

Hanging Rock Strategic Plan Update September 2020



Welcome to the September 2020 edition of the Hanging Rock Strategic Plan (HRSP) Project Update. DELWP has continued to progress the implementation of the plan with key partner, Macedon Ranges Shire Council. The Shire runs the day to day operations at Hanging Rock while DELWP is coordinating the implementation of the HRSP including developing a master plan for the site.

Ministerial Advisory Group appointed

A new Ministerial Advisory Group (MAG) has been appointed by the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, Lily D'Ambrosio. The MAG will provide advice and recommendations to the Minister for appropriate long-term governance and management arrangements for the Hanging Rock precinct.

The Group's first meeting was held online on Thursday 3 September.

The community representatives on the MAG are Bryanna Sandercock, Steve Wroe and Dermot Henry and were appointed by the Minister following a public expression of interest process. These members are joined by one representative from each of Taungurung, Wurundjeri, and Dja Dja Wurrung peoples, along with the CEO of Macedon Ranges Shire Council and the Regional Director of Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

The Independent Chair will be in place for 12 months to oversee the establishment of governance and management arrangements and guide the Group in providing recommendations to the Minister.

Consultants hired to review and update of Environmental Management Plan (EMP)

Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC) has appointed ecological consultants, Practical Ecology, to undertake a review and update of the the 2015 Hanging Rock Environmental Management Plan (EMP).

The objective of the review and update is to build on the progress made with the implementation of the current EMP in recent years.

The review will develop a robust framework that elevates the protection of the precinct's ecological values and strengthens alignment with the strategic direction of the precinct. It will be guided by a detailed evaluation of existing management documentation and on-ground works, followed by precinct-wide surveys of flora, fauna and large trees.

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Stakeholder briefings and workshops will form part of the evaluation process, with opportunities for the wider community to provide input at key points along the way. We'll outline these opportunities in future updates.

Conservation Management Plan (CMP) Update

A Conservation Management Plan (CMP) will be developed to identify the natural and Aboriginal heritage values of the Hanging Rock precinct.

The CMP is needed to help determine a strategy of how best to protect and manage the cultural values at this significant site and guide our conservation and management actions in the future.

Consultants are expected to be appointed in the next month to and will develop the CMP in partnership with the Wurundjeri, Taungurung and Dja Dja Wurrung.

Over the next 12 months, engagement and consultation with the Traditional Owners and community will be undertaken. The local knowledge gained from these activities is crucial to informing the plans.

Both draft plans will be available for public comment.

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