

What's the purpose of Olinda Community Open Day?

Parks Victoria is hosting the Olinda Community Open Day on November 18, from 10am to 3pm.

The Open Day is an opportunity for the Olinda community to get together to celebrate the creation of 34 hectares of parkland and learn more about the exciting transformation of the former golf course site.

The community can talk to Parks Victoria staff about the plans and their families can enjoy various community stalls and activities, and explore the park with our rangers.

Is the precinct plan locked in?

The map in the precinct plan document was always designed as a guide with detailed planning in further stages. There have been a series of future uses identified by the community during consultation.

Will there be more community consultation?

There were three rounds of consultation prior to the release of the Olinda Precinct Plan. There will be further engagement on some features of the plan.

The Olinda Community Open Day is part of that program. A key feature of this engagement will be a children's focused session on possible features of the playspace, to be jointly run by Parks Victoria and the Yarra Ranges Council.

What works have commenced?

Parks Victoria has been working closely with stakeholders over the past 12 months to ensure the precinct plans incorporate the crucial elements the community needs for sport and recreation.

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

On Thursday 2 November there will be preliminary geotechnical assessments on the former Olinda Golf Course site. These assessments will contribute to the Olinda Precinct Project.

Investigations have also commenced into the viability of existing buildings on the site.

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

Will the Olinda Mechanics Institute Hall be moved?

There are ongoing investigations and conversations around the potential relocation of the hall. It is not funded in this stage of the project.

Is the fence along the new boundary of the National Rhododendron Garden staying?

The fence will be staying as it is a crucial to the protection of the National Rhododendron Garden boundary realignment and extension.

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

How much is being spent?

The Victorian Government has dedicated \$4.72million to the transformation of the former Olinda Golf Course.

What is being done with this funding?

A multitude of works are detailed on the community sign placed next to the former Olinda Golf Course for everyone to see clearly what is being funded including:

- A large public open space for events and informal recreation
- Extension of the National Rhododendron Garden by 6.4 hectares
- Nature-based playspace
- A sports oval
- Picnic facilities
- Upgraded car park and visitor entry

When are these works expected to be completed?

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