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VISION STATEMENT

Stony Creek will run through a continuous corridor of public open space, rich in habitat and biodiversity, linked by a connected trail network and quality park amenities which support community recreation and enjoyment. Spaces will be safe, accessible and welcoming, they will encourage people to engage with the natural and cultural heritage of this high valued urban waterway.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Foster Community

Melbourne Water Stony Creek Rehabilitation Plan
- Developed in partnership with Melbourne Water, Maribyrnong City Council and EPA and community to address rehabilitation and protection of Stony Creek following industrial fire in August 2018.
- Provides guidance for delivering the community’s vision and long-term aspirations for Stony Creek through collaborative partnerships.
- Identifies key actions for delivery by local and state government agencies under five themes of: Waterway Health; Water Quality; Access and Connectivity; Amenity and Education and Community Participation.

Play Maribyrnong Playground Improvement Strategy
- Provide and improve network of playgrounds which provide a variety of fun, exploration and challenge for children of all ages and abilities.
- Well designed and maintained play spaces will help young people and local communities to play and develop socially, physically and emotionally.

Healthy Waterways

Stony Creek Stormwater Treatment and Harvesting Opportunities May 2019
- Identifies opportunities for stormwater treatment systems and stormwater harvesting through raingardens and wetlands in open space.
- Quantifies cost and benefits including:
  - Improved amenity, recreation and biodiversity opportunities
  - Removal of sediment and pollutants from creeks
  - Reuse of stormwater for irrigation

DRAFT MARIBYRNONG BICYCLE STRATEGY 2019 - 2025
- Guides the next ten years of investment in cycling in Maribyrnong.
- Aims to increase cycling through increased physical separation and safer speeds.
- Recommend connecting the Stony Creek Trail between Paramount Road and Federation Trail.

A Cooler / Greener Outlook

Maribyrnong Urban Forest Strategy 2018
- Provision of natural shade and shelter for people
- Reduced air, water and soil pollution
- Improved amenity and aesthetics of public open space, encouraging people to be active

STONY CREEK FLORA AND FAUNA IMPACT ASSESSMENT 2019
- Identifies 37 fauna taxa across three sites, 28 of which are indigenous species.
- Estuarine areas of Stony Creek provide the highest quality of habitat for migratory birds, particularly migratory and resident shorebirds.
- Potential for Stony Creek to support migratory birds upstream of Hyde Street Reserve
- A total of 65 plant taxa were recorded in three sites, 41 of which are indigenous

Maribyrnong City Council Open Space Strategy 2014
- Provides strategic direction for planning, provision and design of open space across the city. Recommendations for SC include:
  - Establish a continuous open space corridor along the creek.
  - Continue to improve natural character and values of the creek.

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Healthy and Inclusive Communities
- Related Strategic Objectives include:
  - Effective transport network and a smart inclusive city
  - Mobile and connected city
  - Clean and green urban spaces
  - Quality places and spaces
  - Healthy and safe living, connection to nature
  - Facilities that support people’s wellbeing, health and safety

Maribyrnong City Council
- Guides the planning, development, resourcing and provision of services to the community over a four year period.
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Short Term (1 – 3 years), Medium Term (4 – 6 years) and Long Term (7 – 10 years)
Future Public Acquisition Overlay for road reserves

Where public creek reserve is near the 30m existing width, adjacent land may be acquired at time of redevelopment through negotiation / as open space contributions.
**LEGEND**

**PATHS & ACCESS**
- Existing 2.5m concrete shared path (Upgrade to 3m at time of renewal)
- Proposed 3m wide concrete shared path
- Proposed new sections of 1.5m wide concrete secondary footpath
- Proposed new sections of informal 900mm wide gravel footpath
- Proposed Stony Creek Corridor (min. 30m)

**PARK INFRASTRUCTURE**
- Proposed park seat
- Proposed picnic table
- Proposed wayfinding sign
- Proposed maintenance vehicle gate

