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Latest news on Valley Lake

Valley Lake Estate is now a well-established, thriving community and we are pleased to share news on important works within the estate.

Clifftop Pathway

Development Victoria is working with Moonee Valley City Council to construct a new shared pathway that will provide safe access for pedestrians and cyclists along the clifftop area of Valley Lake.

We have appointed a contractor, and works to remove the existing boardwalk have been completed. Following these initial works, and a review of soil conditions in the works area, it was identified that the new pathway design would need to be amended.

We are now ready to begin works with this updated structural design, but have taken the decision to put these works on hold due to the breeding and nesting season of a Peregrine Falcon pair, which runs from August to November/December each year.

These birds often reside in the cliff face area of Valley Lake, and we have been advised by an ecologist that any works during this time would put the health of the Falcons and their chicks at risk.

To ensure the wellbeing of the Peregrine Falcons, we will be following the ecological advice provided and will not recommence these works until the nesting season has concluded.

Multipro Civil Pty Ltd has been appointed as the contractor to deliver this project, and they will resume these works in late 2022. We have now revised the expected completion date for the Clifftop Pathway works to mid-2023.

Eastern Wetlands

Rejuvenation of the Eastern Wetlands area was completed in early 2022, with all existing sediment removed and new planting installed. This area is now in the post-completion maintenance phase and will be handed over to Moonee Valley City Council once this phase has been successfully completed.

Cliff Face Area B (adjacent Diorite Court)

In addition to the stabilisation works, a series of permanent anchor points are also required to ensure ongoing

access to the cliff face is achievable. This permanent access system will allow routine inspections and maintenance of this area to be carried out safely.

Specialist advice has been sought to help inform the design of the access system and the process has taken longer than initially expected.

Once the final design has been approved by Moonee Valley City Council, the process to procure a suitably qualified and experienced contractor will get underway. Works on this area of the cliff face are expected to begin in late 2022.

Linear Reserve between Knoll Place and Diorite Court

Landscaping works for the areas adjacent to the concrete stairway have been completed. This area will be handed over to Moonee Valley City Council once the post-completion maintenance period has concluded.

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