

THE SOURCE OF MERLYNSTON CREEK

Vision

"The source of Merlynston Creek is a hidden oasis, where wallabies graze amongst wattles and eucalypts. Improvements along the creek will support a healthy waterway and habitat. Enhanced access will enable better connections between the railway, the source of the creek, and Merlynston Creek Parklands."



Landscape at the Merlynston Creek headwaters: the source of the creek.



The Merlynston Creek corridor next to the Coolaroo Hotel.



Precinct Plan N



ACTION ITEMS

ACTION	KEY STRATEGY
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WURUNDJERI WOI-WURRUNG CULTURAL VALUES

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	Protect and enhance conservation values along the Merlynston Creek within the rail reserve northwards to at least the National Business Park Nature Reserve.	2.3
E1	Future plans for the extension of the rail line from Upfield to Roxburgh Park are supported only if it is an elevated rail that is designed with minimal impact on the creek and its Ecological and Woi-wurrung Cultural Values. This includes level crossing removal at Barry Road to improve community connectivity and safety.	
E2	Advocate for ecological and waterway outcomes to Merlynston Creek on private land from Barry Road to Maffra Street, including retention of standing dead tree snags to provide ongoing habitat.	2.1
E3	Develop a long-term strategy and business case to support access and habitat improvements to Merlynston Creek between Maffra Street and the railway line.	2.1; 2.3

WATERWAY VALUES

W1	Recognise and celebrate the source of Merlynston Creek with signage and messaging.	3.1; 3.2
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ACCESS AND CONNECTION VALUES

A1	Investigate opportunities to create a loop ‘shared (use)’ path connecting the northern end of Merlynston Creek Parklands to Upfield Station	6.1; 6.3
A2	Develop a long-term strategy to support habitat and access improvements to Merlynston Creek between Maffra Street and the railway line.	6.1; 6.3