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Dear Resident or Business Owner

Bendigo Games Village Site – Activity Notice

Ground Investigations

Development Victoria is a key delivery partner for the Victoria 2026 Commonwealth Games village in Bendigo that will accommodate around 1,600 athletes and officials for the Games, with a lasting legacy of new housing in the Bendigo suburb of Flora Hill.

Ground investigations will recommence at the village location on Osborne Street. These investigations are expected to occur throughout the coming weeks and are a continuation of activities from earlier in the year.

Site investigations are an important early step in the development process to help inform more detailed design. Development Victoria will oversee the team undertaking the works.

It is estimated the Games will contribute more than \$3 billion to Victoria's economy, creating more than 7,500 jobs before, during and after the Games.

Why is this work important?

Boreholes will allow engineers to collect physical samples of the soil and rock at various locations across the site and adjoining roadways to better understand ground and groundwater conditions prior to construction on the Bendigo Games village gets underway later this year.

Will these works impact the outcome of the Kangaroo Management Plan?

Activities associated with the ground investigations will be undertaken in line with the Kangaroo Management Plan in close consultation with the project's ecologist.

What to expect

A small team of engineers will be drilling boreholes advancing test pits at various locations within the site to verify ground conditions. These boreholes will vary in depth between 1 metre and 15 metres at strategic points throughout the site.

Machinery on site will include a drill rig and excavator along with support vehicles and trucks. Once investigations have been completed, and samples have been collected, the holes will be backfilled.

In the week prior to these investigations, you may also see workers on site, engaged in lower levels of activity which will not involve any machinery.

No impact to local traffic is anticipated.

Expected timing

These investigations are currently expected to commence in the week of 26 June 2023 and be completed within approximately two weeks.

Development Victoria respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we are delivering the Victoria 2026 Commonwealth Games, and throughout Victoria.

We recognise their continuing cultural heritage and connection to land, and pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.

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