**TREES, PLANTING & SOFT LANDSCAPE**
- Proposed native trees planted in groups / copses of 3-7
- Proposed creek-side planting utilising native shrubs and grasses
- Proposed buffer planting with native shrubs and trees

**CREEK & WATER QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE**
- Creek culvert - inaccessible to public road bridge
- Proposed wetland / pond for stormwater treatment
- Artists impression #1 (see p.5)

**ACTIONS**

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<td>Weed control, tree and creek-side planting between Quarry Road and Freight line</td>
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<td>Advocate to State Government for a cycling and pedestrian link (bridge or tunnel) between Sunshine Road and Duke Street (potential to form part of Future Airport Rail works)</td>
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<td>Construct 3m wide shared path from Sunshine Road to Quarry Road (VicTrack approvals required); Advocate to VicRoads for new signalised intersection across Sunshine Road</td>
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Proposed General Improvements include:

- Park Reconstruction
- New Furniture / Signage
- Additional Tree + Shrub Planting
- Habitat Enhancements

Prepare guidelines for industrial interfaces with Stony Creek to provide built form setbacks, landscaping buffers, litter management, water quality, tree planting opportunities and public access.

Promote activity and connectivity through shared user paths.

Improve water quality through sedimentation basin located at Duke Street stormwater outlet and wetland in adjoining residential development.

Proposed sedimentation basin for water treatment

New park space and wetland to be constructed as part of the adjoining residential development.

Improved connectivity through Stony Creek.

Proposed sedimentation basin for water treatment.

Proposed creek-side planting for habitat improvements.
PATHS & ACCESS
- Existing 2.5m concrete shared path (Upgrade to 3m at time of renewal)
- Proposed 3m wide concrete shared path
- Proposed stony creek corridor (min. 30m)
- Proposed footbridge

PARK INFRASTRUCTURE
- Proposed wayfinding sign
- Existing maintenance vehicle access gate

TREES, PLANTING & SOFT LANDSCAPE
- Proposed native trees planted in groups / copses of 3-7
- Proposed creek-side planting utilising native shrubs and grasses
- Proposed buffer planting with native shrubs and trees

CREEK & WATER QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE
- Creek culvert - inaccessible to public

ARTISTS IMAGINATION #2 (see p.8)

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**Built form setbacks**

**Landscape buffers**

**Water quality**

**Planting opportunities**

**Public access**
4 CALA STREET - GEELONG ROAD

LEGEND

PATHS & ACCESS
- Existing 2.5m concrete shared path (Upgrade to 3m at time of renewal)
- Proposed concrete shared path
- Proposed new sections of bike lane 1.5m wide

PARK INFRASTRUCTURE
- Existing park seat
- Proposed park seat
- Existing picnic table
- Proposed picnic table
- Proposed wayfinding sign
- Existing maintenance vehicle access gate
- Proposed maintenance vehicle access gate
- Existing playground

TREES, PLANTING & SOFT LANDSCAPE
- Proposed native trees planted in groups / copses of 3-7
- Proposed creek-side planting utilising native shrubs and semi-aquatics
- Proposed buffer planting with native shrubs and trees

CREEK & WATER QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE
- Creek culvert - inaccessible to public
- Proposed raingarden for stormwater treatment

ACTIONS | TIMEFRAME
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4.1 Increase tree and creek-side planting. | Short / ongoing
4.2 Construct shared path from Waratah Street to Roberts Street. May include acquisition of adjacent property to ensure path access. | Short
4.3 Advocate to VicRoads for cycling and pedestrian improvements to Geelong Road intersection | Short
4.4 Expand A. MacDonald Reserve south into Council Nursery site. Remove existing chainmesh link fence. Develop basic parklands with grass and trees for kickabout space. | Short
4.5 Construct the Bassett Reserve raingarden for stormwater treatment | Long

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**STONY CREEK FUTURE DIRECTIONS PLAN**

