediately
- prioritise the issues and opportunities and make recommendations for specific actions for the protection of the waterways
- make recommendations to maintain and enhance community values of the waterway corridors through the implementation of a Waterways of the West Action Plan.

The Moonee Ponds Creek and lower Stony Creek now flow into the Yarra River, but they have been included in the Maribyrnong catchment as part of the Waterways of the West project. This was done for administrative purposes, partly in response to boosted public interest in both streams. More details on WoW MAC can be found at:

<https://www.water.vic.gov.au/waterways-and-catchments/wow>

and public consultation is now being sought – see:

<https://engage.vic.gov.au/waterways-west> (until 6 May).

The second presentation at the Collaboration meeting concerned a "Strategic Opportunities Plan" for the City of Melbourne sections of the lower Moonee Ponds Creek, from above Racecourse Road downstream and comprising the narrow concrete channel and wide concreted 'banks' (where former meanders and billabongs were eliminated for construction of the Tullamarine Freeway (now CityLink)), through creek floodplains to meet the tidal reach of the Creek at Macaulay Road, Kensington. These sections of the Creek within the Melbourne municipality area are owned, managed, leased by many other authorities and private operators, including VicTrack, CityLink, Port of Melbourne, Melbourne Water, Victorian Planning Authority (VPA). The West Gate Tunnel Project will commandeer more of the Creek corridor for its freeway. Strategic planning for the lower Creek corridor is thus very complex and the City of Melbourne is working with VPA through the Strategic Opportunities Plan to provide vital green open space for the large increase in population in the adjoining urban renewal areas.

The draft Strategic Opportunities plan was summarised at the Collaboration meeting by Dan Boden from the Council's Placemaking & Engagement branch. Details can

be found at: <https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/moonee-ponds-creek> and <https://vpa.vic.gov.au/project/moonee-ponds-creek/>

In writing up this report on the Strategic Opportunities Plan, acknowledgement is made of the six years work by council officers, led by two councillors who have long been first point of contact and genuine friends of the Moonee Ponds Creek - Cathy Oke and Rohan Leppert.

Tony Smith and Kaye Oddie are FoMPC reps on the Chain of Ponds Collaboration

Edgar's Creek Coburg

On 28 February, Moreland's Natural Resource Management officer, Vince Andraena, led a tour of the successful Edgar's Creek Wetland project in Coburg North which was completed in 2016. Vince project managed this partnership project with Melbourne Water and the local community to convert a golf driving range in to a stormwater treatment wetland with six ponds located at the confluence of the Merri and Edgars creeks. The tour of the wetland highlighted the immediate habitat, water quality and open space improvements that were delivered on time and on budget for the community and the environment. Today, the wetland habitat is not only home to frogs, birds and a host of other plant and animal life, but also a popular local area of bushland for the community.

This impressive site gives a lot of encouragement as we plan restoration work along the Moonee Ponds and Westbreen Creeks.



Vince leading the tour of the Edgar's Creek Wetland



A view of the wetlands and successful establishment of vegetation (Note: time lapse camera in the foreground)

Westbreen Creek

The Draft Westbreen Creek Conservation and Development Plan aims to protect and enhance existing environmental and heritage values while planning park and amenity upgrades to improve public access and enjoyment of the open space. It includes a range of opportunities such as new wetlands, park and play upgrades, new paths and targeted revegetation.

Council has worked with a number of key stakeholders to prepare the draft, including Melbourne Water, the Northern Golf Course, Pascoe Vale Girls College and Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek.

The draft, including the summary document, was available for community review during December 2018 and January 2019, with drop in style consultation session held during January 2019. Council Officers were available to discuss the plan with community members not able to attend the information sessions. Submissions from the public were open until Monday 4 February.

