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Mill Park Wetlands Upgrade Project

To continue our vital work in safeguarding Melbourne's waterways, Melbourne Water has commenced works to enhance the Mill Park Wetlands, located in the Lakes Reserve. The project will make sure that the Mill Park lakes and wetlands keep working the way they were meant to, filtering out nitrogen and harmful pollutants and keeping our rivers and creeks healthy today, tomorrow and for generations to come.



Project update

A site compound for the works has been established off Findon Road including staff amenities and storage and laydown areas. Early works have also commenced with the wetlands being fenced for public safety, and haul roads constructed in preparation for earth works to begin late in 2024.

Due to the wetlands now being a construction site, the shared use path between Darrius Terrace and Findon Road is now closed until late 2025. Detours are in place around the works area. We regret any inconvenience this may cause.





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The shared use path between the Hendersons Road Drain and the ornamental lake will also close for approximately two weeks in mid to late October 2024 as we carry out works at the outlet. Detours will be in place around the lake.

Other early works to prepare the site for the main works will include setting up by-pass pumping networks and dewatering systems in preparation of draining the wetlands late in 2024. Residents can expect increased truck movements and activity on site as we carry out these upgrade works.

Vegetation removal

Melbourne Water understands the importance of trees and vegetation to the community and has worked closely with our delivery partners to minimise the number of trees to be removed on this project. Tree removal, including native vegetation, is however required with works commencing on these activities from **Monday 7 October 2024**.

Comprehensive environmental and flora and fauna management plans have been developed to ensure that the project is delivered while protecting our native wildlife and vegetation. In stage 2 of the project, Melbourne Water will revegetate the area with approximately 120,000 new plants.

Community information session and coffee morning

Please join the project team for a free coffee and a chat about upcoming works between **9:30am** and **11:30am on Saturday 12 October 2024** on **The Promenade** in front of the local village shops. Please look out for the blue Melbourne Water flags to find us!

We celebrate that the local community has a keen interest in the wetlands and its diverse ecosystem and will have an expert ecologist on the morning for you to ask any questions you may have about the wetlands and its inhabitants. We hope to see you there.

More information

Please scan the QR code to be taken through to our dedicated project website or contact the project team via the below channels for more information, or if you would like to subscribe to receive project bulletins via email. We thank you for your understanding as we get to work upgrading the wetlands.





