Keeping the Yarrowee Clean

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In 2020 the City of Ballarat adopted the Yarrowee River Masterplan which presented a 25-year vision for the river and its tributaries.

The plan reviewed the 1991 strategy for Linear Network of Communal Spaces (LINCS) which had established improvements to habitat, biodiversity and public access.

Recommendations from the 2020 Masterplan have led to recent, and continuing, works at:

- Sunnyside Parkland Reserve
- Yuilles Wetland
- Redan Wetlands
- Dowcra Street

As part of the plan, a "Places and Connections" project is now being undertaken to improve connectivity and biodiversity along the Yarrowee corridor within the highly urbanised CBD between Peel Street and Prest Street.

At the Sunnyside Parkland Reserve the aims are:



weed control and river ecology



safe, accessible and connected



showcase environmental, cultural and historic values



improve and connect biodiversity

The planned litter trap is an important first step in enabling these aims.

Useful links

- The Yarrowee River Masterplan 2020. Refer to Priority Project 2 Sunnyside Mill Parkland from Page 23-25 to view plans across the parkland area.
- The Yarrowee River Places and Connections encompassing concept designs for works along the Yarrowee River between Peel Street and Prest Street.
- Interactive map of Yarrowee River historic values (yarrowee.cerdi.edu.au) developed by the Wadawurrung Traditional Owners and Federation University. This platform will continue to grow as values are further identified and documented.

> **We want the Yarrowee River precinct to be a welcoming open space that brings people together, where people can enjoy healthy, physical activities and where there are plenty of native animals and plants**

Former City of Ballarat Mayor, Cr Ben Taylor

On the adoption of the Masterplan in 2020. Mirage News 14/8/2020

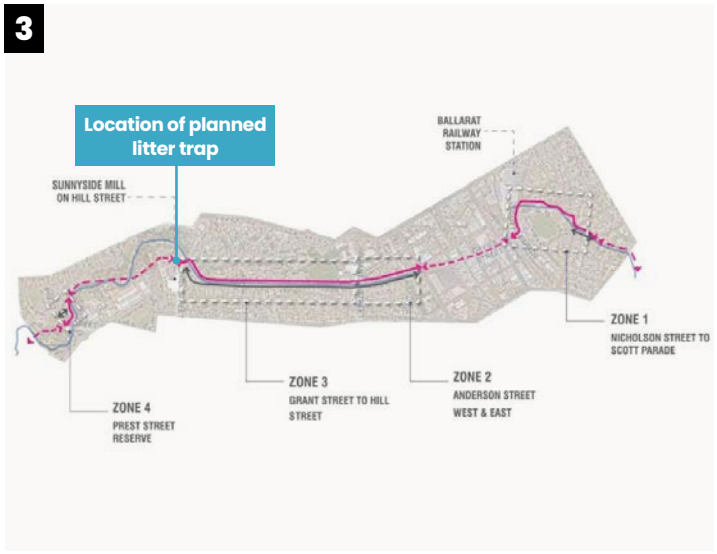
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1. The Sunny Corner Chinese Market Gardens in the foreground, with the Sunnyside Woolen Mill in the background. Taken from the Balmain Gold Co. site, likely between 1884 and 1915. **2.** Golden Point, sketch by Tulloch, October 1851. The Yarrowee River runs at the top of the image. **3.** Location map of the planed litter trap in relation to the 4 key zones of the Yarrowee River Places and Connection project from Peel Street to Prest Street. **4.** Rubbish among blackberry and willow trees downstream of the planned litter trap at Sunnyside Mill parklands (Source: Leigh Landcare Catchment Group).