**5 SOMERVILLE ROAD - DREW STREET BRIDGE CRUICKSHANK PARK**

Improve safety and recreation

### STONY CREEK FUTURE DIRECTIONS PLAN

**5.1**

- **Actions**
  - Revet the creek bank in partnership with Melbourne Water
  - Increase tree planting
  - Support stormwater treatment raingardens (off Bishop Street and Austin Crescent drains)
  - Engage community-led 'Discovery Trail' project, incorporating interpretation of Stony Creek's natural and cultural heritage

- **Timeframe**
  - Short / ongoing

### LEGEND

- **Improve Charlotte Street playground** to increase play opportunity and picnic facilities and drinking fountain
- **Install lighting to main bridges connected to street network**
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- **Construct stormwater treatment raingardens (off Bishop Street and Austin Crescent drains)**

### STONY CREEK FUTURE DIRECTIONS PLAN

**5.2**

- **Proposed creek-side planting with native shrubs + grasses**
- **Proposed buffer planting with native shrubs and trees**
- **Proposed area of irrigated grass**

### STONY CREEK FUTURE DIRECTIONS PLAN

**5.3**

- **Proposed distance markers at 250m intervals**
- **Proposed wayfinding sign**
- **Existing maintenance access gate**

### STONY CREEK FUTURE DIRECTIONS PLAN

**5.4**

- **Proposed new sections of informal 900mm wide gravel path**
- **Proposed new sections of 1.5m wide concrete secondary footpath**
- **Proposed 3m wide concrete shared path**

### STONY CREEK FUTURE DIRECTIONS PLAN

**5.5**

- **Proposed native trees planted in groups / copses of 3-7**
- **Improve Charlotte Street playground to increase play opportunity and picnic facilities and drinking fountain**

### STONY CREEK FUTURE DIRECTIONS PLAN

**5.6**

- **Proposed 'discovery nature trail' markers (locations to be determined)**
- **Install distance markers to primary 3m path to encourage and establish a Park Run for Cruickshank/McNish**

### STONY CREEK FUTURE DIRECTIONS PLAN

**5.7**

- **Install lighting to main bridges connected to street network**
- **Construct stormwater treatment raingardens (off Bishop Street and Austin Crescent drains)**
- **Support community-led 'Discovery Trail' project, incorporating interpretation of Stony Creek's natural and cultural heritage**

### STONY CREEK FUTURE DIRECTIONS PLAN

**5.8**

- **Proposed new sections of 1.5m wide concrete secondary footpath**
- **Proposed creek-side planting with native shrubs + grasses**
- **Proposed buffer planting with native shrubs and trees**

### STONY CREEK FUTURE DIRECTIONS PLAN

**5.9**

- **Proposed new sections of informal 900mm wide gravel path**
- **Potential wetland and raingarden for stormwater harvesting and irrigation**
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**STONY CREEK FUTURE DIRECTIONS PLAN**

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**Proposed playground extension**

- **existing:** green, **proposed:** blue

**Proposed nature play (indicative locations)**

- **existing:** green, **proposed:** blue

**Support community-led 'Discovery Trail' project, including interpretation of Stony Creek's natural and cultural heritage**

