

Greater Dandenong Green Wedge

Walking, Cycling and Equestrian Trails Plan

Status: Draft September 2019

Mordialloc Creek Equestrian Trail

Separated from Pillars Road and the cycle trail, the track alongside Mordialloc Creek will be upgraded to suit safe equestrian use.

Route: Mordialloc Creek

Pillars Road Commuter Trail

This proposed link will form part of the South East's strategic cycling network, linking the Eastlink Trail with the Mordialloc Creek Trail, enabling use as part of longer cycles.

Route: Pillars Road

Riverend Road Recreational Loop

This proposed shared path loop will pass the National Watersports Centre, Cable Park, Cornish College and Craft & Co., linking these locations to the broader area.

Route: Wells Road, Thames Promenade, Riverend Road, Patterson River northern bank



McMahens Road Car Park & Picnic Area

This location is proposed to provide parking for cars and horse floats as well as basic facilities. A new / repaired bridge over the river will provide access to the main trails.

Patterson River Equestrian Trail

An additional equestrian trail / space is proposed on the land between the river and creek.

Location: The land between the Patterson River and Dandenong Creek

Patterson River Loop

The track on the northern side of Patterson River will be upgraded and extended to form a loop with the trail on the southern side. The surface of the existing trail on the southern side will be upgraded to encourage commuter / long distance cycling.

Route: Both northern and southern banks of the Patterson River. A new crossing may be included at the northern end.

- Walking / Cycling Trails - recreational standard
- Cycling Trails - commuter standard
- Equestrian Trails

Design

Several different types of trail are proposed within the Greater Dandenong Green Wedge. These are different because different types of users are anticipated.

The different types of trail proposed are detailed below:

Walking / Cycling Trails – Recreational Standard

These paths will be designed to cater for walkers and casual cyclists.

Design parameters:

- Paths should be installed away from road carriageways.
- Surface material may vary based on surroundings (concrete, asphalt, crushed rock).
- Lighting should only be installed at locations where use during periods of darkness is identified.
- Path widths should generally be around 2.5m wide or greater.
- Road crossings should be minimal, and formalised wherever this is required.

Cycling Trails – Commuter Standard

These paths will be designed to cater for experienced cyclists as well as casual users. These trails are anticipated to cater for some commuters and cyclists undertaking longer trips as well as local recreational users.

Design parameters:

- Paths should be installed to be as direct as possible.
- Surface material should be concrete or asphalt.
- Lighting should be provided.
- Paths should generally be 3.0m wide or greater.
- Road crossings should be formalised.

Equestrian Trails

These trails are designed to cater for equestrians.

Design parameters:

- Equestrian Trails should be separated from cyclist facilities. This should be achieved through physical means such as low barriers.
- Creek crossings may be in the form of bridges or fords.
- Road crossings, if required, should be designed to equestrian standard.

Implementation

Due to the significant lengths of infrastructure required, it is anticipated to take many years for the implementation of the full future network.

The purpose of this plan is to:

- Ensure that renewal projects in the area (such as road reconstructions) are able to accommodate paths, and facilitate path installation as part of these projects
- Assist Council in advocating for funding from the Federal and Victorian Governments for upgrades to infrastructure
- Provide projects that Council will be able to consider as part of future Budgets

Target delivery timeframes (funding dependant):

2020-2025 Riverend Road Recreational Loop, Mordialloc Creek Equestrian Trail, Pillars Road Commuter Trail, Perry Road Trail

2025-2030 McMahens Road Car Park and Picnic Area, Patterson River Loop Northern Bank, Keys Road Trail

2030-2035 Patterson River Loop Southern Bank upgrade, Patterson River Equestrian Trail

Feedback

Council would welcome your feedback on this plan. If you have any suggestions or ideas to improve the Greater Dandenong Green Wedge for Walkers, Cyclists or Equestrians, please contact us:

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