

Our Vision

Our Vision is to make the Creek and creek-side lands:

“A Community Asset - a healthy, restored environment, linked with nearby habitat, actively used and cared for by the community and visitors.”

What does this mean?

Our Vision	This means
<p>“A Community Asset:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ a healthy, restored environment	<p>High water quality Improved water flow A variety of aquatic life A full range of vegetation creating a self-sustaining ecosystem A range of native insects, birds and mammals with the possibility of continuous movement along the creek Reduction and control of weeds and feral animals</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ linked with nearby habitat	<p>Wildlife corridors along the creek and connected to adjoining areas of habitat</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ actively used and cared for by the community and visitors	<p>Multiple access points to creek Creek environment used for recreation School communities including creek area in curriculum and recreational activities Educational and promotional materials available Stakeholders involved in creek care Harmful practices eliminated</p>

How will we know if we've been successful?

We'll use the following indicators to measure our progress.

Our Vision - A Community Asset:	Indicators and measures
A healthy, restored environment:	
High water quality	Low nutrient and salinity levels Health of in-stream vegetation Native aquatic and emergent species
Improved water flow	Reduction of invasive vegetation such as willows A chain of healthy ponds at times of reduced flow
A variety of aquatic life	Presence of macro invertebrates, fish species, frog species and mammals such as platypus
A full range of vegetation creating a self-sustaining ecosystem	Indigenous ground, shrub, middle and upper storeys of a variety of ages Self-propagation of indigenous species
A range of native insects, birds and mammals with the possibility of continuous movement along the creek	Continuity of indigenous habitat Bird and animal counts
Reduction and control of weeds and feral animals.	Absence of weeds such as blackberry, gorse No new weed species established Absence of rabbits Stock access controlled
Linked with nearby habitat:	
Wildlife corridors along the creek and connected to adjoining areas of habitat	Continuity of habitat lengthwise, and with neighbouring habitats

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Vision and priorities

How will we know if we've been successful? ... (continued)

Our Vision - A Community Asset:	Indicators and measures
Actively used and cared for by the community and visitors: Multiple access points to creek	Access points publicised, and known to community
Creek environment used for recreation	Frequent access and crossing points Continuous walking- and bike-paths Numbers of people using the area for a variety of recreational purposes
School communities including creek area in curriculum and recreational activities	Planting sessions Surveys and studies
Educational and promotional materials available	Maps and brochures available from a range of information sources
Stakeholders involved in creek care	Active involvement by a range of community groups Fire, flood and safety issues addressed by plans
Harmful practices eliminated	No dumping No encroachment on creek reserves Buffer zones between creek, and commercial, residential, and agricultural land use Weed control methods "best practice", with minimal use of chemicals

Our Priorities

We've adopted the following medium-term and long-term priorities for action.

Our Vision	State we want to achieve	
	by end 2012	by end 2020
"A Community Asset:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a healthy, restored environment 	Asset protected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> preventable losses avoided dumping and encroachment stopped weeds controlled planting & seeding undertaken regeneration occurring 	High-quality stream environment, high water quality, chain-of-ponds
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> linked with nearby habitat 		Continuous habitat, linked along the creek and linked with adjoining habitat areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> actively used and cared for by the community and visitors 	Access improved, publicised, and well-known, walking/cycling track completed 3 feature sites established in important areas (several "precincts") "Adopt a creek" program in place Creek under some direct community management FoCC Landcare Group built into a strong, skilled organisation, well known in the community	Widely used by the community and visitors, broad access along and across the Creek Feature sites fully developed in important areas (several "precincts", including close to schools, Lindsay Park, 3-creeks junction) Creek under community management