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## **Bendigo Games Village Site – Activity Notice**

### **Fencing Installation and Kangaroo Management at Flora Hill**

We're delivering a Games village at Flora Hill to host approximately 1,600 athletes and officials during the Victoria 2026 Commonwealth Games.

Activities will soon commence at the village site at Osborne Street, Flora Hill to encourage kangaroos to return to their natural habitat and away from the Games village, ahead of works commencing in coming months.

A Kangaroo Management Plan has been prepared by Development Victoria, backed by analysis undertaken by qualified, independent ecologists, and considered by the Conservation Regulator at the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA). This Plan details how the Eastern Grey Kangaroo population will be safely and gradually encouraged away from the site.

The welfare of the kangaroos is important to Development Victoria, and to the community, and steps will be taken to maximise their safety prior to and during construction. To do this, kangaroo fencing will be progressively installed onsite over the coming months.

Development Victoria, the delivery partner for the Games villages, will install the fencing in stages (see map on page two) prior to the start of construction, encouraging kangaroos away from the fenced areas.

### **Why is this work important?**

The Eastern Grey Kangaroos regularly move through the site at Osborne Street, to and from their natural habitat in the Greater Bendigo National Park and surrounding bushland.

The welfare of the kangaroos is important and steps will be taken to maximise the safety of the kangaroos prior to and during construction activity. To do this, kangaroo fencing will be progressively installed onsite over the coming months.

This will encourage the kangaroos away from the future construction area, back into their natural habitat.

### **What to expect**

Fencing will begin to appear around the site ahead of construction commencing on site later this year. Regular inspections will be carried out by a qualified ecologist to ensure the kangaroos have been safely and progressively encouraged off the site before works commence.

We expect the first stage of the fencing to be installed in early June 2023, and for these activities to continue for approximately two months. Once complete, the kangaroos are expected to have moved away from the Bendigo Games village site, allowing for early works to safely commence.

The staged installation of this fencing will occur on weekdays only, commencing the week of 5 June 2023 and is expected to be completed by the end of July 2023.

## Activity impacts

We do not anticipate any traffic disruptions for the local community, but we do ask drivers to exercise caution in the surrounding streets, as kangaroos change their habits and move away from the Osborne Street site.

Additional warning signage will be installed around the site to alert drivers to the presence of kangaroos and increase awareness of kangaroo movements.

If you become aware of a kangaroo within the fenced area, or an injured/distressed kangaroo in proximity to the site, we request that this is immediately reported to one of the locally operating wildlife rescue organisations listed below, so that the kangaroo can be safely attended to by an expert.

**Wildlife Victoria** – 03 8400 7300

**Wildlife Rescue and Information Network (WRIN)** – 0419 356 433

**Wildlife Rescue Emergency Service (WRES)** – 0427 301 401

**Bendigo Animal Hospital** – 03 5443 3322

## Activity Area Map – Staged Fencing Approach



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