Haining Farm Detailed Design Survey

You are invited to give feedback on design options for the visitor facilities, woodland buffer and the community activities you would like to see in the new park.

Following the release of the Haining Farm Concept Plan by the Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning (DELWP) and Parks Victoria in September 2017, implementation is underway with earthworks to prepare for revegetation and bushfire mitigation measures later in 2018. Parks Victoria is now seeking your input to the detailed designs for the future visitor areas. You are invited to give feedback on design options for the woodland buffer, community activities, and subject to future funding, the visitor facilities you would like to see.

Submitting the survey

Hardcopy- Post to:
Manager Park Planning, Haining Farm Project
Parks Victoria
Level 10, 535 Bourke St
Melbourne VIC 3000

Email- Send to hainingplan@parks.vic.gov.au

Online- Visit the Haining Farm webpage and complete the survey online at www.engage.vic.gov.au/haining-farm

This survey will take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete and will be open until 14 September 2018. We will be holding a Community Drop-in session at Haining Farm on Saturday 8th September 2018 where you will also be able to complete and submit the survey.

Privacy & Transparency

Parks Victoria is committed to protecting personal information provided by you in accordance with the principles of the Victorian privacy laws. We are also committed to the government policy of openness, accountability and transparency. The information you provide will be made available to the Parks Victoria/DELWP Haining Farm Project Team to help inform the future planning for Haining Farm. Personal details (name/contact details) will not be made public at any time.

The survey response analysis will be made available for public inspection on the Parks Victoria website and survey data may be released if requested under the Freedom of Information Act. Please ensure that you do not include anything in the ‘comments’ or body of your submission that you do not want published, is defamatory or provides personal information about another individual. Submissions that contravene these requirements may be excluded from consideration. The Parks Victoria Privacy statement, including how to access your information, is available from our website - http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/privacy.
Review the following information then fill in the attached survey pages

This project is now at the detailed design stage for the visitor precincts, and work has started in the conservation areas to shape the landscape in preparation for revegetation and to implement the bushfire mitigation measures. These components of the plan are funded with works planned for later in 2018.

Community and stakeholder input into the design of the future visitor areas is an important step in creating the best possible park. This will assist in developing future funding bids to implement the full potential of Haining Farm.

In the survey attached we invite you to give us your feedback for:

- The selection of tree species for the Woodland Buffer
- Ideas for community activities in the park
- The layout, uses and facilities of the visitor areas

**Woodland Buffer**

The woodland buffer area of the park retains the visual amenity of the paddocks along Don Road and Dalry Road, with pasture in between the spaced trees for possible future agricultural uses. The open woodland buffer will be an effective measure to reduce wind speeds and so lessen the bushfire risk of the site following revegetation.

The design for spacing of 35 metres between the trees was recommended by fire experts as being the best to reduce wind speeds through the buffer. Several tree species were recommended as suitable because of their shape, size, growth rate, bark type and as they have a link to the history of the area. We are seeking feedback on three options.

The woodland buffer is funded as part of the bushfire mitigation measures.
WOODLAND BUFFER - OPTION 2
8 TREES PER HECTARE (APPROX. 35M SPACING), NON-INDIGENOUS SPECIES

Large oak species with spreading canopy form, ex:
Quercus sp. (Oak)

WOODLAND BUFFER - OPTION 3
8 TREES PER HECTARE (APPROX. 35M SPACING), MIX OF INDIGENOUS + NON-INDIGENOUS SPECIES

Paddocks:
Large eucalypt tree, ex:
Eucalyptus camaldulensis (River Red Gum)

Core visitor precinct:
Large oak species with spreading canopy form, ex.
Quercus sp. (Oak)
Visitor Precincts

Two visitor areas are proposed, with layout plans drafted for community input. The ‘Community Picnic and Play Space’ at the corner of Don Road and Dalry Road would provide a picnic lawn with a shelter and barbecues as well as a nature play space for interaction with the Don River landscape. This will link to the future conservation area walking trails and the main visitor precinct.
The ‘Visitor Precinct’ celebrates the agricultural heritage of Haining Farm through re-use of the former dairy. Set within a network of restored ponds, established trees and informal lawn spaces, it provides space for recreation, education, events, markets, and interpretation. An event space with a ‘Flexible Lawn’ area is also proposed near the visitor precinct.

These components are currently unfunded. Future funding requirements will be informed by public feedback about the suggested designs, and implementation of the proposed elements for the visitor precincts will depend on securing funding.

**Community Involvement**

We are interested in the activities and uses that you would like to undertake in the park and how the community would like to be involved. In the future the park will provide for visitor activities and also continue education opportunities that have been long associated with Haining Farm.

*Thank you for your contribution to this project.*
*Please stay tuned to www.engage.vic.gov.au/haining-farm to keep updated on project developments.*
Woodland Buffer

We are investigating three suitable tree planting options for the woodland buffer area of the park. We are looking for feedback on the types and selection of tree species to be used; native, exotic or a combination of both.

- Which of the Woodland Buffer options do you like best, and which species would you prefer (please tick)?

- **Option 1** – Large native, evergreen species in both the paddocks and visitor area
  - River Red Gum (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*)
  - River sheoak (*Casuarina cunninghamiana*)
  - Brush Box (*Tristania conferta*)

- **Option 2** – Large exotic, deciduous species in both the paddocks and visitor area
  - Spanish Oak (*Quercus palustris*)
  - Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*)

- **Option 3** – Mixed landscape with large native tree (evergreen) species in the paddocks and exotic (deciduous) species in the visitor area
  - River Red Gum (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*)
  - River Sheoak (*Casuarina cunninghamiana*)
  - Brush Box (*Tristania conferta*)
  - Spanish Oak (*Quercus palustris*)
  - Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*)

Visitor Precincts

Community Picnic & Play Space (Currently Unfunded)
Located at the corner of Don Road and Dalry Road

- What visitor facilities would you like to see included in this area? What features would you like to see in the design of the play space?

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Visitor Precinct (Currently Unfunded)
Located at the former dairy and farm buildings

- Based on previous feedback from the concept planning process, we have incorporated a number of elements into this area - do you have any ideas or other suggestions? What possible uses would you like to see for the event space, flexible lawn area and community shed?

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Community Involvement

- What kinds of activities would you like to see available in the park?
  - [ ] Walking / Running
  - [ ] Cycling
  - [ ] Nature appreciation / Bird watching
  - [ ] Photography / Painting / Art
  - [ ] Dog walking
  - [ ] Picnicking / Socialising
  - [ ] Education / Interpretation programs
  - [ ] Community events
  - [ ] Horse riding
  - [ ] Other: ____________________________

- Volunteering is an important part of the community vision for Haining Farm. What type of activities would you like to be involved with?

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Other Comments

Are there any other comments about the detailed design of Haining Farm that you would like to pass onto the project team?

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