

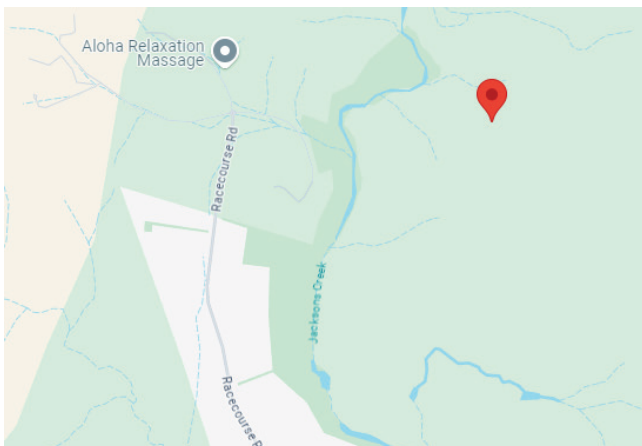
Protecting Cultural Heritage in the Aquila Nature Reserve

What is the project?

Aquila Nature Reserve is a significant site within Hume supporting important Aboriginal cultural heritage values. Maintenance vehicles have been driving through the reserve for several years, which has created an informal track that is contributing towards soil degradation and potentially impacting upon Aboriginal cultural heritage values, including a registered site.

Vehicle access through the reserve is required and needs to be formalised to protect the various cultural and environmental values. Without it, there is an inherent risk to cultural heritage within the reserve which has the potential to create loss of thousands of years of history of our first nations people.

The construction of a formalised maintenance track will ensure that no further damage will occur to first nations cultural heritage values and artefacts in this important Nature Reserve.



Why is it important to the Hume City community?

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage comprises the intangible and tangible aspects of the whole body of cultural practices, resources and knowledge systems that have been and continue to be developed, nurtured, refined and passed on by Aboriginal Peoples as part of expressing their cultural identity.

It creates and maintains continuous links between People, lands and waters, shapes identity and is a lived spirituality fundamental to the wellbeing of communities through connectedness across generations.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage has been passed from the Ancestors to future generations through today's Traditional Owners whose responsibilities are profound and lifelong. Ensuring that cultural heritage is preserved for future generations helps First Nations people to continue to tell their stories and to maintain a physical presence in local communities.

Investment in this project will help with that preservation.

What we're seeking:

We need \$130,000 from the Federal Government to complete this project.

Hume City Council Contribution: \$145,000

Total Project Cost: \$275,000



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