



Olinda Precinct Project

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Creating a new park for our community

The Olinda Precinct Project will transform the 34-hectare former golf course site into public parklands. The space will include:

- A nature-based playspace
- A sports oval
- A dog-off lead zone
- Walking trails
- Picnic facilities, including shelters and seating
- Upgraded entry and car parking

The picturesque site is directly adjacent to the Dandenong Ranges Botanic Garden (formerly National Rhododendron Garden) and the RJ Hamer Arboretum, and will provide local residents and visitors with passive recreation and sporting opportunities.

The project will retain the unique character of Olinda, while integrating additional open spaces and facilities to support the needs of the Olinda and Hilltop communities.

What works have commenced?

Parks Victoria has been working closely with stakeholders over the past 12 months to ensure the Precinct Plan incorporated the crucial elements the community identified for sport and passive recreation.

Extensive community consultation has revealed the need for recreational areas for sporting activities, walking paths, and open spaces.

Parks Victoria is currently seeking specialist design services to prepare concept plans and detailed designs for the project.

Project planning measures have commenced, including heritage protection, an environmental risk assessment, a cultural heritage assessment, detailed site surveys and geotechnical testing.

What works are upcoming?

Once a tenderer for the works has been appointed, the project will proceed to a detailed design stage.

Detailed designs are expected to be released in early 2018, with construction to commence by mid-2018.

In conjunction with the development of detailed designs, Parks Victoria will:

- Implement a fire management strategy for the precinct
- Employ universal access wherever possible, especially in high-use areas
- Upgrade the existing park infrastructure in the precinct

FAQs

What's the purpose of the billboard?

The billboard outlines the key features that have been funded for the Olinda Precinct Project. This has been designed as a guide only, with detailed designs to be released following assessments.

The location, size and shape of the features of the plan may change depending on the outcome of these assessments.

Will Parks Victoria be removing any vegetation?

The removal of any vegetation will be informed by detailed designs. Parks Victoria is currently undertaking several assessments, including an environmental risk assessment.

The objective is to avoid the need to remove vegetation wherever possible. Any vegetation removal will comply with vegetation offset requirements.

Is the fence along the new boundary of the Dandenong Ranges Botanic Garden staying?

The Olinda Precinct Project will extend the Dandenong Ranges Botanic Garden by 6.4 hectares. The fence was erected to border this extension and is critical to the protection and conservation of this much-loved garden.

There will be selected planting along the fence line to help it blend into the natural environment.



What community consultation has occurred?

Parks Victoria conducted three rounds of community consultation prior to the release of the Olinda Precinct Plan.

This included the establishment of a community reference group, briefings, drop-in sessions, listening posts and meetings with stakeholder groups. More than 215 people attended consultation events and Parks Victoria received 560 survey responses.

The Olinda Precinct Project has been directly informed by the community's feedback.

Will there be more community consultation?

There will be further engagement with the community on the Olinda Precinct Project as it progresses and Parks Victoria will keep the community informed at all stages.

A key aspect of this engagement is the Olinda Community Open Day on November 18, which is a chance for people to find out more information about the project and for children to contribute their ideas for the playspace.

