

# Media Release



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## Green light for Swan Hill Tourism and Cultural Hub

Swan Hill Rural City Council has this week approved the updated concept plans for a new Swan Hill Tourism and Cultural hub at Pioneer Settlement and will be lodging a permit application with Heritage Victoria.

Council's Mayor, Cr Les McPhee said Councillors were impressed by the concepts designs and the significant lengths Council officers had gone to, to engage residents and keep them informed throughout this process.

"I want to extend my sincere thanks to all community members who have provided input and feedback regarding this exciting new building project.

"As a result of our extensive community consultation, we have made several amendments to the initial concept plans.

This includes adjustments to the building footprint for the protection of much loved trees and the visibility and functionality of the coach house," Cr McPhee said.

Cr McPhee said progress must now continue and the next step was to undertake the heritage application process.

"Our architect has endeavored to ensure that the development meets the requirements of the heritage registration, and it is time to proceed with our formal permit application.

"This can be a lengthy process - we must continue to move forward to avoid project delays, as much as possible," he said.

Cr McPhee said the community would continue to be kept informed throughout the application process.

To view the current concept plans, consultation reports and frequently asked questions please visit:

<https://letstalk.swanhill.vic.gov.au/swan-hill-tourism-and-cultural-hub>

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