

Seven Creeks Masterplan 2024

Connect To
Balmattum Hill
Walking Track

Legend

- Highway
- Arterial Road
- Secondary Road
- Urban Floodway Zone
- Cultural Sensitive
- Railway
- Railway Station
- VLine Station
- Public Toilet
- Euroa Skate Park
- Euroa Rotary Playground
- Exercise Station
- Farmers Arms Hotel Museum
- Retired Service League/VC Memorial
- Swaggy Tree*
- Walking and Cycling Trail
- Restaurant
- Magpie Sculpture
- Seven Creeks Walk
- Euroa Heritage Trail
- Balmattum Hill Walk
- Missing Trail
- Steep Trail
- Fence
- Bridge
- Seating
- Picnic Table
- Information Board
- Trail Signage
- Usage Signage
- General Waste Bin
- Recycled Bin
- Bollard
- Electricity Pole
- Lighting
- Shelter
- Memorial Sculpture
- Power point
- Drainage

NOTE: All improvement works in the Seven Creeks Master Plan 2024 are developed in line with Seven Creeks Master Plan 2016 and Play and Open Space Strategy 2024-2034. Refer the strategy for site specific recommendations when required.

*Swaggy Trees are identified in Cultural Heritage Management Plan 2016. Any works carried out as part of the master plan shall refer to the CHMP 2016 for recommendations.

REVEGETATION AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

- Use locally sourced, indigenous plants and seed for revegetation works
- Review the suitability of exotic plantings, taking into account the Euroa Structure Plan and Kelaart arborist report (Shire of Strathbogie publications)
- Use the best available science in developing plans and carrying out works, including flora and fauna surveys and data collection
- Investigate to implement the recommendations in the Shire of Strathbogie's arborists' reports by Richard Kelaart and Mark Lawson
- Address the potential risks posed by the large, veteran trees by modifying and adjusting site usage, creating obstacles outside of the reach of habitat tree potential limb fall, and utilising buffers, exclusion zones, etc.
- Investigate to implement the recommendations in the Shire of Strathbogie's arborists' reports by Richard Kelaart and Mark Lawson
- Develop a Tree Management Plan for the Reserve
- List key and significant trees on the National Trust's Significant Tree Registry
- Council will continue to work with the Friends of the Sevens and the Euroa Arboretum to develop precinct

INTEGRATED RESERVE SIGNAGE

- A design and template will be created and used for all interpretative signs located in the Reserve
- Topics of each sign will cover historical, cultural and environmental information
- Collaborate with various community groups for the development of the sign

EUROA MINIATURE RAILWAY

- Explore options to undertake revegetation programs so that passenger experience of the surrounding environment is enhanced and varied
- Maintain the grass levels around the Railway to a park-like appearance
- Explore opportunities to minimise flood damage of the track
- Seek funding to provide picnic tables, seats, pergola area and tunnel

TOILETS

- Maintain and renew current toilets

TWOMEY'S BRIDGE

- After community consultation the replacement of Twomey's Bridge has been identified as a priority. Council will replace and upgrade Twomey's Bridge in the 2024/2025 financial year

NATIVE VEGETATION AREA

- Investigate to plant strategic areas along the adjacent walking track
- Continue to support native vegetation adjacent to Memorial Oval area
- Investigate to install collapsible handrails for the bridge near the football ground

EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

- Develop an Information Brochure on the Seven Creeks Reserve
- Promote the reserve via Council's website
- Consider installation of an open fire area for a community gathering place

BOLLARDS

- Install bollards to prevent cars or other motorised vehicles accessing footpaths and walking tracks, and to clearly sign the track as a shared footpath near the tennis court between Memorial oval and between the caravan park to the Rockies
- Investigate option to install recycled plastic bollards
- Possible locations for bollards include, at the end of White Street, the end of the Sevens Avenue and around the Rockies

LOOP TRAIL IMPROVEMENT

Enhance the trail to provide for a 7 km long and 2m wide, low maintenance, shared bicycle/walking access loop around the Seven Creeks. To achieve this, the following needs to be addressed:

- Repair culvert crossings and safety barriers on north side of track. Culverts need to be installed to improve drainage
- Upgrade the track's surface to improve access
- Maintenance activities should avoid excessive earth-moving requirements

LINKAGE TRACKS

- Explore options for better access points for Rockies Bridge and extending APEX track on North side of creek to connect with the eastern bridge abutment
- Investigate option to tracks to the main track, car parking areas or roads should be strategically placed and well signposted
- Tracks to meet the same standards of the main track and be accessible
- Continue to investigate potential fourth crossing at Butter Factory to create a continuous loop
- Construct footpath along Kirkland Avenue frontage of Caravan Park to ensure Apex track is a continuous loop

ACTIONS IDENTIFIED IN THE PLAY AND OPEN SPACE STRATEGY 2023-2033

- BIN ENCLOSURES + DOG BAGS**
Provide bin enclosures and dog bags in highly used areas, near BBQs, and around walking track to encourage responsible waste disposal for all users at Rockies Bridge area
- STEEP TRAIL**
Investigate treatments to accessibility
- REPAIR CRUSH ROCK PATH SURFACE**
Identify areas that need rectification works
- SEATING**
Investigate provision of seating every 800m suitable for within flood overlay
- PICNIC TABLE**
Investigate provision of picnic tables at appropriate areas, using long life span material structures for easy maintenance
- DRINKING FOUNTAIN**
Audit locations of existing drinking fountains and recommend future locations
- ACCESSIBILITY**
Identify opportunities to increase accessibility across the site
- SIGNAGE**
Explore options to add wildlife friendly interpretive signage throughout park

NOTE: All signage will be installed in line with the Strathbogie Shire guidelines and cultural sensitivity, keeping in line with the environment. Interpretative Signage noting the Aboriginal occupation of the area is required by Cultural Heritage Management Plan 2016. All ground disturbance works are required to be supervised by those who has undertaken Cultural Awareness Training. Refer the detailed requirements in the Cultural Heritage Management Plan (Bridget Ginter & Joanne Bell, 2016).

BRIDGES

- Minimise environmental and cultural footprint of bridge constructions
- Utilise strategic indigenous plantings to reduce visual impacts
- Minimise costs and promote volunteer community group contributions
- Burton's Bridge – bridge to be painted

EUROA NATURE PLAY SPACE

- Install a nature playground

EUROA FARMERS MARKET

- Maintain the open, circular location of the Market and investigate suitable plantings to enhance the atmosphere and feel of this space

LIGHTING

- Investigate sensor lighting in high profile locations, including under Burton's Bridge
- Investigate improved lighting through formal park areas, behind the Farmers Arm Museum and the Flour Mill Gallery and any linkages
- Investigate the use of solar technology for lighting
- Investigate un-intrusive, wildlife friendly lighting for around the walking track, in particular at the Rockies Bridge and behind the Flour Mill

