

Farm Paddocks



Farm Experiences

Farm Entry



Sketch concept of the Myuna Farm visitor entry experience including the Myuna Café



Sketch concept of proposed Myuna Farm informal open space and farm paddocks

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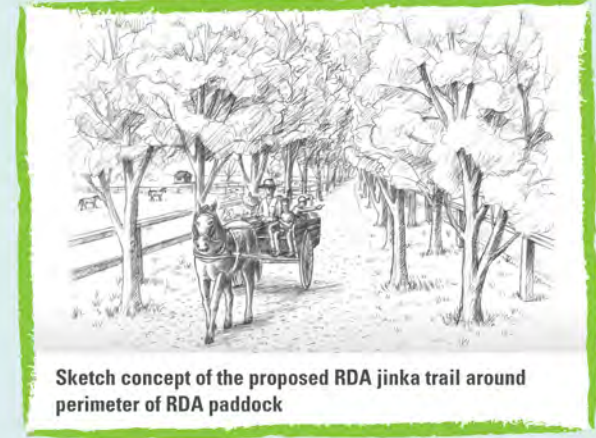
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|  RDA Paddock Areas |  Maintenance access only |
|  Car park area |  Public vehicle access |
|  Informal open space |  Public bicycle access |
|  Trees/landscape improvements |  Enhanced entry experience |
|  Wetlands |  Feature trees |
|  Enhanced entry with controlled access |  Dandenong Creek |
|  Primary Farm Trail |  Views |
|  Secondary Farm Trail | |

Design Intent

Myuna Farm aims to be “the city farm” by providing unique, enjoyable and educational farming experiences. Myuna Farm is valued as a vital part of the community’s identity and plays an important role in providing a place of comfort and respite for the community’s physical, physiological and social well being.

The Draft Masterplan for Myuna Farm provides strategic direction for a long term sustainable and balanced vision for the farm. Following consultation with agencies, stakeholders and the local community, the Draft Masterplan has identified opportunities to enable the farm to continue to improve whilst retaining the essential features and character which make Myuna Farm a positive and successful community icon.

Key opportunities are graphically represented on the Draft Masterplan and sketches provide an artists impression of proposed opportunities. Community and stakeholder comments will be sought on the Draft Masterplan and will be taken into consideration in the development of the Final Masterplan.



Sketch concept of the proposed RDA jinka trail around perimeter of RDA paddock

1 Farm Street Frontage

Enhance the street frontage by planting indigenous species to provide a buffer to the front paddocks, enhance the visual backdrop to the farm, provide shade for the animals and enhance the habitat corridor along the adjacent Dandenong Creek.

2 Kidds Road Entry

Upgrade and design an iconic welcoming and creative entry experience at Kidds Road which brands, promotes and markets the farm.

3 Dandenong Creek Trail

Provide a shared trail connection and signage from the Dandenong Creek Trail to the Farm. Install bike racks to the front of the Cafe. Investigate bike hire within the farm to encourage healthy lifestyle and extend the visitor circulation further north into the site.

4 Community Gardens

Retain the community gardens. Investigate opportunities to divide large plots if demand for plots outweighs the number of plots currently available. Liaise with the community garden plot members to provide produce to the Myuna Market and/or to the café.

5 RDA Horse Paddocks

Relocate RDA horses to the front paddocks, providing better pasture grasses, closer and improved facilities with feeding storage sheds and stables. Create dedicated trail for horse jinka amongst buffer planting (Refer sketch concept C).



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6 Additional Tree Plantings

In conjunction with Council, plant additional shade and fruit trees within the car park and enhanced indigenous planting and trees within the informal open spaces and along the Dandenong Creek interface.

7 Car Park

Upgrade, enhance and extend the carpark south into the existing Alpaca paddock. Incorporate Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) principals to compliment the sustainable philosophies of the farm and soften the car park appearance with plantings of selected fruit trees. Investigate use of wind turbines and retain site car parking capacity.

