

FACT SHEET

Land Surveying

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Survey Mark Identification

Surveying and land surveying is the measurement and mapping of our surrounding environment using mathematics, specialised technology and equipment. Land surveying is carried out to establish property boundaries and to determine specific site information e.g. elevation.

There are a variety of reasons why you may need a land survey, including:

- Title re-establishment
- Existing site & flood levels
- Engineering and civil works
- Easement dealings
- Digital feature, level and contour surveys

The Government is undertaking a project to identify surviving ground survey marks and datum points on appropriate sites within Wye River and Separation Creek. The project will deliver base survey plans that record the location of the surviving ground marks on public land which can then be used to inform future council and private landholders' surveying works throughout the settlement.

Surveying of Private Property

Whilst the settlement datum points will be identified by the Government project, individuals will still need to commission licensed surveyors to re-establish their own private properties' boundaries. These will be required for planning permit applications, as well as any other construction work undertaken as part of the design and building process.

As part of the planning permit process you may be required to arrange for the re-establishment of your property boundaries, and the other specific surveys identified above as part of your building and engineering work. These specific surveys may benefit from the current ground mark recovery work being managed by the Office of Surveyor-General Victoria.

If you are uncertain about what your surveying needs are, make an appointment with the One Stop Shop to seek assistance before engaging a licensed surveyor.

For further information:

For planning and building related assistance, please make an appointment at the One Stop Shop by contacting Colac Otway Shire Bushfire Resilience Information Centre on (03) 5232 9400.