

Paddy's Path rehabilitation Update June 2017

The program of works for the rehabilitation of Paddy's Path kicks off this week, working alongside the VicRoads slope stabilisation program



Path rehabilitation program

Hazardous trees

Hazardous tree works were initially completed prior to the re-opening of Paddy's Path in June 2016. Many of the small trees killed in the fire are now unstable due to the landslide activity and significant rainfall. Since the paths closure in September 2016, several trees have fallen across the track- an example of the risk to public safety to be addressed in this current program.

DELWP crews began tree management on the 1 June, which will include brushing up the track, and removing weeds and overgrowth along the perimeter of the path.

Vegetation restoration

To support the restoration of the reserve and build natural stability into the slopes, a vegetation management plan is being prepared, which will guide an effective weed management program, site specific re-vegetation with native plants and direct safe access for community and contractor works on the hillside. A draft plan will be available for comments in mid-June.

Path drainage

Living Trails has been engaged to review the 2016 drainage plan with a view to begin works and track re-surfacing in June. Options for pram accessibility on steep sections of the path are also being reviewed, and the community will have the opportunity to comment prior to works beginning.

Track surface rehabilitation

Solutions for this complex and dynamic environment, especially through the active landslide, is constantly being retested as slope stabilisation works progress. The reconstructed path through the landslide area will be returned to the flatter alignment and meets what we've heard through community engagement to make the path as friendly as possible for walkers.

Safety assessment

At the completion of the track rehabilitation program and the VicRoads land stabilisation program, a geotechnical engineer will complete a public safety risk assessment for path users. A community update will be provided once the report is completed.