8 Myuna Market

Remove the former Dogs in Motion building and investigate the feasibility of re-establishing the Myuna Market, adjacent to the café, and provide additional shared car parking space.

9 Farm Entry Experience

Create a new entry experience celebrating the farm and welcoming visitors. Review and consolidate signage to provide visitors with key orientation, directional and informative signage as they enter the farm. Relocate bird enclosures to a designated bird/poultry area. Restrict farm vehicles from parking at the building entry area. (Refer sketch concept B)



10 Myuna Farm Cafe

Design the café so it can provide services to Farm visitors (north side of café) and Myuna Market visitors (south side of café), with a diverse range of hot and cold food, beverages and healthy food options.

11 Playground

To improve playground function and interaction, design a creative integrated playspace, reflective of the farm's character and charm to cater to a variety of age groups and abilities.

12 Gazebos and BBQ's

Upgrade and refurbish the gazebos, undercover shelters and BBQ's structures in materials reflective of the farm character. Additional BBQ's to be provided further north into the site at proposed open space areas. Relocate some existing hay bale picnic tables/shelters (further north) to provide for dispersion of visitors across the site.

13 Signage and Self-guided Orientation

Review and consolidate existing signage across the farm. Design and develop an informative and creative signage plan. Design a clear central orientation point for visitors as they enter the site and negotiate the internal pathways. Investigate development and provision of mobile apps that assist self-guided tours.



REFER FARM PADDOCKS AREA



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14 Toilets

Upgrade and refurbish the existing toilet facilities.

15 Birthday Party Rooms

Rationalise upgrade and undertake refurbishment works of all party rooms. Design and decorate party rooms with farmyard animal themes.

16 RDA Pavillion

Retain the use of the Pavillion for RDA activities, shared with the Action Dogs group activities. Future improvements or works required to the pavilion are to be endorsed by all users of the pavilion.

17 Animal Nursery

Remove and relocate the lizard and snake enclosure, fish tanks and the central birdcage. Install tiered seating/resting area for parents to sit and or other small nursery animal enclosures. In the longer term, investigate the feasibility of a new custom designed Animal Nursery building further north into the site.

18 Informal Open Spaces

Establish informal open grassed spaces to the north of the farm for visitors to relax, gather with family and friends or have a picnic (Refer sketch concept A). Establish a shared walking route adjacent to Dandenong Creek to access the open spaces and appreciate the relocated farm animals and wetlands in the north.

19 Farm Animal Display Pens and Paddocks

Rearrange and establish new fenced paddock areas to accommodate all farm animals, including relocated animals from the front paddocks. Upgrade and enhance animal pens and enclosures to provide shade and a more natural character/environment.

20 Wetlands

Continue to enhance and promote the wetlands as a key destination at the site, and provide improved accessibility to the wetlands via the internal shared trail. In conjunction with Melbourne Water, investigate the opportunity to establish bird hides at the wetlands.



Sustainable Farming Practices

Develop a range of sustainable and ecological farming practices to demonstrate and showcase on the farm. Provide interactions suitable for a range of visitors from public visitors, school groups and to tertiary students.

Events at the Farm

Retain the use of Myuna Farm for the annual Doveton Show and for local clubs to meet, exhibit and discuss their interests/hobbies. Retain the opening hours on Christmas Day, which attracts a large culturally diverse visitor group. Investigate and develop with City of Casey, additional community events and day and night activities at the farm.

Workshop at the Farm

Continue and expand the use of Myuna Farm and its facilities as a key location for community workshops. Workshops are to align with priorities from the Casey Health and Well Being Plan.

Education at the Farm

Retain and continue the use of Myuna Farm as a valued place for education for children across a range of ages. Continue to review and enhance the topical and important environmental and sustainability education programs.

Environmental, Cultural and Historic Farm Values

Design and develop interpretation signage for indigenous and existing historic elements at the farm e.g. the signal box and mature Red Gums. Investigate the relocation of the machinery display to a well-lit covered and visible location, with accompanying signage. The relocation of the existing machinery display allows for improved capacity and facilities to house the existing poultry animals.

