Old Calder Highway and Watsons Road, Diggers Rest

Cultural heritage management plans

The Victorian Government is committed to removing every level crossing on the Sunbury Line in 2025, creating more benefits for local communities and a better transport network for all Victorians.

We're removing the level crossings at Old Calder Highway and Watsons Road, Diggers Rest in 2025.

Making the Sunbury Line level crossing free will change how locals live, work and travel. With no level crossings on the train line, journeys will be faster and more reliable, and local roads safer.

An important part of planning to remove these level crossings is to carry out cultural heritage assessments.





Our assessments consider impacts of our project on Aboriginal cultural heritage. They help us to identify opportunities to reduce any potential impacts to Aboriginal places or objects through design refinement and how the project will be constructed.



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How we conduct cultural heritage assessments

To ensure we manage Aboriginal cultural heritage in the Diggers Rest area, we engage archaeologists, heritage advisors and the Registered Aboriginal Party, the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation, to identify Aboriginal places or objects in the project.

Assessing potential impacts

The Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment involves the preparation of a cultural heritage management plan.

In collaboration with the Registered Aboriginal Party, we conduct a field investigation to identify Aboriginal places or objects.

We assess the extent to which our proposed design and construction approach could impact on Aboriginal places or objects, and explore how any impacts can be avoided, minimised or mitigated.

Managing heritage impacts

We will then prepare the cultural heritage management plan in accordance with the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006. The plan is evaluated and approved by the Registered Aboriginal Party.

This plan helps us manage and protect Aboriginal cultural heritage.

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