- **existing:** green, **proposed:** blue

**Improve Francis Street frontage and urban design treatment at park entry**

- **existing:** green, **proposed:** blue

**Construct stormwater treatment raingarden (off Court Street drain)**

- **existing:** green, **proposed:** blue

**Future pedestrian bridge (subject to MW approval)**

- **proposed:** blue

**Improve and extend BMX track with enhanced skill features and landscape setting / tree planting**

- **existing:** green, **proposed:** blue

**Expand the Dinosaur playground with additional play items and nature-play including improve access for all-abilities**

- **proposed:** blue

**Investigate irrigation using treated stormwater to improve amenity of high use lawn areas**

- **proposed:** blue

**Construct netball half-court with shared seating / facilities and drinking fountain with BMX track**

- **proposed:** blue

**Advocate for removal of concrete channel and naturalisation of Stony Creek**

- **existing:** green, **proposed:** blue

**Install timber post + rail fence for vehicle exclusion**

- **proposed:** blue

**Proposed toilet - 2 x universal access cubicles in single built element**

- **proposed:** blue

**Proposed BBQ**

- **proposed:** blue

**Proposed buffer planting with native shrubs and trees**

- **proposed:** blue

**Proposed creek side planting with native grasses**

- **proposed:** blue

**Construct new sections of informal 900mm wide gravel path**

- **proposed:** blue

**Proposed park seat**

- **existing:** green, **proposed:** blue

**Existing playground**

- **existing:** green, **proposed:** blue

**Proposed LED lighting**

- **proposed:** blue

**Proposed wayfinding sign**

- **proposed:** blue

**Existing wayfinding sign**

- **existing:** green, **proposed:** blue

**Proposed distance marker at 250m intervals**

- **proposed:** blue

**Proposed area of irrigated grass**

- **existing:** green, **proposed:** blue

**Proposed native trees planted in groups / copses of 3-7**

- **proposed:** blue

**Proposed raingarden for stormwater treatment**

- **proposed:** blue

**Proposed BBQ**

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Proposed general improvements include:

- Park reconstruction
- New furniture / signage
- Additional tree + shrub planting
- Water quality improvements
- Habitat enhancements

Advocate to naturalise concrete channel
Upgrade path connection to Francis street
Extend existing bike circuit / nature trail + play / netball hardcourt
Proposed new bridge crossing
BBQ / picnic facilities
Proposed toilet
Expand playground and nature play
Install lighting to main bridges connected to street network
Raingardens to treat stormwater

ARTISTS IMPRESSION #3
Improve pedestrian/cycling connections across Hyde Street (VicRoads) with traffic light or splitter island

New bridge crossing and shared path connection beneath West Gate Freeway connection to Spotswood (by West Gate Tunnel project)

New shared path/hump connection to Federation Trail (by West Gate Tunnel project)

Complete disc golf course with additional baskets and signage. Ensure flight paths do not cross shared path

Proposed native trees planted in groups / copses of 3-7

Proposed infill of native saltmarsh along creek banks

Proposed buffer planting with native shrubs and trees

Proposed wayfinding sign

Completed disc golf course with additional baskets and signage. Ensure flight paths do not cross shared path

Improve presentation of park entry from Hyde Street

Improve sightlines at Beverley Street entry with canopy trees and low shrub planting to create welcoming entry

Improve pedestrian/cycling connections across Hyde Street (VicRoads) with traffic light or splitter island

Extend secondary concrete path from Beverley Street

Construct potential ephemeral wetland for stormwater treatment in Hyde Street Reserve

New bridge crossing and shared path connection beneath West Gate Freeway connection to Spotswood (by West Gate Tunnel project)

Proposed timber boardwalk and platform to improve protected access to saltmarsh and creek (subject to Melbourne Water approval)

Proposed wayfinding sign

New shared path/hump connection to Federation Trail (by West Gate Tunnel project)

Proposed infill of native saltmarsh along creek banks

Proposed buffer planting with native shrubs and trees

Proposed wayfinding sign

Completed disc golf course with additional baskets and signage. Ensure flight paths do not cross shared path

Proposed path connection under Westgate Freeway to Spotswood
## Implementation Plan

The Implementation Plan lists all actions to be undertaken as part of the Stony Creek Future Directions Plan 2020, along with their indicative timeframes and cost estimates. Prioritisation of actions have been informed through the community consultation process. Indicative timeframes for actions are: Short (1-3 years), Medium (4-6 years) and Long (7-10 years) with some actions going beyond the 10 year timeframe listed as ongoing.

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### Timeframe

- **Short**: 1-3 years
- **Medium**: 4-6 years
- **Long**: 7-10 years

### Cost Estimate

- **Total**: $18,979,500

**Note**: The Implementation Plan also includes several long-term actions that are anticipated to be undertaken in the future. These are not included in the aforementioned timeframe and cost estimates.