

Yarrowee River Package

Project Cost

Up to \$5 million TBD - Fully scalable, detailed costings expected in early 2024

Investment Needed

- Up to \$5 million

City of Ballarat Investment

- Subject to Council budget processes

Project Description

New shared user paths completing missing links in the Yarrowee River Trail network, improved connections, upgraded landscaping in depleted sections, opportunities to improve biodiversity along the corridor. The project is focused on a 2.5 km section of 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, enjoyable connections that encourage activity, fitness, and social connection.

Many of the riparian areas are in a 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 Eastern Oval - both sides of the river
- South of the CBD along Anderson Street, Mill Street, and further south to Prest Street - both sides of the river

Status

- Design is well-progressed
- Detailed design and tender could begin from 2024 onwards subject to external funding

Timeline and Next Steps

- **Detailed Design** 12 months
- **Delivery** 12 months

