

# PART C

## SUMMARY OF ACTIONS 2019-2023

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### List of Acronyms

AP: Council's Assets Planning Department

CC: Camperdown College

CFA: Country Fire Authority

DEECD: Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

DELWP: Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning

E&E: Council's Environment and Emergency Department

ED&T: Council's Economic Development and Tourism Department

F&R: Council's Facilities and Recreation Department

FoML: Friends of Mt Leura Inc.

Governance: Council's Governance Department

HDLN: Heytesbury District Landcare Network

P&A Society: Camperdown Pastoral and Agricultural Society

P&B: Council's Planning and Building Department

## Objective One: Enhance the Visitor Experience

No.	Strategy	Partners	Timeframe
<b>Accessibility</b>			
1.1	In line with expert advice, construct a sealed path from the Mt Leura upper carpark to the 'Trig. Point, Rotary Shelter and Southern Lookout Point to provide universal access to these locations.	P&B, AP, Rural Access	Year 5
1.2	In line with expert advice, construct sealed paths to provide universal access to the Volcanic Education Centre (VEC) and Victorian Volcanic Plain (VVP) demonstration gardens.	P&B, AP	Year 5
1.3	Investigate demand for installation of safety rails at key points within the reserves e.g. alongside steps on the Panorama Trail.	Council – Risk, Rural Access	Year 3
1.4	Implement upgrades of existing walking tracks where demand is identified.		Ongoing
1.5	Investigate the demand for and feasibility of new walking trails. Construct new tracks as required.		Ongoing
<b>Facilities</b>			
1.6	Monitor demand for additional small shelters and install where need is identified.		Ongoing
1.7	Continue sharing toilet facility arrangements with Camperdown P&A Society. If required, install directional signage to toilets from the reserves.	P&A Society	Ongoing
1.8	Investigate the feasibility of installation of barbecue facilities at the Lower Shelter area, with consideration of projected costs and proposed maintenance arrangements.	F&R, P&B, AP	Year 3
1.9	Undertake upgrades of the Volcanic Education Centre (VEC) and surrounds, eg. Improved lighting, furnishings and storage when required and if possible.	P&B	Ongoing
<b>Amenity</b>			
1.10	Continue to consult with Camperdown Police to undertake regular patrols (particularly at night) of the Mt Leura Rd and upper carpark to discourage vandalism and littering.	Camperdown Police	Ongoing
1.11	Continue to consult Shire Rangers to undertake regular patrols of the Reserves to enforce responsible pet ownership by-laws.	E&E	Ongoing

## Objective Two: Protect and Enhance Environmental and Landscape Values

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No.	Strategies	Partners	Timeframe
<b>Landscape Values</b>			
2.1	Undertake tree lopping/removal to maintain view cones at priority sites identified in Section 5.2., according to relevant planning requirements.	E&E	Ongoing
2.2	Monitor vegetation growth at identified view cones as shown in Map 2B and undertake tree lopping/removal at selected sites as required.		Ongoing
2.3	Identify additional appropriate view cone sites and implement restoration activities as required.	E&E	Ongoing
<b>Indigenous Vegetation</b>			
2.4	Undertake limited additional revegetation where required in accordance with Vegetation Management Prescriptions (Part D).	FoML	Ongoing
2.5	Undertake vegetation thinning in accordance with relevant planning requirements and Vegetation Management Prescriptions (Part D).	E&E	Ongoing
2.6	Continue to investigate relevance of grazing trials to assess the technique's efficacy for reducing the biomass of introduced pasture grass cover, and its impacts on regenerating native vegetation and other environmental factors.	Adjacent landholders and relevant experts	Year 4
2.7	Investigate and where appropriate, undertake trials of new techniques for pasture grass suppression and reduction e.g. nutrient manipulation, seasonal burns, overplanting with indigenous perennial grasses.	Research/land management institutions	Ongoing
2.8	Develop educational and/or interpretive materials to raise awareness of the reserves' indigenous vegetation and the need for active vegetation management.	FoML	Ongoing
2.9	Complete the removal of relevant non-indigenous native vegetation from the Mt Sugarloaf quarry site where safe to do so, with follow-up replanting with indigenous species as required.	E&E	Year 3

