

Yarrowee River Package

Project Cost

Up to \$5 million - Fully scalable

Investment Needed

- Up to \$5 million

City of Ballarat Investment

- Subject to Council budget processes

Project Description

Package of projects to provide better connections, improve biodiversity and accessibility, and boost safety at key crossing points along the Yarrowee River.

Includes:

Missing path links (north of the Ballarat CBD)

Creating a new shared pedestrian and cycling path connection from the northern section of the Yarrowee Trail through the CBD, includes four raised crossings, new pedestrian bridge on Scott Parade, tree plantings and shared pedestrian and cycling path.

Community projects package after Urban Ripple

Building on the success of the recent Urban Ripple project, a package of biodiversity and accessibility improvements, including biodiversity planting, weed and litter removal, path improvements and amenity upgrades alongside the Yarrowee River from Grant Street to Prest Street.

Yarrowee River Place Projects

New path on the eastern side of the river linking the existing path to the Sunnyside Mill Reserve, including new pedestrian bridge to connect to the Wallaby Track, tree plantings and rest area at Sunnyside Mill Reserve.

Crossing improvements at Grant Street

A new safe priority pedestrian crossing proposed for the Yarrowee River Trail where it crosses Grant Street.



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The Yarrowee River Package of projects aims to provide better connections, improve biodiversity and accessibility, and boost safety at key crossing points along the Yarrowee River.

Community Benefit

Yarrowee River is an extremely popular recreational trail, however missing links at various locations limit safe use along its full length, forcing families and children to cross dangerous roads (i.e. Grant Street). The project will create more safe, seamless and enjoyable connections that encourage activity, fitness, and social connection.

Many of the riparian areas are in poor condition and often devoid of native vegetation, limiting the environmental benefits of the corridor. Planting of native vegetation will improve biodiversity, increase shade and resilience to climate change.

Why should Governments invest in this project?

Support and enhance one of Ballarat's key natural assets as detailed in the Yarrowee River Masterplan.

Location

- North of the CBD (Central Business District) near the Eastern Oval
- South of the CBD from Grant Street, south to Prest Street - both sides of the river

Status

- Subject to availability of external funding and Council budget processes

Timeline and Next Steps

- Ongoing advocacy

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