

Melville Caves Visitor Area Upgrade Kooyoora State Park - Joint Management Implementation

Kooyoora State Park is a culturally important place for the Traditional Owners of central Victoria, the Dja Dja Wurrung People. Kooyoora State Park is jointly managed between Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation (trading as DJAARA) and the State Government, through Parks Victoria. Through DJAARA, the Dja Dja Wurrung People are seeking to reinvigorate Kooyoora State Park to showcase and share their living culture with the community.



The Joint Management Plan (October 2018) has enabled a 'Strategic Vision' to be developed to improve visitor and recreational facilities in the Melville Caves Visitor Area and adjoining trail network at Kooyoora State Park. DJAARA is investing in improved visitor amenities to showcase the Dja

Dja Wurrung culture. DJAARA is managing the planning, design and delivery of the project works. The Dja Dja Wurrung people welcome visitors to Kooyoora State Park to use these new amenities once they are built and to enjoy and share their living culture.

Key features of the design:

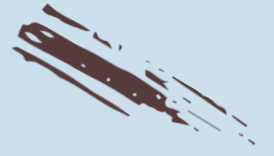
- Dja Dja Wurrung styled infrastructure will provide a sense of renewal within the 3 main visitor areas at Kooyoora State Park including the picnic area, campground, main lookout carpark visitor area and adjoining trail network.
- Dja Dja Wurrung values are embedded into the landscape design. This project also aims to provide economic and tourism benefits to the region, the traditional owners, and the local community.

- This project will set up Dja Dja Wurrung for future projects at Kooyoora State Park which will continue to improve the range of visitor experiences throughout the broader park landscape.

The project is currently in the concept stage with site specifics such as site design and access still being developed. DJAARA will be engaging and consulting with stakeholders throughout the design process. Throughout this process DJAARA will be seeking community feedback and providing updates.



Melville Caves Visitor Area Upgrades Timeline



Strategic Vision – Approved June 2021



Design Development – Commencing Winter 2021



Construction – Commencing Spring/ Summer 2021



Project Completion 2022

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