## Objective Two: Protect and Enhance Environmental and Landscape Values (cont.)

No.	Strategies	Partners	Timeframe
<b>Wildlife</b>			
2.10	Continue to deliver wildlife monitoring programs to determine wildlife presence, abundance and impact; e.g. bird surveys, hair traps, harp traps, scat analysis, still/footage cameras.	FoML, educational institutions, Field Naturalist Clubs, BirdLife, experts, citizen scientists	Ongoing
2.11	If required, investigate management strategies to control negative impacts of wildlife.	E & E, DELWP	Ongoing
2.12	Continue to provide additional habitat and resources as required; e.g. nest boxes, water troughs.	FoML, educational institutions	Ongoing
2.13	Provide advice to adjacent landholders, Friends of Mt Leura, Landcare and other relevant organisations to identify potential biolink sites.	FoML, HDLN, CCMA, RTC	Ongoing
<b>Invasive Plants and Animals</b>			
2.14	Continue to undertake annual weed control program for managing regionally controlled and environmental weeds.	E&E	Ongoing
2.15	Monitor the reestablishment of weeds following burns to assess the effectiveness of fire as a weed and pasture grass suppression tool.	E&E	Ongoing
2.16	Develop partnerships with adjoining landholders to share knowledge about existing and emerging weed infestations (e.g. elm suckers) and suitable control methods.	Adjacent landholders	Ongoing
2.17	Monitor the presence and/or impacts of invasive animals and implement control measures where/when required and if possible.	E&E, DELWP	Ongoing
<b>Erosion</b>			
2.18	Monitor new and potential erosion sites and investigate mitigation measures where erosion impacts upon user amenity.	E&E, CS Works & Services	Ongoing

## Objective Three: Develop Promotional and Educational Opportunities

No.	Strategy	Partners	Timeframe
<b>Education and Interpretation</b>			
3.1	Develop a facility hire and usage agreement for the Volcanic Education Centre (VEC) at the base of Mt Leura.	E&E	Year 1
3.2	Continue partnerships with educational organisations to develop educational activities, including learning opportunities that assist with management of the reserves.	Educational institutions, FoML	Ongoing
3.3	Revise and reprint the 'Volcanic Edge' booklet and other educational and promotional materials as required.	FoML	Year 4
3.4	Repair, replace, and update existing interpretive and directional signage as required.		Ongoing
3.5	Maintain and promote geo-cache trails and work with relevant organisations to produce additional educational materials.	Educational institutions, FoML	Ongoing
3.6	Continue to develop and promote interpretive signage.	E&E, Educational Institutions, Traditional Owners, Historical Society, Tourism Sector, FoML, National Trust	Ongoing
3.7	Develop an interpretive points-of-interest mobile app to provide an interactive educational experience for visitors.	ED&T, App developers, Content Experts, FoML	Year 4
<b>Promotion</b>			
3.8	In conjunction with key partners, assist in the development of a formal promotional strategy to raise awareness of the reserves' value as a hub for recreation, nature-based tourism, scenic viewing and environmental/geological education, with consideration to existing promotional tools and online social media.	ED&T, GORRT, National Trust	Year 5 or as required
3.9	Design and install Brown Tourist Attraction signage for the reserves at appropriate locations.	VicRoads/Regional Roads Victoria, W&S	Year 3

Promotion			
3.10	Work with key stakeholders to identify opportunities to promote and integrate with the Craters to Coast Discovery Program and other tourism initiatives.	ED&T, PC VIC, GORRT, Courthouse Camperdown, National Trust	Ongoing

## Objective Three: Develop Promotional and Educational Opportunities (cont.)

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No.	Strategy	Partners	Timeframe
Recreation and Events			
3.11	Continue to support existing events and assist in providing additional infrastructure where appropriate e.g. Hill Climb events.	F&R	Ongoing
3.12	Encourage and support compatible events and uses for the reserves, e.g. foot and bicycle races, field naturalist tours, art exhibitions, open air theatre and music events. Assist in ensuring safety, amenity and access requirements are met.	All relevant stakeholders	Ongoing
3.13	Promote the reserves as a destination for non-motorised tourism; i.e. walkers and cyclists which considers links to key destinations such as the Camperdown Railway Station, Camperdown – Timboon Rail Trail and the Camperdown Lakes Precinct.	ED&T, V-Line, Rail Trail Committee, South Beach Management Committee	Ongoing

