

Virginia Hill Estate, Bendigo

Frequently asked questions

The Department of Health and Human Services is kick-starting the renewal of the Virginia Hill Estate in Bendigo.

When completed, the community will be better connected.

Why this estate?

We have the opportunity to improve the layout of the estate to meet the needs of the community into the future. The current design of the estate, including parks, public spaces and roads could be improved to increase connections to the surrounding neighbourhood.

The Government recognises that providing quality public spaces and different housing types can help build more inclusive and connected communities.

What are we doing?

The renewal program will be over several phases and will take considerable time to ensure successful planning. This will include engagement with local residents and stakeholders to be delivered in partnership with the City of Greater Bendigo.

The first phase will seek to gather ideas from the community and stakeholders about what they value about the local area and what they would like to see improved.

These ideas will then shape a vision statement that will guide what happens within the estate and may include improvements to streets, public spaces, transport, landscaping and other land uses.

These ideas will then inform a high level masterplan that will outline a longer term vision and will include road layouts and transport, community facilities and land use options.

This first phase to develop the plan will continuously evolve to consider feedback from community members and will take between 12 and 18 months.

How can I be involved?

As we progress with the project we will continue to keep you updated regarding future activities and project developments. There will be many opportunities along the journey for input and you will be kept informed as to when there will be sessions and options to participate.

I live in this area. Will I be moving now?

No, there are no plans to move tenants at this stage.

Please contact Jen Polson, Client Service and Housing Services Manager on (03) 5434 5555 if you are a tenant and would like more information.

What are the next steps?

In early 2019, we will provide dates and details around the first of many consultation sessions to be jointly held with the City of Greater Bendigo and the department.

How can I stay informed or seek details about the project?

- Register for project updates or share your suggestions via housing.renewal@dhhs.vic.gov.au
- Visit the Victorian Health and Human Services Building Authority website at vhhsba.vic.gov.au/virginia-hill-estate-bendigo
- Call the Priority Projects team on 03 9096 5898

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