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Environment & Planning Services

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Invitation: Have Your Say on the future of Leura Cascades precinct

I am writing to invite you, as someone with an interest in the Blue Mountains Southern Escarpment, to participate in the community consultation on the Leura Cascades Precinct Plan.

For this project, the Leura Cascades precinct includes Solitary Restaurant and Carrington Park (see map below). The Leura Cascades precinct is one of six precincts along the Blue Mountains Southern Escarpment that are popular places for residents and a major destination for visitors. Council is progressively developing plans for each of these locations.

Why have a precinct plan for the Leura Cascades precinct?

The purpose of the precinct plan is to coordinate and prioritise the future direction of nature and culture-based recreation and related infrastructure.

What will the precinct plan achieve?

The aim of any future upgrades to the precinct is to meet current and future demand, improve the experience of both residents and visitors, meet current safety and accessibility standards, improve residential amenity, and support local economic development.

What is being considered in this precinct plan?

- renewal and replacement of things like public toilets, picnic facilities, and play equipment
- upgrades to walking tracks and connections between tracks
- car parking arrangements on the site and surrounds
- the feasibility of an accessible path connecting the upper and lower areas of the reserve
- vehicle, pedestrian, bicycle access and circulation, within Leura Cascades reserve and the section of Cliff Dr near Solitary Restaurant & Carrington Park

Where is Council up to with this precinct plan?

Right now, we are at the beginning of the planning process. Council has undertaken an initial survey and site analysis, and an assessment of issues, opportunities and constraints relating to the precinct. Also, the results of previous surveys on how people use different places along the escarpment, including Leura Cascades, and what matters to them, have been considered. With this baseline information, we are now inviting the community to contribute to the design of the precinct plan.

How can I get involved?

Council is holding a Community Information Session on the Leura Cascades precinct plan. You are invited and encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity to learn about the project and share your ideas to inform the design of the plan.

Date: Saturday 26 November 2022

Venue: Solitary Restaurant, 90 Cliff Drive, Katoomba

Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm in two sessions as follows:

2:00pm: A one-hour meeting-style session with a presentation by Council staff.

3:00pm: A one-hour drop-in style session for one-on-one conversations with staff.

Both sessions offer the same information and the opportunity to ask questions, engage in discussion and provide your feedback.

The chance to have your say won't end there. The information presented at the Information Session will be published on Council's *Have Your Say* website on Monday 28 November and open for community comment for three weeks until Sunday 18 December 2022. This provides another opportunity to learn about the project and share your ideas to inform the design of the plan.

For further information, subscribe to project updates, and have your say visit:

yoursay.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/leura-cascades-pp

If you have any questions about the Information Session and related community consultation, please contact Adrienne Murphy, Community Engagement, Southern Escarpment Masterplan on amurphy@bmcc.nsw.gov.au. For matters relating to this project more broadly, please contact me on vapatterson@bmcc.nsw.gov.au.

Yours Sincerely

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Map of the Leura Cascades and Carrington Park precinct

