## What can I do?

- Maintain a `no droppings left behind' habit
- Keep dogs on a lead whenever on the shared trail
- Keep off-lead play to designated areas

Leave the wild bits of the creek





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## Dogs and Merri Creek Parkland

Sharing the space... in Coburg East and Preston



Merri Creek Management Committee

Merri Creek Parklands have become some of the most popular in Melbourne.

With so many sharing this space, it is important that we all contribute to a harmonious parkland environment where wildlife can continue to flourish.

As dog walkers, how can we play our part?

Young of the groundnesting Buff-banded Rail



**CLEANING UP AFTER OUR DOGS** 

As responsible dog walkers, we know it is important to come prepared to clean up after our dog. Please keep up the high standard of care and encourage others to do the same, even in bushy areas that might be hard to

access.

This is



and volunteers.

Help stop the 'Yuk!'

## **SHARED TRAIL**

All of the Merri Shared Trail is a dogs-on-lead area. This ensures the safety and enjoyment of everyone-including our dogs. Dedicated off-lead areas are marked by signs.



The Merri Creek has always been a significant corridor for wildlife movement. This is even more important now it is surrounded by houses and factories. Echidnas, lizards, snakes and ground-nesting birds have all been found in this stretch of the creek. Even platypus and wallabies are returning!

Wildlife cannot distinguish between a friendly dog and one that is hunting. Keeping dogs onlead ensures wildlife can find refuge on the Merri Creek.

## DOGS AND BUSHLAND

Informal dog tracks ('runs') along the creek can hinder bushland revegetation, destroy habitat and cause erosion. One dog has a tiny effect but, repeated dozens of times each day, the impact is severe. Please stop dogs from entering bushland areas.