MANAGING OUR HERITAGE

We’re upgrading Plenty Road to get you home safer and sooner

We’ll add a lane in each direction and upgrade 12 intersections between Bush Boulevard and Bridge Inn Road.

Maintaining cultural integrity
We’re committed to preserving the local cultural heritage of the Plenty Road project area. Heritage Advisors have assisted our team to prepare a Cultural Heritage Management Plan which has been approved by the Wurundjeri Tribe; the traditional owners and custodians of the land.

Cultural Heritage Management Plan
Throughout the project, we’ll remain in close contact with the Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) – Wurundjeri Tribe who are the traditional landowners and custodians of the area.

Our Cultural Heritage Management Plan for this project is approved by the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation. Everyone working on the project will undertake a Cultural Heritage Awareness Induction, delivered by representatives from RAP.

The Cultural Heritage induction includes information on activity controls, management and procedures for any unexpected indigenous artefact findings during groundwork throughout the project.

Elder Allen Wandin holding an indigenous artefact with project team members
Measures to maintain historical heritage

Our Heritage Advisors studied the history of the area and a Conservation Management Plan has been developed in collaboration with the City of Whittlesea. The construction footprint has been designed to minimise impacts on local heritage areas. This will be further managed by installing ‘No Go Zones’ during work near heritage areas. There will also be vibration monitoring in place to ensure the structural integrity and values of heritage buildings are always maintained.

Historical heritage assessment

A historical heritage assessment and report for the project has been completed in consultation with the City of Whittlesea. The heritage assessment report covers all areas where construction will occur, including any Heritage Overlays. We’ve obtained all relevant permits required for us to do any works in or near areas covered under Heritage Overlays.

The outcomes of the Historical Heritage report were used to develop the heritage controls that will be in place for the duration of this project. Further to the heritage report the project has an independent building surveyor doing condition surveys before and after construction activities.

A summary of the heritage sites identified for the project is outlined below. Although the project footprint will be within some of the Heritage Overlays, the heritage and structural integrity of these sites will not be impacted by the project works.

The Historical Archaeological Heritage Sites within the project footprint include:

- Sheep Station Creek
- Yan Yean water supply system and Yan Yean pipetrack
- Mernda Mechanics Institute, library and caretaker house
- The Bridge Inn Hotel.

Heritage Management Plan

Our environmental management team have developed a Heritage Management Plan in consultation with the City of Whittlesea and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning. The Heritage Management Plan ensures we protect all recognised historical and archaeological sites within the works area during the project.

Based on the measures we are implementing to protect these sites, the risk of any damage is considered minimal.