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Dear Michael,

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**RE: NAVIGATION IMPROVEMENTS TO TRAIL NETWORK NEEDED**

Bicycle Victoria is keen to see the trail network in Stonnington made easier for walkers and cyclists to find their way around, enhancing their enjoyment of the trails for everyone. Simple techniques such as marking centre lines improves navigation and reduces the need for signage except at locations where two trails meet.

We have identified the following intersections as requiring signage and linemarking to improve navigation for trail users:

- Gardiners Creek Trail, Anniversary-Outer Circle Trail and Scotchmans Creek Trail intersection (Melway map 69 B1)
- Gardiners Creek Trail and Toorong Trail intersection (Melway map 59 D3)

Directional signage with distances to destinations is needed at both intersections. Including key destinations such as 'City' makes it easier for people not familiar with the area to get their bearings.

Marking a broken centre line along the entire length of all sealed arterial trails will help people to keep on the main trail and not take a wrong turn. I believe most trails in Stonnington have already been centre line marked but some of the intersection treatments are confusing or inconsistent. For example, the Main Yarra Trail where it meets with the off-ramp for Chapel St should have a stop line marked on the off-ramp. This would clarify which path is the Main Yarra Trail and remind people entering the Main Yarra Trail at this point to give way to people already on the trail.

Parks Victoria commissioned an audit of nodal intersections on the Metropolitan Trail Network. I have attached proposed diagrams for signage at the identified intersections based on Parks Victoria's *Signage Audit of the Metropolitan Trail Network* and made suggestions for destinations to include on the signs.

Are there any plans or funding available to install centre line marking and intersection signage on Stonnington's trail network in the current financial year?

Yours sincerely,



Mary McParland  
Campaigner 8636 8820

Cc: Ian McLaughlin, Transport and Parking Manager, City of Stonnington

**Gardiners Creek Trail, Anniversary-Outer Circle Trail and Scotchmans Creek Trail intersection (Melway map 69 B1)**

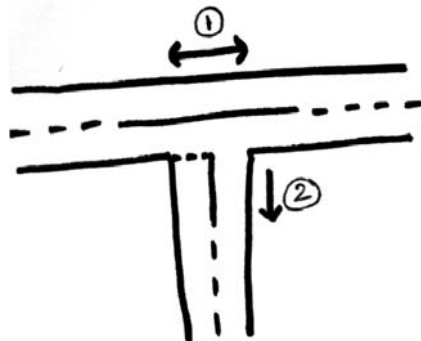
There is existing signage at the intersection near the bridge over the creek but it is difficult to see as it is behind the wire mesh fence inside the golf course. It also doesn't identify the Scotchmans Creek Trail. A separate sign is also needed to indicate the Anniversary Outer Circle Trail that crosses the creek and the trail connection should be sealed and marked with a stop line.



This is a complex intersection as there is a gap in Gardiners Creek Trail between this intersection and Warrigal Rd, where the trail continues through to Box Hill. Stonnington Council should investigate completing this gap by negotiating access through the Malvern Valley Golf Course along the south bank of the creek with a bridge crossing into Markham Ave Reserve in Boroondara.

**Current signage requirements**

**3 trails/3 branches (3T 3B)**  
 - Start/end of 3 intersecting trails

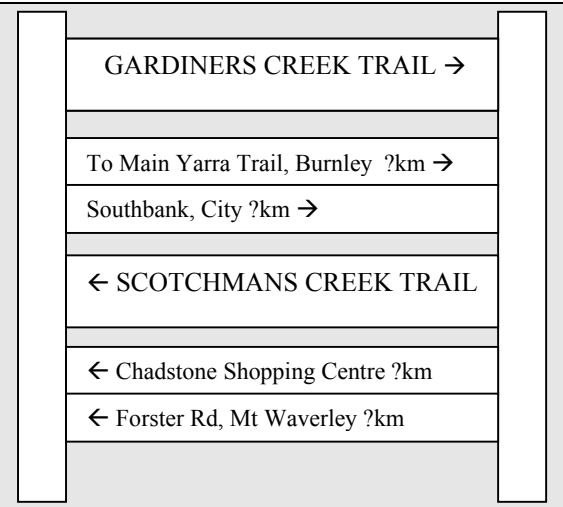


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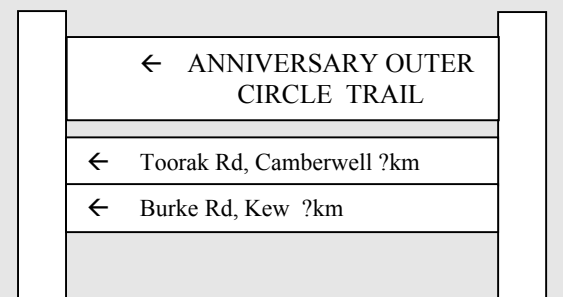
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**Planks: 9**

