

BUILDING A BETTER HUME

Mt Holden Reserve Project Update 2023

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Protecting cultural heritage, restoring the environment and providing a space for the community to relax and exercise

Mt Holden Reserve is a 40 hectare conservation reserve managed by Hume City Council. As part of implementing the existing master plan, Hume City Council is installing a new path network to improve public access around the mountain and to the summit.

The extinct volcano, and its naturally rocky outcrops rise 410 metres above sea level, providing commanding views over Sunbury and as far as Port Phillip Bay and the Yau Yangs.

The summit is culturally significant and management of this area is undertaken in partnership with the Wurundjeri Narrap Rangers to ensure protection of cultural

values, which date back thousands of years.

The summit is home to a large mob of Eastern Grey kangaroos who provide valuable assistance by reducing grass cover and fire risk on the steep slopes.

Historical overgrazing and illegal vehicle access have contributed to the spread of high threat weeds such as serrated tussock. Hume City Council in partnership with the Narrap Rangers and local community groups, have been completing ongoing weed control works including ecological burns to manage fire risk and to assist regeneration of indigenous species.

Project timeline

- 2008**
Mt Holden Reserve Master Plan prepared for the summit and future public land areas further north
- 2009 – 2018**
Final acquisition of private land by Hume City Council and initial site rehabilitation works including weed control
- 2018 – 2022**
Access path design and final cultural and environmental approvals
Cultural heritage management plan (CHMP) completed in partnership with Wurundjeri
- 2023**
Path construction works commence and scheduled for completion in late 2023
Park launch

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Proposed Master Plan implementation works include:



A new 2.5m wide unsealed perimeter walking and maintenance access track will be constructed around the base of the mountain with links to Wedmore Crescent, Carla Views and Mount Drive.

New 1.5m wide summit switch back walking tracks located on the north and west faces will provide graded walking access to the summit while minimising impacts on views to the mountain from Sunbury.



Dogs on lead walking will be permitted on the lower perimeter track but dogs are not allowed onto the summit to protect the existing kangaroo population.



Culturally sensitive areas on the summit will be kept clear of paths and vehicles with ongoing management completed in partnership with the Wurundjeri Narrap Rangers.



Weed control works using controlled burns to restore indigenous species and manage fire risk will continue. More community planting days are also proposed to continue indigenous revegetation. Hume City Council is also working in partnership with SP Ausnet to improve screening of the prominent mobile phone tower infrastructure.

Find out more

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