

SEABROOK RESERVE and WILL WILL ROOK PIONEER CEMETERY

Vision

Life is celebrated in Merlynston Creek Parklands. There is laughter and adventure at Seabrook Reserve; further along, dogs also run and play, and children make their way to and from school. Past lives are commemorated with planting that makes the cemetery more visible.

Seabrook Reserve features State Rugby League facilities and community centre.

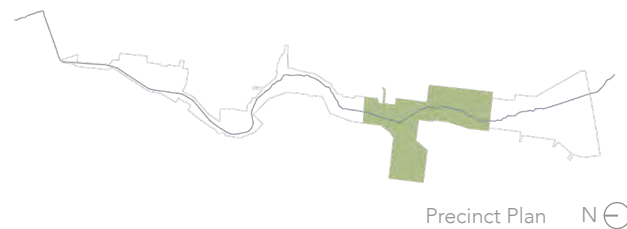
Along the creek, Seabrook Reserve is home to recently upgraded high quality play and picnic facilities along the banks of the creek. This important feature is not well known and used by the local and district community.

Will Will Rook Pioneer Cemetery is on Crown land and provides an important historical point of interest for the creek.

Difficulties crossing or entering the reserve from Camp Road are a priority to address.



Detail plan showing altered mowing regime to allow the old pattern of Will Will Rook Pioneer Cemetery to be revealed, and path connection along the east side of the creek.



Precinct Plan N



ACTION ITEMS

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KEY STRATEGY

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	Infill gaps in riparian vegetation and trees along both banks of Merlynston Creek.	2.3
E2	Undertake native tree planting for habitat and shade.	2.1
E3	As wetlands, ponds and creek improvements are created, implement educational initiatives to discourage bird feeding.	2.2
E4	Trail current mowing regime to only mow along the historic grid layout. Implement supplementary planting, including species tested at Melbourne General Cemetery Project Cultivate.	2.3
E5	Investigate, and if feasible, relocate dog off-leash area to an alternate area to support ecological improvements in Will Will Rook Pioneer Cemetery.	2.3

WATERWAY VALUES

W1	Potential proposed future road to be set back further from Merlynston Creek if needed to protect Ecological Values.	3.2
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HERITAGE VALUES

H1	Investigate, and if feasible, undertake adaptive reuse of bluestone toilet block to convert to an outdoor shelter area with information panels celebrating local history.	4.2
H2	Better recognise the historic significance and graves of Will Will Rook Pioneer Cemetery with planting and mowing regimes to showcase its layout, along with improved trails, seating and sweeps of low planting to create a sense of enclosures. Seek funding to undertake ground penetrating radar sensing to confirm location of unknown graves.	4.2

ACTION

KEY STRATEGY

COMMUNITY RECREATION VALUES

R1	Design and management of the creekside reserve area, Seabrook Reserve and Will Will Rook Pioneer Cemetery to encourage safe, relaxing and enjoyable walking routes to schools, sporting reserves and playgrounds visitor features.	5.1
R2	Maximise design and viewlines around the new housing development to help improve sense of connection and community at Seabrook playground.	5.1
R3	Investigate, and where feasible integrate improvements for small outdoor events e.g. bump-in area and strategic hardstand sites into any future redesign of playground and picnic area at Seabrook Reserve.	5.2
R4	Maintain State Rugby League reserves and facilities while investigating design improvements to improve seating and sense of place for community use near the Seabrook Community Centre	5.2
R5	Maximise parkland interface improvements in any development applications on adjacent land	5.2; 5.3

ACCESS AND CONNECTION VALUES

A1	Investigate and where feasible, implement redesign Seabrook Reserve carpark, access, and building arrival to prioritise people who walk and cycle, a slow speed environment, and wayfinding. Include land currently used for informal path in assessment.	6.1
A2	Investigate future long term opportunities to create connection into parklands along Stanhope Street to improve the connection to the Central Grove Shopping Centre. If proceeding investigate forecourt as potential entry incorporating the adaptive reuse of the bluestone toilet block.	6.2; 6.3
A3	Subject to heritage, cultural and ecological sensitivities, investigate new walking and cycling path along eastern side of Merlynston Creek that will connect to Shared Use Path. Implement where feasible.	6.1; 6.3
A4	Create new walking and cycling entrance into the parklands with signage and trail connections from the east at Broadfield Road	6.1
A5	Potential proposed future road to be set back further from Merlynston Creek if needed to protect Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values, ecological values, heritage values, walking and cycling access and community recreation values including minimising visual and noise impacts.	6.1; 6.2