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The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) continues to implement the Hanging Rock Strategic Plan (HRSP) in partnership with Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC). While the HRSP Implementation project is happening, MRSC continues to manage the day-to-day operations of the Hanging Rock precinct

The Hanging Rock Master Plan

Tract Consultants have been busy working on the draft Hanging Rock Master Plan, as they complete the consultation and engagement phase. During this phase, they engaged with Traditional Owner groups, Wurundjeri, Djaara (Dja Dja Wurrung) and Taungurung, the Hanging Rock Ministerial Advisory Group (MAG), DELWP, MRSC and sporting club users of the site. These discussions will build on the work done by MRSC in previous years and inform the direction of the master plan so that it ensures sustainable long-term development and management of the entire precinct, enable balanced and appropriate use across the site, and identify opportunities for improvement to the physical environment.

Tract continue to work with Practical Ecology and EcoLogical Australia to integrate information and research findings into the master plan from the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Conservation Management Plan (CMP).

A copy of the draft master plan will be available for community comment from mid-December 2021 to the end of Feb 2022. Details of how to access the draft master plan will be in the next Hanging Rock Strategic Plan Update.



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Ministerial Advisory Group

The MAG met on the Friday 8 October for an update on the project and a presentation from Tract Consultants who provided the group with information and insight about the principles and guidelines the consultants are using to develop the master plan. There was useful discussion amongst the group with opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on the directions of the draft master plan.

East Paddock

DELWP and MRSC continue to work together to progress the transfer of East Paddock.

Environmental Management Plan update

The community were invited to review and provide feedback on the updated Environmental Management Plan for Hanging Rock via the MRSC 'Have your Say' webpage from the 28 July until the 25 August 2021. The Plan, updated by Practical Ecology, focuses on describing the environmental values at Hanging Rock and the actions needed to enhance the site's native vegetation and habitat.

The community's feedback, reviewed by MRSC, Practical Ecology and DELWP, was incorporated into the EMP and the plan updated accordingly.

The Hanging Rock EMP went to Council for adoption Wednesday 27 October 2021 and unanimously adopted. Minutes from the Council meeting can be viewed here: [Hanging Rock EMP](#)

Practical Ecology will issue the final plan in the coming weeks and it will then be available on the MRSC website.

Aboriginal Cultural Landscape Conservation Management Plan

Traditional Owner groups, Taungurung, Wurundjeri, and Djaara have reviewed and endorsed the final draft of the Hanging Rock Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Conservation Management Plan (CMP).

Tract Consusultants continue to work with EcoLogical Australia and the three Traditional Owner groups to understand and acknowledge the importance of the cultural heritage values of the Precinct.

Information obtained through research and consultation during the the development of the CMP will provide information and direction to the

master plan about how best to protect and manage these values into the future.

EcoLogical Australia expects to finalise the plan by the end November 2021.

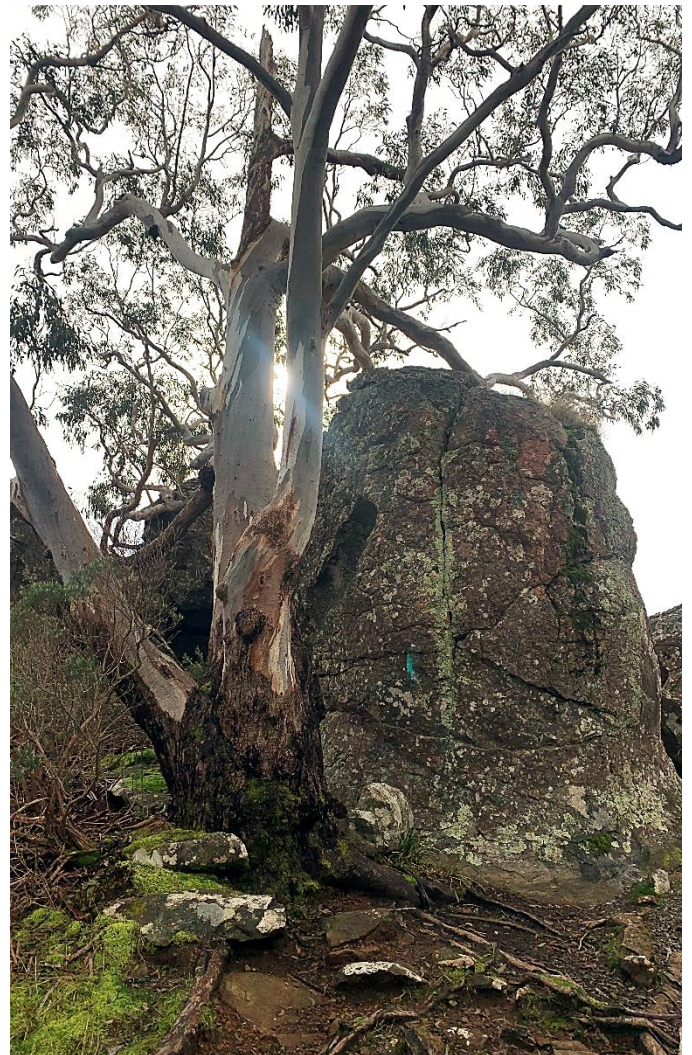


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