

Heritage Fact Sheet



Melbourne Airport has conducted Indigenous and European cultural heritage assessments within the Melbourne Airport's Third Runway (M3R) project area in line with Commonwealth and Victorian Government regulatory requirements and guidelines.

Below is a description of sites and artefacts identified during the assessments.



Indigenous Heritage

Our investigations identified 14 cultural heritage places within the M3R study area. These consist of stone artefact scatters, low-density artefact distributions, and scarred trees.

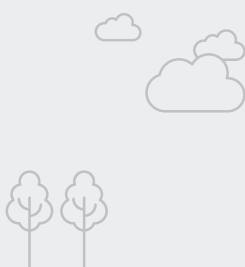
Aboriginal places identified in the M3R study area include:

- Granite Hill
- Glenara Creek 1
- Glenara Creek Low Density Artefact Distribution
- Arundel Creek Artefact scatter
- Arundel Creek LDAD 2
- Arundel Creek LDAD
- Radar Hill
- Link Road Ridge
- Grey Box Woodland
- Upper Maribyrnong Escapement
- Mansfield Road
- Melbourne Airport Unigas 2 (cnr of Airport Dr and Francis Briggs Rd)
- Melbourne Airport SE3
- Deep Creek Escapement 1

In consultation with the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung, Melbourne Airport is preparing a Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) for the M3R project, which is expected to be completed in June 2022.

The airport works in consultation with the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation (Wurundjeri) to determine how to excavate and manage items of significance if they need to be disturbed by the project.

Final measures to specifically avoid, manage, mitigate and/or monitor impacts on identified Aboriginal places are subject to the completion of the CHMP and further consultation with the Wurundjeri, the Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) for the region that includes Melbourne Airport.



European Heritage

The European heritage assessment has identified 14 heritage sites within and near the M3R development footprint that contain values that align with Heritage Victoria and Commonwealth Heritage criteria.

Four of these sites are located near but outside the M3R development footprint. The remaining sites will be affected by M3R construction.

The sites consist predominately of ruins and building foundations of homesteads and residential/farming amenities from the mid to late-19th century.

Only one site, Aucholzie Homestead, was found to have surviving built structures.

The sites that will be directly impacted by M3R are:

- Aucholzie Homestead
- Coghill's Sheepwash and Dam
- Coghill's Boiling-Down Works at Glencairne (previously identified as Glencairne Homestead)
- Grants Road Bluestone Culvert
- Kennedy's Hut Site
- Oakbank Farm Homestead
- Seafield Farm
- Roseleigh Homestead
- Victoria Bank Homestead
- Fawkner Land Co Settlement

When the third runway is constructed, the airport will salvage and record these sites, so that their heritage value can be documented, retained and shared with the community.

Any artefacts found during the test excavations will be salvaged and/or catalogued per Heritage Victoria requirements specified in Heritage Victoria's Guidelines for Investigating Historical Archaeological Artefacts and Sites (2015).

A professional conservator will be engaged to evaluate conservation requirements, advise on conservation actions and undertake specialist conservation works if required.

Conservation decisions will depend on both the condition of the object and its archaeological significance. Conservation of artefacts will be undertaken with the objective of slowing deterioration, arresting organic decay and stabilising corrosion.

