



Photograph taken by Wayne Quilliam Photography

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

The Master Plan Document

The Hanging Rock Master Plan is on track as master planning consultants, Tract, have been appointed to deliver the Hanging Rock Master Plan. Tract have extensive experience in planning for natural iconic sites and will develop the Master Plan in consultation with Traditional Owners, the community, user groups and stakeholders.

The Master Plan will use the information from the Environmental Management Plan and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Conservation Management Plan to inform directions for the precinct ensuring sustainable long-term development and management of the site, management of visitation impacts, and will detail opportunities for improvements to the physical environment.



Tract consultants meet on site at Hanging Rock with staff from DELWP and Macedon Ranges Shire Council
(Image supplied by Carley Wright of Tract)

Ministerial Advisory Group

The Ministerial Advisory Group (MAG) met on the 24th June 2021 to be given a presentation by the masterplan consultants Tract. It was also an opportunity for the members to ask questions and discuss the master planning process as well as provide feedback about what's needed in carrying out this work for Hanging Rock.

East Paddock

DELWP and Macedon Ranges Shire Council continue to work together to progress the transfer of East Paddock.

Planning Scheme Amendment

Amendment VC185 was gazetted on 30 April 2021
Further information can be found on the Planning Victoria website via the following link:
<https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/schemes-and-amendments/browse-amendments>

Environmental Management Plan Update

Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC) is currently inviting feedback on the updated Environmental Management Plan for Hanging Rock. The Plan, updated by Practical Ecology, will continue the environmental works at Hanging Rock,

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focusing on enhancing the site's native vegetation and habitat.

The information and data gathered in the process of updating the plan will also be used to inform the Hanging Rock Master Plan. You can access the updated Environment Management Plan and have your say by following this link to MRSCs webpage: [Have your say: updated Hanging Rock Environmental Management Plan - Macedon Ranges Shire Council \(mrsc.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/Have-your-say-updated-Hanging-Rock-Environmental-Management-Plan-Macedon-Ranges-Shire-Council)

Practical Ecology have met with Tract to discuss how data from the EMP will be utilised to support the Hanging Rock Master Plan

Aboriginal Conservation Management Plan

The final draft of the Hanging Rock Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Conservation Management Plan (CMP) has now been provided to the three Traditional Owner Groups, Taungurung, Wurundjeri, and Djaara (Dja Dja Wurrung) for review.

This plan provides an understanding of the cultural heritage values of the Hanging Rock Precinct, it identifies the pressures and impacts to those values, and provides information on how to protect and manage them. The CMP consultants are also working with Tract to ensure this information feeds into the Master Plan about how to protect and manage these cultural heritage values.

Storm Recovery Works

In early June, Hanging Rock experienced a devastating storm that caused wide-spread destruction across the reserve and an extensive amount of work has been undertaken by Macedon Ranges Shire Council to enable the reserve to re-open.

Contact Us

For questions about this project or to sign up to receive future updates, contact:

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Or visit DELWPs website www.forestsandreserves.vic.gov.au/initiatives/hanging-rock-project for up-to-date information.

For general enquiries about Hanging Rock:

For information about the day-to-day operations of Hanging Rock, contact Macedon Ranges Shire Council Customer Service - (03) 5422 0333 or mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au

or www.visitmacedonranges.com/see-do/the-great-outdoors/hanging-rock/

Tree works have been carried out in accordance with the post-storm independent assessments. Repair work throughout the reserve will be ongoing for months to come. The stairs beneath the Rock will be re-opened once essential works have been finalised.

Ongoing clean-up, and revegetation works will be carried out each Wednesday which requires the closure of the Summit Walking Trail.

Work to repair building damage sustained during the storm has commenced and works to repair internal and perimeter fencing are scheduled to commence soon.



Hanging Rock lost many trees as a result of the storm
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