

ARMY CAMP WETLANDS

Vision

"A flourishing Merlynston Creek becomes an artery of life, connecting the waterway through the parklands to the vibrant community activity at Seabrook Reserve.

Constructed in the 1960s to mitigate flooding in surrounding suburbs, the Dallas Army Camp Basin is managed by Melbourne Water and underwent a major upgrade in 2015. These works now enable the integration of safe walking and cycling access, together with vegetation and habitat improvements, while maintaining essential flood protection functions.



Detail plan showing the central Army Camp Basin area with sediment pond, ephemeral wetlands and native tree planting.



ACTION ITEMS

ACTION	KEY STRATEGY
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C1	Findings and recommendations from the Cultural Values Assessment will be integrated into the Final Masterplan.	1.1
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ECOLOGICAL VALUES

E1	Establish passively watered street tree planting along Dallas Drive to shade path.	2.2
E2	Undertake native tree planting for habitat and shade.	2.1
E3	Plant scattered River Red Gum and Swamp Gum trees and reduce mowing to form a modified floodplain woodland (EVC56) in areas below the Q10 flood extent.	2.2
E4	Revegetate steep slopes to increase habitat and screen the adjoining factories.	2.1; 2.2

WATERWAY VALUES

W1	Continue monitoring and investigation of catchment-wide water quality management. Implement sediment pond and bioretention basin.	3.2
W2	Within Melbourne Water-owned land, implement ephemeral wetlands fed by stormwater outlets along western side of Merlynston Creek.	3.2
W3	Investigate, and where feasible, daylight piped section of Merlynston Creek to elevate its presence within the parklands and facilitate improved riparian connectivity.	3.2

HERITAGE VALUES

H1	Reflect former Army Camp history as part of enabling access into the Dallas Retarding Basin.	4.2
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COMMUNITY RECREATION VALUES

R1	Investigate enhancements along top of spillway to provide viewing platform with seating, signage, and integrated balustrade.	5.3
R2	Maximise parkland interface improvements in any development applications on adjacent land.	

ACCESS AND CONNECTION VALUES

A1	Implement an inclusive Shared Path along the length of the Army Camp Wetlands. This will be set back from Dallas Drive to provide a shady relaxed walking experience.	6.1; 6.2
A2	Provide connection into parklands from southern end of Dhemre Place.	6.1
A3	Create formal parkland entry points along Dallas Drive, with views over the Basin. Provide seating.	6.1
A4	Improve information and wayfinding signage at key park entrances to increase awareness of Merlynston Creek and its visitor features. Include emergency warning markers in flood hazard areas.	6.3
A5	Remove chainlink fencing along Dallas Drive (once other access restrictions, signage and warning markers are installed).	6.2
A6	Restrict access to spillway and key hydraulic structures, and to eastern side of Basin where emergency egress to the east is not available.	6.2
A7	Provide additional egress to allow evacuation during a flood event.	6.1; 6.2
A8	Connect Shared Use Path running along proposed future road into the parkland trail network.	6.1