

STATUTORY PLANNING FACTSHEET

Cultural heritage management plans

This information sheet provides guidance if your planning application requires a cultural heritage management plan (CHMP).

The Victorian Government introduced the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006. The main goals of the Act are to provide protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage, empower traditional owners, strengthen the spiritual, cultural, material and economic relationship of traditional owners with the land, and promote respect for Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Before you start a project

It is the responsibility of the applicant to consider whether a CHMP is required. A CHMP is required for an activity if:

- all or part of the activity area is an area of cultural heritage sensitivity
- all or part of the activity is a high impact activity.

To determine if your site is subject to an area of cultural heritage sensitivity, search for your address on the [VicPlain website](#).

The [Aboriginal Heritage Planning Tool](#) can be used to assist in determining whether a CHMP is required. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide appropriate documentation to justify if a CHMP is not required.

Every planning application and Section 72 Amendment lodged with Mitchell Shire Council will also be assessed by Council. If a CHMP is required, it must be approved by a Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) or Aboriginal Victoria before Council can make a decision on the application's outcome.

What's in a CHMP?

A CHMP is a written report prepared by a Heritage Advisor which includes results of an assessment of the potential impact of a proposed activity on Aboriginal cultural heritage. It outlines measures to be taken before, during and after an activity in order to manage and protect Aboriginal cultural heritage in the activity area.

Find out more

Please do not hesitate to contact Council to discuss this matter prior to lodging your planning application. You can also contact Aboriginal Victoria at:

Aboriginal Victoria – GPO Box 4912, Melbourne VIC 3001

[1800 762 003](tel:1800762003)

aboriginalaffairs@dpc.vic.gov.au



You can find out more information about CHMPs on the [Aboriginal Victoria](#) website.

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