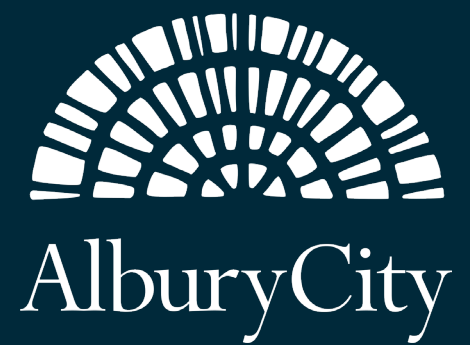


EASTERN HILL ACTIVATION DRAFT MASTER PLAN



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

The consultation process so far?

After the initial 28-day consultation the draft master plan was created in consultation with the consultative team at Yonder, this was based off the results of the consultation feedback. This draft master plan went to Council, and it was resolved to put this on public exhibition for 56 days (double the normal 28-day period) to allow the wider community to participate in the Have your say process. Once this consultation process has concluded the draft will be reviewed and updated to reflect the community's feedback and this will be presented to the Council later this year for review and endorsement.

I have heard that concrete is being used throughout Eastern Hill proposal.

No. The draft master plan proposes to use natural materials or materials that “sit lightly” in the landscape. Some areas may include some harder materials to improve accessibility for people with mobility issues.

I have heard that the ‘Trig Point’ lookout will be made from concrete.

No. The trig point lookout is currently proposed to be a floating transparent mesh screen structure – much like the stairs proposed on the Gunbower Close walking trail.

I have heard that mountain bikes trails will be created down to Devils Glen.

No this is not proposed as a part of the draft master plan. Trails between Doctors Point and Devils Glen and Eastern Hill will have floating stairs and boardwalk sections. The trail between Gunbower Close and Eastern Hill is proposed to have signage allowing for walkers only.

Why are you widening the trail out to the Trig point. Is it really necessary?

The access path from the car park to the trig point will be upgraded to improve access for people with mobility issues so all members of the community can enjoy the views from the Trig Point lookout. In AlburyCity's Disability Inclusion

Action Plan we aim to offer an inclusive and accessible community for people to live, work and play.

Will a road be constructed along the ridge line?

No. The trail from Trig Point to the Kiewa Valley lookout seat and the Hume and Hovell Walking Track alignment will remain as a natural surface trail with minor improvements to the surface of the trail. The 10m wide Asset Protection Zone (APZ) will be retained and maintained for emergency vehicle access as it is now.

Will mountain biking use all of the trails on Eastern Hill?

No. The draft master plan has identified specific trails for use by Mountain Bikers and the plans have been developed to create separation from existing trails. Trails will be signposted accordingly, and an education campaign undertaken on trail usage and etiquette, should the master plan be endorsed.

Will pedestrian access be improved to access the lookout from East Street?

Yes. The new entrance road will also include the construction of a separate pedestrian access path to create separation between vehicles and pedestrians.

Will the plan create new wildlife corridors?

Yes. The plan has identified the addition of several wildlife corridors on the eastern face of the reserve to improve connectivity from the ridge down to Mungabareena and the Murray River. Additional corridor areas have been identified in Devils Glen and Doctors Point Reserve also.

I've heard that you are going to remove a memorial chair and replace it with interactive signage.

We are not looking to remove the memorial chair, but rather look for opportunities to include additional furniture at the Kiewa Valley lookout to ensure multiple people can concurrently enjoy the stunning views. Given the significance of the location, interpretative signage is also proposed at this location that tells the story of the sites history and heritage.

Are all the things on the master plan going to be built?

The master plan, if endorsed, provides a guide for new projects to be submitted for budget in future years. Any works undertaken would be staged as planning and environmental approvals are granted and budget made available. There is no guarantee that all projects will be constructed.

Who will pick up the rubbish with the additional use?

The General Recommendations for the Master Plan identified to *“Improve ongoing maintenance by implementing Council’s maintenance regime for high profile sites”* (page 2 – General Recommendations). The Overall Master Plan page also talks to the possible inclusion of CCTV and new amenities such as rubbish bins being installed.

There has been some reports that potentially East Albury residents have not been consulted as part of the process?

As part of the initial ‘Have your Say’ earlier this year we received 554 contributions from residents, which represents our highest response rate to date for the ‘Have Your Say’ platform.

Of the 554 survey responses, 36% (200) of these were from community members that reside in East Albury. We also distributed a mail box mail drop to adjoining residents that shared an immediate boundary with Eastern Hill. This approach was based on the logistical difficulty of determining an area of influence, given the facility being a whole of community facility. This mail box drop was apart of a larger campaign that included social media, local advertising, media and the promotion of the consultation on our main AlburyCity website.

In addition to the initial Have Your Say process there is now an extended period of 56 days for public exhibition of the draft plans to allow residents the opportunity to have further input.



Have your Say today

Closes 5pm October 4, 2022