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## **DJAARA shelter to replace pergola in Rosalind Park**

Dja Dja Wurrung enterprise DJANDAK is starting works today to deliver a new Dja Dja Wurrung-inspired shelter, replacing the pergola in Rosalind Park, which has reached the end of its life.

The new shelter will function as a space for performances and events and as a gathering space for the whole community to enjoy. It will be located at the site of the current pergola in Rosalind Park, just west of the Bendigo Senior Secondary College entrance.

The works will also include landscaping with native and culturally important plants around the shelter.

Dja Dja Wurrung Group Interim CEO Cassandra Lewis said DJANDAK was proud to deliver the new, landscaped shelter to the people of Bendigo.

"Rosalind Park is where Dja Dja Wurrung People signed our Recognition and Settlement Agreement with the Victorian Government. It's a place of shared history, and we're proud to deliver a Dja Dja Wurrung-inspired space for the whole community to gather and connect," Ms Lewis said.

City of Greater Bendigo Presentation and Assets Director Brian Westley said the City is looking forward to seeing this project take place in Rosalind Park.

"The new Dja Dja Wurrung inspired shelter and landscaping will provide a new space for all park users to enjoy," Mr Westley said.

"Rosalind Park is such an important part of Greater Bendigo and the City welcomes the work of DJANDAK and the funding provided by the Victorian Government to build this new attraction for the park."

Works will start this week and are expected to be completed by the end of July. Construction will be carried out on weekdays between 7:30am and 4:30 pm.

Temporary fencing will be installed to contain the worksite. Works will not encroach on any pathways within Rosalind Park.

Movement of equipment in and out of the worksite will be completed under a traffic management plan. Care will be taken to minimise disruption to people using Rosalind Park; however, people may experience some noise from equipment and, at times, movement of equipment.

A tree behind the stone wall will have 1000mm of foliage removed under supervision of an arborist from the City of Greater Bendigo. This is needed to enable access for equipment to install a concrete drain.

This project has been made possible through a grant from the Victorian Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions. It is being delivered by DJANDAK, an enterprise of DJAARA, the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation.

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