What is the Little Stringybark Creek Project?

The Little Stringybark Creek Project is working to restore the health of the Little Stringybark Creek, Mt Evelyn.

It will do this by improving the management of stormwater in the creek's catchment.

The project has two aims:

1. Raise the awareness of stormwater management, in particular, the negative impact stormwater can have on creeks.
2. Increase the amount of stormwater that is captured and treated before entering the Little Stringybark Creek.

Why ?

The Little Stringybark Creek Project is putting into practice new approaches to stormwater management, that focus on improving the health of creeks and rivers.

Working with local government, water authorities and residents, the project will test the design and implementation of real, on-ground solutions .

Most importantly, the project will test how stormwater management can be improved in established suburbs, like Mt Evelyn.

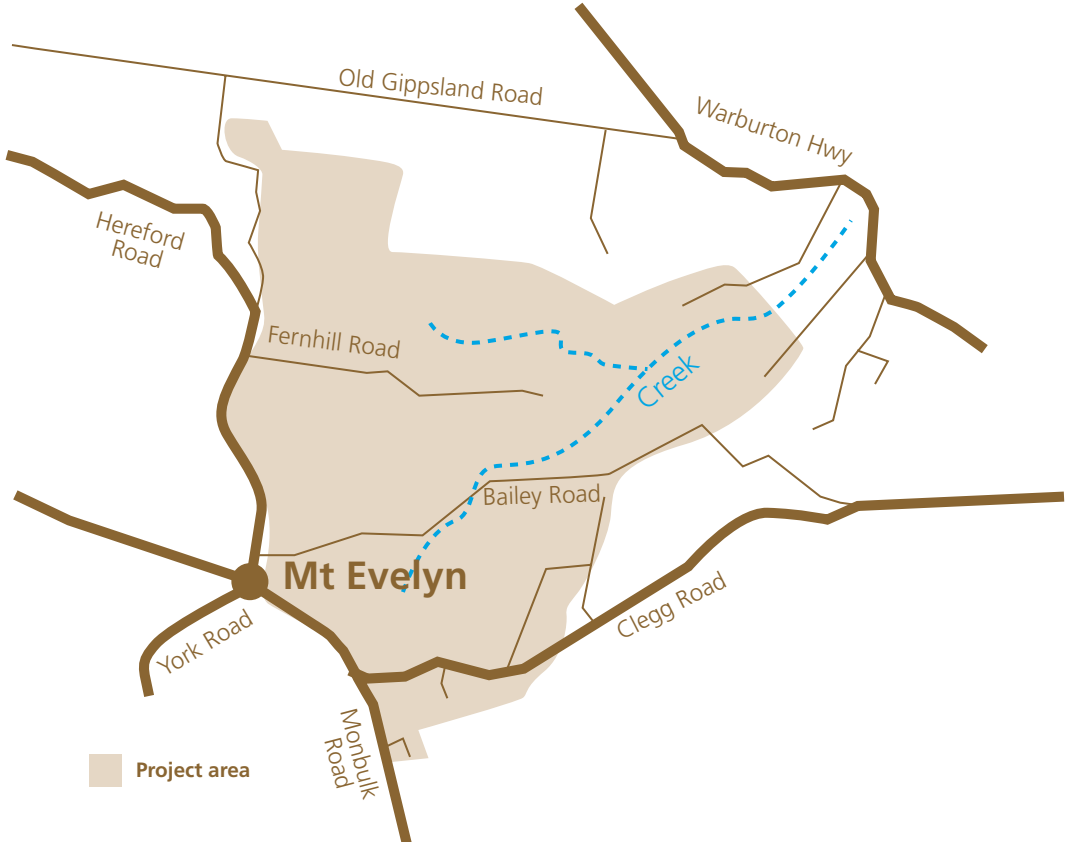
This will be a world-first demonstration of restoring an urban creek by fixing up its biggest problem first: urban stormwater runoff.

Where ?

The project area is the upper catchment of the Little Stringybark Creek (see map below), roughly bounded by Hereford Rd, Old Gippsland Road, Monbulk Rd, and Clegg Road.

This area was chosen because:

- It is a small catchment, which means that we are likely to see real environmental outcomes.
- The Creek is degraded primarily because of stormwater runoff from Mt Evelyn
- We have strong links with the Shire of Yarra Ranges, Melbourne Water and Yarra Valley Water, all of whom strongly support the project.



Incentives

To encourage the capture and treatment of stormwater, financial payments will be offered to householders and business owners located in the project area.

Payments will be made via a competitive tendering process being run in 2008/09 and will cover the cost and installation of rainwater tanks or raingardens (biofiltration systems).

More details on the "Stormwater Tender" can be obtained online at: www.urbanstreams.unimelb.edu.au, or by contacting the Project Coordinator.

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