**Sides: 1 single; 1 double**



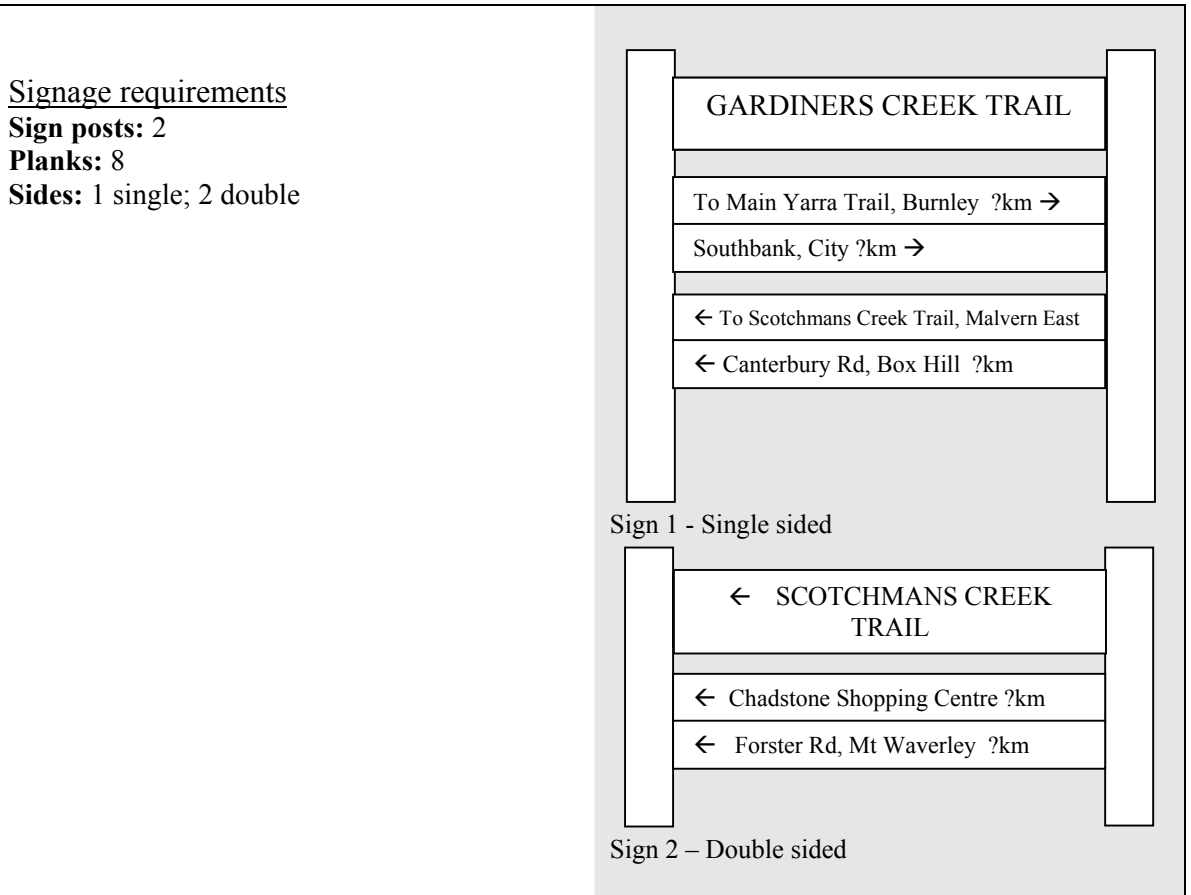
Sign 1 – Single sided



Sign 2 - Double sided (same both sides)

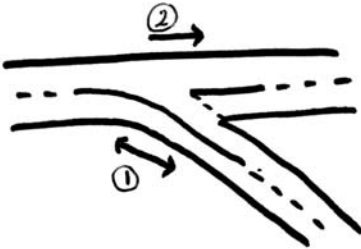
### Future signage possibilities

Depending on how the gap in the Gardiners Creek Trail is completed, the location of signage may vary and change according to where the new trail meets existing trails. Scotchmans Creek Trail may end up with it's own sign when the Gardiners Creek Trail is completed.



**Gardiners Creek Trail and Tooronga Trail intersection (Melway map 59 D3)**

Mark a solid centre line along the Gardiners Creek Trail with a stop line on the Tooronga Trail where it intersects with the Gardiners Creek Trail. This will guide trail users to the continuation of the trail on the north side of the freeway and prevent people from taking a wrong turn through Kooyong Park. Mark a broken centre line along the footpath and around the corner to where the Gardiners Creek Trail runs along the north side of the freeway so that people unfamiliar with trail don't think that this is the end of the trail.

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