

HANGING ROCK C.O.M. BUSINESS PAPER
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10. **HANGING ROCK RESERVE**
MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Consultants have submitted draft plans for the Landscaping Management of the Reserve. They have also prepared documents to accompany the plans, including an "Invitation to Comment".

It would be appropriate for the Committee to place the draft plan on display and to invite comments. The Committee might also agree to display the plans at the Reserve, Shire Offices, Library and perhaps another shop front in the Commercial area of Woodend.

The Consultants have prepared the Plan in the form agreed to by the Committee, which means that the Committee would resolve to approve it for exhibition. That will not commit the Committee to adopt the Plan.

It may be the Committee's wish to hold a formal Community Consultation on the draft plan. This could be done after the conclusion of the exhibition or at such other time as the Committee decides is suitable.

The Secretary has had a brief discussion with the Chairman of the Hanging Rock Racing Club Inc., on the possible effect of the plan on the Club's operations. The Club is considering the installation of an irrigation system on the course area, and any alterations to the racing area in the near future could result in a substantial financial loss. The Club hopes to use its own funds for the work.


Whilst there may be some proposals which could be implemented in the near future - demolition and replacement of fencing, demolition of buildings which are beyond repair, works on the course (e.g. relocating spectator areas, reconstruction of the course) would appear to be long term projects. The Secretary suggests that the Committee should establish an Advisory Committee with members of the Racing Club Committee to consider and act upon all proposals affecting the racecourse area.

The Racing Club is willing to enter into a long term lease of the area it uses, but it is unlikely that the Department of Conservation and Environment will deal with a lease prior to the adoption of the Plan.

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Councillors may be concerned about the length of time taken to prepare the draft plan, but there has been so much of the Secretary's time spent on other planning matters, accounting, electoral and other legislative changes that it has been difficult to devote the time required to the development of the draft plan. The Council's commitment to other planning matters and the By-Pass has also caused the postponement of meetings of the Committee of Management.

RECOMMENDATION

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1. THAT the Council display the Draft Plan and associated documents at the Kiosk, Hanging Rock Reserve, Shire Offices, Public Library and one other shopfront location for the period, 29th July, 1992 to 31st August, 1992.
 2. THAT the Committee hold a public consultation on the draft plan on the first Saturday in September 1992.
 3. THAT the Committee request the Consultants to forward copies of the Plan and documents to those special interest groups which made written submission.
 4. THAT the Committee agree to establish an Advisory Committee with the Racing Club to consider proposals for works on the area of the racecourse. The Advisory Committee to consist of three members of each Body.

INVITATION TO COMMENT — HAVE YOUR SAY!

We now invite you to comment on the proposal outlined inside this brochure for example:

Are there any issues you feel have been overlooked?

Yes

No

If yes, then what?

How do you feel about the proposed site layout, particularly road layout and access points. Is there another option you prefer?

Thank-you for your comments, as they will help enable us to formulate the final plan.

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for HANGING ROCK RESERVE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT**

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