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# Fawkner Memorial Park Campbellfield Creek rehabilitation

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## What's happening?

In late May, Melbourne Water, in partnership with GMCT, will begin a rehabilitation project along a 200m section of Campbellfield Creek. This part of the creek runs south from Box Forest Rd through Fawkner Memorial Park.

## What do the works involve?

Melbourne Water will remove selected invasive species, including seven mature willows and several Desert Ashes from along the project length. Melbourne Water will provide funding via its Stream Frontage Management Program for the purchase of over 2000 indigenous seedlings which, in conjunction with the placement of weed matting, will be planted by GMCT staff at the Campbellfield Creek site.

## Why are these works important?

Willow, Desert Ash and other species targeted are considered environmental weeds in Victoria. Willows pose a particularly serious threat to our waterways. Their characteristic dense canopy, invasive roots and heavy leaf fall can smother our creeks and lead to reduced habitat values, as well as poor water quality and flow. Dense willow thickets can impact bank stability and lead to lateral erosion.

Replacing non-native vegetation with indigenous plants will help to improve the health of the creek environment, beautify the creek, foster biodiversity and create better habitat for wildlife. A healthier creek system will also improve sustainability by reducing ongoing maintenance costs to GMCT.

This rehabilitation project precedes future partnership between Melbourne Water and GMCT for further improvements of this site and other locations around our cemeteries.

## Local impact of works

During this project there will be no disruption to traffic or amenity. The tree removal will include light vehicles and a small excavator and chipper that will access the site via various points. There will be a temporary increase in noise from the use of chainsaws, chippers and the excavator for the duration of the works. This will be kept to a minimum and timed to avoid peak periods of visitation.

The wood from the removed trees will be reused as mulch around GMCT cemeteries, while Melbourne Water will also undertake a site rubbish clean-up over the course of the rehabilitation project.

## When is this happening?

Works are expected to commence in late May 2017, with the major tree removal works taking approximately 1-3 days to complete. This will be followed by revegetation plantings in winter 2017. All works will be carried out between 7am and 6pm in accordance with EPA guidelines.

We will make every effort to minimise any impact of these rehabilitation works on the community and the environment, and we thank you in advance for your patience.

You can find out more about Melbourne Water's Stream Frontage Management Program at [www.melbournewater.com.au/getinvolved](http://www.melbournewater.com.au/getinvolved).

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