

Hunt for Heritage

Engagement Summary Report

January 2023



SHAPE

Mount Alexander

Acknowledgement of Country

Mount Alexander Shire Council acknowledges the Dja Dja Wurrung and Taungurung Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters of the place known as Mount Alexander Shire. We recognise their ongoing living culture and the important role they continue to play in caring for country.

Introduction

We are working on the Castlemaine Heritage Study to make sure places with heritage significance are protected.

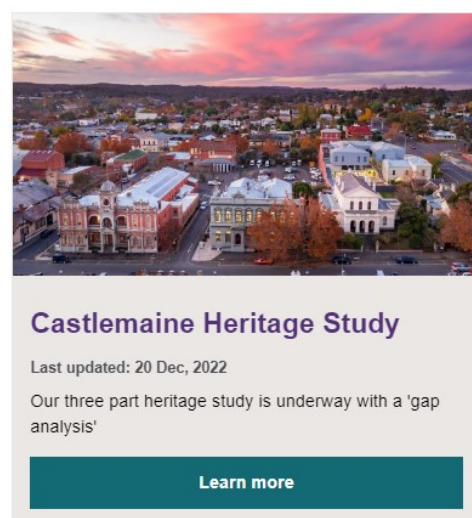
Stage 1 Heritage Gap Analysis:

We are currently in the first stage of the study which focuses on a gap analysis.

A heritage gap analysis identifies places of heritage significance that are currently not protected for their significance (i.e. are not within a heritage overlay but should be). This process is informed by desktop review, field work, and consultation with the community and key stakeholders.

The hunt for heritage:

Across November and December in 2022, we invited stakeholders and the broader community to join in a 'Hunt for Heritage'. The purpose of this consultation was to seek suggestions from the public regarding potential heritage places, which are currently not protected for their heritage significance.



How did we consult?



Distributed 'hunt for heritage' **posters to spread the word**



Conversations during meetings, drop-in sessions and submissions



Distributed 'hunt for heritage' **badges to create awareness**



Promoted the 'hunt for heritage' **through local newspapers, radio and social media**



Emailed key stakeholders about the project to seek feedback



Provided an online map to show existing heritage overlays



Received 'hunt for heritage' submissions **via reply-paid postcards**



Received 'hunt for heritage' submissions via **Shape Mount Alexander**



Delivered an education tool to help people understand the criteria used to assess heritage



Led a '**Councillor Walk**' to inspect a number of heritage and potential heritage sites



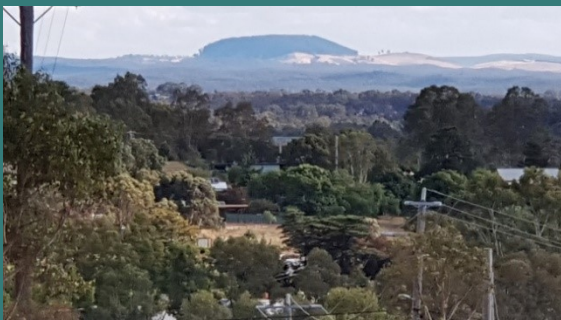
Established an ongoing **Project Advisory Group** with six community members.



Connected with local heritage groups and historical societies through a **targeted stakeholder workshop**

What did we hear?

The community told us about **25 places we should check out for heritage significance**. Suggestions included trees, views, buildings and structures and we will investigate these further.



**Mt Franklin from Farnsworth
Street Hill**



**Castlemaine H84 Bushland Reserve:
home of the 'Castlemaine Hermit'**



Gingell Street Avenue of Elms



Parker Street stone drain

Next steps

Continuing on with Stage 1 of the Project: Heritage Gap Analysis

- Investigate the heritage suggestions received during consultation
- Finalise the heritage gap analysis report
- Consider the findings of the heritage gap analysis to help inform the Housing and Neighbourhood Character Strategy for Castlemaine, Campbells Creek and Chewton

Ongoing engagement

- Meetings with the Project Advisory Group
- Heritage education and awareness

Stage 2 Preliminary investigation and review of existing heritage overlays, and Stage 3 Future Directions report (both stages subject to further funding)

- Explore and confirm funding for stages 2 and 3

Implementation

- Preparation of citations / statements of significance
- Planning Scheme Amendment process (changes to policies, zoning and overlays)

