Community Information Update

Ballam Park bioretention system and ornamental lake



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We're about to commence construction of a bioretention system and ornamental lake at Ballam Park to improve storm water quality in Port Phillip Bay and enhance visitor experiences.

About the project

As part of Council's Integrated Water Action Plan, a bioretention system will be constructed at the north-eastern section of Ballam Park on the corner of Karingal Drive and Naranga Crescent.

Bioretention systems use plants, water circulation and aeration to naturally treat water before it reaches the ocean. According to a feasibility study undertaken with Melbourne Water, this project will have significant positive impact on the quality of stormwater flowing to Port Phillip Bay by removing:

- 6,000 kg of total suspended solids
- 17 kg of total phosphorus
- 210 kg of total nitrogen

The project also creates an opportunity to enhance the bioretention system with an ornamental lake, artwork, lighting, and park furniture, providing a new experience at Ballam Park.

Timing

Construction will begin on 13 November 2023 and is expected to be complete in July 2024 (see page 3 for construction site image). Work hours are 7am-4pm weekdays.

Construction impacts

While every effort is made to minimise impacts as much as possible, the works will generate some dust and noise. For the safety of park users, some pathways close to the project site will be closed for the duration of works. Please follow detour signage.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we deliver this important project. For project updates visit frankston.vic.gov.au

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Construction site and pathway closures