Next steps

A summary of the community feedback received on the draft plan has been compiled and will be the basis for revisions to the draft plan. The Feedback Summary can be viewed under next steps at: <https://www.moreland.vic.gov.au/about-us/projects/park-playground-and-creek-projects/westbreen-creek-conservation-and-development-plan/>

It is planned for the revised draft to be presented to Council for consideration at the April 2019 meeting.

Further information

Contact: **Open Space Design** on **83114387** or email: aenglish@moreland.vic.gov.au



A well attended consultation meeting in Gavin Park. The Feedback Summary reports plans to retain the Willow at Arndt Road but remove the ailing Poplars

Bunjil's Marroun Healing Ceremony



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Update

Aunty Diane Kerr and Uncle Jim Berg with Mayor Nicole Sharpe and fellow Councillors and State Member for Essendon, Danny Pearson.

services to the Aboriginal Community is so richly deserved and she shared the extraordinary dilemma she faced in accepting it given the powerful movement questioning the date of the Australia Day Celebration.

The Ceremony was organised by Moonee Valley City Council and the Wurundjeri Tribe Land Council to reflect on the injustices of the past and the pain and suffering experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples on 26 January. It gave a chance for community members to learn about and experience what 26 January means to our Traditional Custodians.

Photos by Timothy Burgess

On the afternoon of Australia Day, Bunjil's Marroun Healing Ceremony took place at the Babepal Paen-mirring ceremonial rock circle at Five Mile Creek. The Acknowledgement of History address was given by Wurundjeri Elder Aunty Diane Kerr (and newly appointed) OAM. Such a gentle, moving tribute Aunty Diane gave to her Mother, Grandmother and other past and present family. Aunty Diane's award for

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Plant Identification Workshop

This event was one of the Hume Libraries After Dark Series and attracted 22 participants. Hume's Biodiversity Officer, Melissa Doherty, took the group through a series of steps to achieve a system for identifying plants. Flowers, buds fruits and seeds are the most useful characteristic followed by the leaves, bark, stems trunk and roots. The session was jam-packed with information and it's hoped a series of fact sheets can be created and made available as part of the plan to develop resources for Hume's Seedlings for Schools program and the new Gardens for Wildlife program. A particular take home message was that while plants may have many common names, accurate identification is best achieved by learning and using a plant's scientific name.

The lovely *Caesia Calliantha* flowers



Gardening with Natives workshop.

Join Melissa Doherty, Hume's Biodiversity Officer to learn how you can use native plants in your garden and create habitat for wildlife.

Thursday 9 May 2019
7:00pm to 8.30pm

The Age Library, Global Learning Centre Broadmeadows
1093 Pascoe Vale Road, Broadmeadows

Bookings can be made at: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/gardening-with-native-plants-tickets-55249022313>

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Attracting beneficial insects the *Burchardia umbellata*.

A SILK PURSE FROM A SOW'S EAR?

In 1969-1970 the Victorian Government was building the Tullamarine Freeway (now called City Link) and put it largely down the valley of the Moonee Ponds Creek; this being a line of least resistance compared with buying up and demolishing homes in their hundreds or even thousands.

The Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, predecessor to Melbourne Water, took the opportunity to concrete line the Creek, in accordance with a theory that concrete lining would reduce flooding by taking the water into Port Philip Bay as quickly as possible.

There was opposition by local residents to the concrete lining, which reached a fever pitch as the concrete went into Strathmore. The Strathmore Progress Association played a key role in convincing the Hamer Government to tell the Board of Works to stop the concrete lining, which it did, just outside the Strathmore North Primary School, and to engage with local residents if it wanted to proceed any further.

A Committee was set up to consider the issue - I believe this was in 1974 - and I was asked to join it as a representative of the Broadmeadows Environment Committee. I had not played any significant role in stopping the concrete, but I was a 19 year old university student who could get to daytime meetings, unlike the Broadmeadows Environment Committee members who had daytime jobs.

The Board of Works members wanted to know what our objection to the concrete was. We said, among other things, that it was ugly. They responded by proposing different designs for the concrete that they said would look better and enable us to agree to more concreting.

