

Recommendation in HMSR Master Plan - 19 November	
Collaboration with Traditional Owners	Opportunity exists to collaboratively design spaces with DJAARA. These include nature play space, events area, water hole, Connection to Country trail, new trailhead.
Heritage Assessment CHMP	Complete a CHMP and Heritage Assessment for the Mineral Springs Reserve identifying how master plan actions can be implemented while being compliant with legislation.
Detailed Design	Complete detailed design on priority projects to prepare tender ready packages of work.
#	Actions
1	Gathering Nodes New social spaces suited to groups or individuals with a variety of seating, native landscaping, shade and signage. Spaces should have a natural feel with local, neutral and natural materials. Nodes should be diverse and may contain formal park furniture or informal seating like rocks, logs or landform. Locations include Mineral Springs Crescent, Soldiers Memorial, Anniversary Bridge, Events Area and Connection to Country Trail.
2	New and Improved Cohesive Seating Remove and replace all existing park furniture and replace with new seats, tables or benches from the standard furniture suite. Implement new seating nodes to cater for multiple users and functions.
3	Directional Signage & Improved Connection Directional and naming signage at major and minor entrances to connect the reserve to the main streets in town.
4	New Trail Connections New trail connections to complement existing. Key locations include beside creek near bath house, between bathhouse and pavilion, near White Hill to form a walking trail loop.
5	Events Area A – New Events Area: New, flexible events area to include a gathering area, flexible amenities to suit a variety of events including music, market, performance or festival. This area should be accessible and have ample lighting, shade and multiple three phase power points, water points, ramps, improved roads and easy access to road network for deliveries. This space should cater to medium to large events. Additional accessible parking should be considered. When not in use as an events space, the area should be able to be used as a flexible open space suitable for workshops, classes and passive recreation. This is a collaboration project with DJAARA. B – Improved Festival Space at Soundshell: Improve the open area near the soundshell to cater for small to medium events community events. This could include availability of power, water and vehicular access.
6	Accessible Path Network Create and improve a network of accessible paths and trails with connection to accessible amenities. The network of accessible paths should connect the parking areas to all four springs, heritage buildings, toilets and trailhead. Accessible trail connections include to new events area, water hole and Rejuvenation Trail.
7	Lighting Activation Artful and creative lighting to highlight key features in the reserve and provide some night time activities for visitors. Key locations include all four mineral springs, Soldiers/Anniversary bridges, significant trees, and Soldiers Memorial.
8	Improvements to Existing Features Renew, repair or replace structures, paths and other infrastructure. Key moves include access paths, Caretaker's Cottage, Pavilion, Public Toilet BBQ areas and bridges. A & B – Anniversary and Soldiers Bridges: Renew or replace aging bridges. C – Caretaker's Cottage: Activate the cottage for community or commercial use supporting the social, wellness, rejuvenation or heritage aspects of the reserve. Activities may include a bookable community space, welcome centre, extension of commercial wellness operations or something else. The activation must consider heritage, accessibility, structural stability, parking etc. D – Café – Improve the existing café space for functionality, accessibility and amenity. This space should be considered for a commercial lease. E – Pavilion: Repair, replace or protect the pavilion to make the building safe, accessible and suitable as premier events space. This should include easy access for deliveries, accessible toilets, catering kitchen as well as safe, accessible entry/egress. This space may be leased to a commercial operator who will create a use that is in line with the aesthetic and historic usage of the space. F – Soundshell: Renew, repair and improve the soundshell preserving its function as an artful performance space. Improvements to include renovation of back of house area, power, stage space and vehicular access. The soundshell should be able to support performances, music and casual events like classes, workshops or other activities.

	G – Renew Access Paths: Repair existing paths that have deteriorated with time. Target paths include by existing BBQ rotunda, BBQ area, water hole, water hole parking, campground and near entry of reserve. H – Refresh BBQ Nodes: - Improve existing BBQ and gathering areas to include cohesive shelter, shade, seating and BBQ cookers. Aesthetic should be natural, open and cohesive with existing reserve. I – Path Network - Refresh existing path network focusing on accessible, sealed asphalt paths in the heritage core with some gravel path connections to walking trails. J – Refresh walking trails – Renew existing network of walking trails with focus on stable trail bed, natural drainage, line of sight and other site based improvements. Unless noted as an accessible link, walking trails should be constructed from the natural soil base.
9	Wayfinding Create a series of wayfinding signs or points to guide visitors around the reserve. Information includes connections to town, amenities in the reserve, trails map and other location specific information. This should include removal of old or redundant signage. These points or signs should contain the QR code link to the Mineral Springs website.
10	New Trailhead for Connection to Country Trail New social and gathering area that will serve as a trailhead to the Connection to Country Trail. This new area should have a more natural aesthetic than the others and be suitable as an amphitheatre area. This is a collaboration project with DJAARA.
11	Path Lighting Repair lighting along existing path network. Lighting style should be in keeping with the reserve’s aesthetic. Illumination should be low level and suitable to wayfinding. Timers will be applied to manage lighted times and fittings should be considerate of neighbours and wildlife.
12	New lighting Create lighting along new accessible path leading to new events area. Events area should also include ample lighting for day to day use (wayfinding) and events.
13	Renewed Toilet Renew the existing public toilet for improved accessibility, amenity and alignment with CPTED principles.
14	Connections to Country Trail Collaboratively design a trail with DJARRA to connect Argyle Springs Walk in Hepburn Regional park to the Hepburn water hole with the primary purpose of celebrating and promoting Dja Dja Wurrung culture. This trail will overlap with the Rejuvenation Trail in some locations. Stops along these shared trail spaces should focus on interpretation of Dja Dja Wurrung culture, language, truth telling and stories. This is a collaboration project with DJAARA.
15	Native Vegetation Regeneration & Waterway Health Remove invasive species focusing on pine, blackberry, dock, oxalis, waterway plants and gorse. Improve and enhance the habitat for White’s Skink, Gang Gang Cockatoo and creeping grevillea as well as other indigenous bushland vegetation.
16	Nature Play Space Replace existing play space with a high quality nature place area referencing local flora, fauna, heritage and culture. This is a collaboration project with DJAARA.
17	Rejuvenation Loop Artful trail with series of stops along the way with prompts encouraging self-reflection, forest bathing, introspection, meditation, physical activity and artful expression. Stops should be noted with non-intrusive and creative signs or bollards.
18	Flexible Viewing Platform – Forest Bathing Multi use platforms for visitors to view surroundings, gather and socialise. These platforms should encourage and support forest bathing and rejuvenation within nature.
19	Heritage Hepburn Pool Formerly called Hepburn Pool, this man made water hole becomes a gathering and social space with seating, tables and interpretation. Improvements to existing gravel parking area and new accessible trails from parking area to pool make this area a destination for walkers and visitors needing a greater level of accessibility. This is an opportunity with DJAARA.
20	Story Spots Places within the reserve where stories are shared with visitors. These stories can be of the place, memories from people of the past or historic interpretation. Spots should be artful and non-intrusive and may consider introduction of augmented reality, QR code links and other interactive interpretation.