

Highbury Aqueduct Reserve Information Sheet

Highbury Aqueduct Reserve is a well-utilised open space reserve that promotes connection to nature and recreational shared use trails with links to River Torrens Linear Park.

Recently, many of the pine trees within Highbury Aqueduct Reserve have been affected by Giant pine scale (GPS, *Marchalina hellenica*) is an insect that sucks the sap of pine trees and is native to the eastern Mediterranean region. GPS causes pine trees to deteriorate in condition, drop limbs and eventually die and fall. Management of GPS requires removal of infected and nearby susceptible pine trees from the reserve to ensure it doesn't spread further.

Proposed new infrastructure project

Project type	Capital works
Project value	Estimated \$78,000
Project schedule	2027 completion

The removal of these trees has changed the landscape at Highbury Aqueduct Reserve, and the area now requires remediation and revegetation.

The Department for Environment and Water, which manages the reserve, is leading a reserve improvement project that includes revegetation works and new visitor infrastructure. The project aims to restore canopy cover, improve biodiversity and enhance visitor access and amenity within the reserve. It is currently in the design and early consultation phase, with works expected to be completed in 2027.

Funding for the proposed improvements is being provided by the Malinauskas Government , with the aim of improving the reserve for the local community.

Proposed improvements

Revegetation works will restore canopy cover, shade and biodiversity to the area and support the re-opening of the reserve for public access.

Additional improvements are proposed to improve visitor access and amenity, including:

- a new visitor node with a small off-street carpark and picnic area
- a Discovery Trail with points of interest added along the existing Aqueduct Trail to highlight the historical and natural features of the reserve.



Figure 1: Example of a proposed improvement – small gravel carpark for improved accessibility.



Figure 2: Picnic tables and shelter

Proposed Discovery Trail

The proposed Discovery Trail could include:

- interpretive signage
- small nature education structures and alternative habitats for native wildlife (e.g. bee hotels)
- sculptures or artistic elements that highlight the reserve’s natural features (e.g. the Aqueduct)
- lookout points
- interesting historical stories
- treasured local wildlife (e.g. the Yellow-tailed black cockatoos).

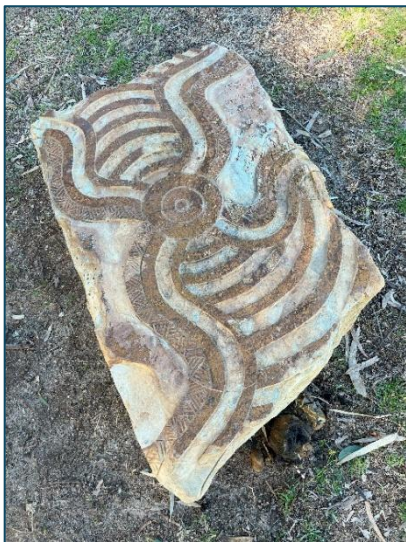


Figure 3: Examples of proposed Discovery Trail points of interest – cultural art and story-telling, nature education and alternative wildlife habitats.

Location

Highbury Aqueduct Reserve is located near Boundy Road and Historic Drive, Highbury, South Australia.

Please refer to the map below for proposed locations for the improvements.



More information

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