We were not convinced, but they proceeded to trial different concrete designs, which can still be seen along the Creek between Lebanon Reserve and the Strathmore Secondary



College. After looking at the designs, we told the Board of Works that we didn't like any of them, and that in any event ugliness was only one of our objections - the concrete pretty much destroys the value of the Creek as wildlife habitat and a wildlife corridor.

Reluctantly they gave up the dream of continuing the concreting. Back then the section of the Board of Works responsible for the Moonee Ponds Creek and other urban waterways was called "Main Drains", which is very revealing as to how the Creek was viewed. The modern Melbourne Water is far more alert to its environmental value, and I retain the hope that one day we will see the concrete rolled back from Strathmore North, and the creek regain its former environmental and open space glory.

In 1983 the Victorian Government released a report from the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation which revealed that there was no evidence to support the theory that concrete lining was an effective way to tackle flooding.

Kelvin Thomson

President

Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek.

Moonee Ponds Creek on 3AW



Cr Narelle Sharpe and Kelvin Thomson with local resident Nina Franceschi Eason.

Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek requested and received the transcript of the interviews of Kelvin Thomson, President of the Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek and Lord Mayor of Moonee Valley, Councillor Narelle Sharpe with Denis Walter that aired on the “Afternoons with Denis Walter” on Wednesday 13 March.

The interviews followed an article in the Moonee Valley Leader about the potential removal of concrete from the Moonee Ponds Creek along Brosnan Crescent in Strathmore. Both interviews encouraged listeners to go the Moonee Valley Council Website <https://yoursay.mvcc.vic.gov.au/moonee-ponds-creek> and place a vote or sign the petition to make the Moonee Ponds Creek an Urban River Priority Project.

Special thanks to Katie Dower, Senior Producer – afternoons with Denis Walter 3AW 693 for providing the audio and giving permission to publish it. Thanks also to Meghan Hopper, Advocacy Coordinator at Moonee Valley City Council, for promoting the vote for Moonee Ponds Creek via the Council website that resulted in this fantastic publicity.



<https://vimeo.com/325534281>
Narelle Sharpe - Interview with Denis Walter on 3AW.



<https://vimeo.com/325528066>
Kelvin Thomson - Interview with Denis Walter on 3AW.



Reminiscing with Maurice

In what could be a scene straight out of “The Great Escape” this photo in Maurice’s collection shows a lad (name not remembered) riding up the road from Morgan’s Bridge circa 1968. The road is long gone since the Morgan’s factory buildings were removed but the bridge remains and is now part of the shared trail that links Gowanbrae to the site at Outlook Drive that has been saved from development following a community campaign and negotiations between VicTrack and Moreland City Council. The hillside traversed by this bike is a blank canvas that can now be planted out further enhancing our Moonee Ponds Creek wildlife corridor. When we see an image like this we can celebrate the transformation that has already taken place along the creek.

Growling Grass Frogs in Strathmore this Summer

Over Summer, Zoe Jellie found fresh evidence of the endangered Growling Grass Frogs taking up residence along the Creek, this time in Strathmore close to the Talbot Road Footbridge. Interestingly they were in a very short section of grassy edge sandwiched between the relentless concrete lining the Creek. It does go to show that our Growlers are opportunistic and will colonize even tiny habitats. All the more reason to embrace the Chain of Ponds Concept that will seek to rescue patches of habitat that will over time join together to form the renewed Moonee Ponds Creek that we all thrive for. Zoe’s recording can be found on our Moonee Ponds Facebook in Videos.



Sightings

The Moonee Ponds Creek Wildlife corridor continues to impress. Anna came across a Dainty Swallowtail at Woodland Historic Park along with a pair of Laughing Kookaburras and found Musk Lorikeets at Westmeadows.

