# Ripples of Life - Moonee Moonee

**Before the city**

The chain of ponds filled in Warin season

The rains gave water

And the water gave life

The area was abundant

With plants

With animals

This place

Called people together

**When the city began**

The colony saw the ponds differently

Not a life-giving system, but

A ‘barrier to progress’

The ponds transformed

To a channel

To a drain

And the city turned its back to the water

Poisoning the habitats

**As the city has grown**

Forgetting systems of Country

So has the rainfall across all seasons

Drawing towards where wetlands were

Where Macaulay sits

As the city has grown

Becoming more concrete, less trees

So has our craving to connect to nature once again

With nature and life

The creek is an important vein

Feeding through, and for

Human and non-human communities

**As we imagine our future city**

We can not forget our past

The damage that has been done

The deep sadness of what has been lost

But we do hold opportunity

For something to be gained

Let us connect to the water

And celebrate the life it brings together

Being careful to improve its health

Embracing the creeks patterns

For the life of us all