



*FRIENDS OF SCOTCHMANS CREEK
AND VALLEY RESERVE
Inc. A0037872K*

Statement of Purpose – Scotchmans Creek Corridor

Background

FSCVR acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land we work in, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung People, and recognises their continuing connection to the land and waterways.

This Statement of Purpose in its current form applies only to the stretch of Scotchmans Creek addressed by FSCVR (ie from its Glen Waverley emergence to Stanley Avenue. It is intended however, that ultimately it would form part of an overarching document addressing the entire Gardiners Creek Catchment area.

It is intended as a statement of a community view of the issues and priorities related to management of the Scotchmans Creek Corridor in an environment of increasing usage, urban densification, and climate change.

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We are conscious of the fact that parts of the corridor are specifically focussed on flood mitigation, and that management of water flow will always affect the corridor.

We note that while the creek itself and the retarding basin in Mount Waverley are managed by Melbourne Water the remainder of the corridor is managed by the City of Monash.

We perceive two main amenities provided by the corridor:

- (i) It represents a (generally) well vegetated urban bushland corridor stretching over 5 kms across Glen Waverley and Mount Waverley, and on down towards Oakleigh. This has significance for the human population, and for local wildlife.
- (ii) It provides a cycling/walking trail linking Glen Waverley to the city of Melbourne. It is extensively used by cyclists and pedestrians throughout its length.

We are deeply appreciative of the work by the City of Monash and by Melbourne Water to restore the corridor to its current state, and in creating and maintaining the amenities described above.

The ongoing management of the Scotchmans Creek corridor should be respectful of, and consistent with this Statement of Purpose, and the guiding principles set out below:

- The Scotchmans Creek corridor is an integral part of the local environment which plays a vital part in the provision of healthy natural ecosystems for public amenity
- It is an integral part of local water flow management but not merely a stormwater drain
- It provides a green corridor for wildlife habitat and movement (i.e. connectivity)
- It provides a pathway for active transport (pedestrian and cyclist).
- It will be managed with the aim of preserving and where possible, enhancing these amenities, according to the guiding principles set out below:

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- The Scotchmans Creek corridor is recognised and managed as a whole, forming a part of the overall Gardiners Creek catchment, rather than in sections. All relevant land managers collaborate to this end
- Consultation and engagement with appropriate First Nations Groups is pursued
- An understanding that urban planning controls for land adjacent to the corridor form an integral factor in preserving corridor quality and amenity
- The community is engaged with, and educated about the environmental values of the corridor through a range of forums (e.g. interpretive signage, activities and planting events)
- Bushland regeneration continues utilising indigenous plants appropriate to the corridor with a focus on preservation and enhancement of its biodiversity values with and protection of remnant vegetation
- Biodiversity values are continuously monitored, and management strategies are in place and adapted as necessary to ensure their preservation protection
- An active management program aimed at controlling pest species (animal and plant) in the corridor is implemented
- The ecological condition of Scotchmans Creek and associated drainage lines/depressions are protected and improved
- Water flow management measures aimed at mitigating rapid stormwater runoff (e.g. Water Sensitive Urban Design), are undertaken
- A program of litter and pollution management and erosion control as part of an overall soil and water quality improvement strategy is implemented
- The corridor is utilised for active transport and recreational walking/cycling only.
- The natural bushland and fauna habitat values are preserved by ensuring that any infrastructure is designed and managed to minimise impact on wildlife and bushland
- Access by humans and dogs is controlled within sensitive conservation and bushland regeneration areas. Any dogs off-leash areas are fenced and separated from waterways, pathways, playspaces and bushland reserves.