

# **Project Update** Mount Lofty Residential Development

As part of Defence Housing Australia's (DHA) community engagement process, we are pleased to keep you informed as the masterplanning process continues.

## Community feedback

### **Masterplanning Process**

#### Dear community member,

Thank you to the 195 Mount Lofty and Toowoomba locals who attended the Defence Housing Australia (DHA) community information day on Saturday 25 March.

Mount Lofty neighbours and other local people visited the community information day. Along with state MP for Toowoomba North, Mr Trevor Watts, Toowoomba Mayor Paul Antonio, and Toowoomba Councillor Anne Glasheen.

At the first of DHA's community information days, visitors met DHA representatives and some of the independent specialists working on a masterplan for the residential development of part of the DHA Mount Lofty site. Visitors were invited to provide their written contributions to the masterplan.

Amongst a lot of great feedback, some of the themes from the day include:

- Suggestions on how the masterplan can respect and enhance the existing community
- Concerns about the impact of additional traffic on the local road
- Information about the limitations of existing water and sewerage infrastructure
- A clear desire that the masterplan minimises impacts on local flora and fauna
- Endorsement of DHA continuing to engage with locals as the masterplan is drafted

The opinions shared with us at the community information day, span from endorsement for, to strong opposition to, the Mount Lofty masterplan.







## Stay informed

DHA's independent masterplanning project team

What's next?

We have collated the questions we were asked at the community information day, and we are preparing a response to these questions for distribution soon to local stakeholders. The response will also be uploaded to the project website at www.mountloftytoowoomba.com.au.

Community feedback has been provided to the independent project team for its consideration in masterplanning. The project team will continue to visit the site. Studies including bushfire, unexploded ordnance, engineering and town planning are now underway. This work will take some time. We will stay in touch with the community as the masterplan progresses and will have more to report in a couple of months.

DHA will soon be installing signs that identify the site's perimeter boundary to the local street network.

DHA will continue to clear weeds from, and maintain the site. This work includes the removal of three Chinese Elms, which are Class 3 weeds, from the site over the next two weeks. The trees, one of which had collapsed on the site, are safety hazards and a potential danger to the Moreton Bay Fig tree which is being retained and preserved at the eastern end of Henry Street. Other work will include the future removal of lantana, privet and other exotic weeds.

## Visit the website, call or email

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Locals who couldn't make it to the community information day on Saturday 25 March, are invited to contact DHA community engagement consultants, CPR Group, to arrange individual meetings, or to provide their feedback by phone or email. You can also register for regular updates at the website.

Thank you again for your participation and feedback.

Yours sincerely

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