

MUNDY CREEK CATCHMENT

Why is Mundy Creek so straight?

Mundy Creek used to be a regular visitor to the Rows Bay wetlands, as the original Mundy Creek passed through the wetlands and then ran parallel to the beach before entering Rows Bay where Soroptomist Park is now.

Adding to the flow from Mundy Creek some of the run-off waters feeding the wetlands were in the vicinity of where the Rows Bay Golf Club now is. After passing through the wetlands excess water from Mundy Creek and the wetlands flowed northwest behind the sand dunes to 3 Mile Creek.

Mundy Creek was once a string of waterholes that stretched from the ocean side of the cemetery then headed west across the Common Road causeway through to the lower end of Hugh Street. The waterholes finally met up with the Pimlico tidal flats by crossing Ingham Road near Henry Street. With a big wet and king tides it was possible to battle a canoe from Mundy Creek to the Kings Road reaches of Ross Creek.

The natural creek line disappeared in 1968 when the new, man-made Mundy Creek that enters Rows Bay near the caravan park was formed. What is currently Primrose Street was once part of Mundy Creek catchment. After the Town Common drainage scheme was completed in 1968 the string of waterholes was reformed into the drainage channels that exist today.



Rows Bay Wetland and Mundy Creek circa 1941 (left). An interpretation of the pools and connections to Mundy Creek are shown in blue. The boundary of the Rows Bay wetland reserve is shown in red.



As seen in this 2009 image (right) Mundy Creek (shown in blue) bears little resemblance to the original waterway in the 1941 image (left). The boundary to Rows Bay wetland reserve is shown in yellow.