Nina spotted a Little Pied Cormorant in the Jacana Wetlands and some great finds at Westmeadows with Red-browed Finches, a Sacred Kingfisher and even got a Willie Wagtail to sit still for a moment. Dennis captured the elusive Australian Reed Warbler in the Jacana Wetlands. Tom had a wonderful visitor, a Rufous Fantail, to his garden in Vine Street., Moonee Ponds, not far from the Creek.



Australian Reed Warbler



Rufous Fantail



Musk Lorikeet



Laughing Kookaburras



Little Pied Cormorant



Red-browed Finches



Dainty Swallowtail



Willie Wagtail



Sacred Kingfisher

Creek Watch

Please help by reporting rapid change of water levels or water discolouration along the creek:

- High water flows coming out of drains during a period of no rain could indicate a leaking water main or underground burst pipe. To report this, contact **Yarra Valley Water** for the east side of the bank and **City West Water** for the west side of the bank.
- If the creek water is yellow or white or otherwise discoloured, this could indicate trade waste being dumped in the creek. This needs to be **urgently reported to the EPA**.

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welcome photos and written contributions from our readers. Please send contributions to:
fompc.ponderings@gmail.com

Plantings

Winter Planting Calendar

Last minute cancellations and changes will be posted to our [Facebook](#) page.

When	Where	Group/Contact Information
Sun 19 May 10.00am-12.00md	Citizen Science Discovery Day Afton Street Parklands, Aberfeldie	Moonee Valley City Council Conservation Officer: 8325 1888
Sun 19 May 1.30pm-3.30pm	Friends of Upper MPC Broadmeadows Road Deviation, Westmeadows (Mel 6 A8)	City of Hume Urban Biodiversity Officer: 9205 2466
Sat 25 May 10.00am-12.00md	Community planting, Lawson St, Moonee Ponds (Melway 29 A6)	Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek Kaye Oddie: 9329 0635
Sun 2 June 9:00am-12:00md	Ocean Crusaders Clean-up Day Lower Moonee Ponds Creek Ron Barassi Snr Park, Docklands (Mel 2E A5)	Ocean Crusaders info@oceancrusaders.org 0447 TURTLE (887 853)
Sun 21 July 10:00am-12:00md	Community Planting, end of Kernan Avenue (Street), Pascoe Vale South (Melway 16 K10)	Moreland City Council. Natural Resource Management Officer: 044 9060 866
Sun 28 July	NATIONAL TREE DAY Find a site near your place	https://treeday.planetark.org/ and enter your Postcode
Sat 3 August 10:00am – 12:00md	Community Planting Day Kensington Embankment. Access from ramp off Bent Street. (Melway 2A B5)	Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek Kaye Oddie: 9329 0635
Sun 1 September 9:00am – 12:00md	Ocean Crusaders Clean-up Day Lower Moonee Ponds Creek	Ocean Crusaders info@oceancrusaders.org 0447 TURTLE (887 853)
Sun 8 September 1.30pm – 3.30pm	Friends of Upper MPC with 1st Tullapark Scout Group. Coopers Hill Dve Westmeadows (Melway 6 A7)	City of Hume Urban Biodiversity Officer: 9205 2466
Sun 24 November 9:00am-12.00md	Ocean Crusaders Clean-up Day Lower Moonee Ponds Creek	Ocean Crusaders info@oceancrusaders.org 0447 TURTLE (887 853)

FOR ALL PLANTINGS, PLEASE BRING GLOVES AND DRINKING WATER, WEAR APPROPRIATE CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR. ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

The Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek supports child safe environments for its activities.

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HUME AND MOONEE VALLEY COUNCILS HAVE PLACED THESE PLANTINGS ON THEIR WEBSITE.

THEY PREFER YOU TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE TO ASSIST WITH RESOURCING AND CATERING.



Bi-Monthly Meetings

Held the following dates at the Sam Merrifield Library, 762 Mt. Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds commencing at 6:30pm.

- Meeting dates:** • 17 June • 20 August •
• 18 October (AGM) • 17 December •