## Objective Four: Support Long Term Viability of the Reserves

No.	Strategy	Partners	Timeframe
<b>Income Generation</b>			
4.1	Develop an education program with a nominal fee charged for participation where appropriate.	Educational institutions	Ongoing
4.2	Develop guidelines to assist with the facilitation and promotion of guided walks and formal. If appropriate, formal tours will be subject to a nominal fee to achieve cost recovery.	F&R	Year 1
4.3	Where appropriate, facilitate discussions with other community organisations to identify opportunities for income generating initiatives and determine where mutually beneficial partnerships may lie.	P&A Society, Council	Ongoing
4.4	Where appropriate, develop guidelines to assist organisers of special events and if applicable, a fee structure.	F&R	Year 1
4.5	Develop a grazing policy for the reserves to set out rates and guidelines for the leasing of some land for grazing if and where appropriate.	F&R	Year 3
4.6	Identify opportunities to implement new events within and/or outside the reserves, with an assessment of the level of potential financial return.		Ongoing
4.7	Where required, host specific fundraising events (not necessarily held within the reserves) to fund particular projects or improvements; e.g. trivia nights, dinner dances, concerts.	FoML	Ongoing
<b>Grants and Fundraising</b>			
4.8	Investigate mechanisms for accepting donations to and on behalf of the Committee.		Year 2
4.9	Target Government grants with a focus on tourism, community, environment and cultural development to fund the development of capital projects, visitor facilities and programs.	ED&T, E&E, CCMA, Regional Development Victoria, other relevant organisations	Ongoing
4.10	Identify alternative funding sources such as philanthropic grants and corporate sponsorship to fund capital projects and improvements.		Ongoing



## Objective Four: Support Long Term Viability of the Reserves (cont.)

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No.	Strategy	Partners	Timeframe
<b>Resources</b>			
4.11	Review the Management Committee Instrument of Delegation to ensure it meets current governance needs.	E&E, Governance	Determined by Council
4.12	Continue to maintain strong partnerships between the Management Committee, Friends of Mt Leura, schools and other organisations through ongoing joint events and shared facilities.	FoML, CC	Ongoing
4.13	Maintain existing partnerships and where possible develop new partnerships involved with specific events, projects or initiatives.	All relevant groups	Ongoing
4.14	Maintain Project Coordinator position to undertake and coordinate implementation of this plan at the direction of the Management Committee and Council.	E&E	Ongoing
4.15	Continue to build and maintain relationships, volunteer capacity and in-kind contributions which are critical in assisting with projects on the Reserves.	All relevant groups	Ongoing

## Objective Five: Mitigate Risk to Users and Surrounding Residents

No.	Strategy	Partners	Timeframe
<b>Fire</b>			
5.1	Implement trials of various fuel reduction strategies (e.g. burns, grazing) where appropriate to determine and record effects on fuel load, indigenous vegetation and resultant weed growth.	CFA, E&E	Ongoing
5.2	Undertake annual inspections with Council and CFA representatives to identify potential sites for undertaking fuel reduction burns with consideration of access issues, minimising environmental impacts and the Municipal Fire Management Plan (MFMP).	CFA, E&E	Ongoing
5.3	Continue to ensure slashing/spraying of fire breaks and access and egress tracks within the reserves as required.	E&E	Ongoing
<b>Emergency and Risk</b>			
5.4	Continue annual risk management and maintenance inspection in accordance with the Risk Inspection Checklist, and action as required.	E&E, FOML	Ongoing
5.5	Undertake annual inspections of emergency access/egress routes and turnaround points (as per Map 4: Emergency Access Plan) in conjunction with emergency services.	E&E, Adjacent landholders, CFA, SES other emergency services	Ongoing
5.6	Ensure Reserves are mapped by the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) and establish emergency marker points.	E&E, DELWP, ESTA	Year 5