

18/10/2018
C36**SCHEDULE 6 TO CLAUSE 42.03 SIGNIFICANT LANDSCAPE OVERLAY**

Shown on the planning scheme map as **SLO6**.

HARMANS VALLEY**1.0 Statement of nature and key elements of landscape**18/10/2018
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Harmans Valley is a landscape of State significance, as a unique collection of volcanic features.

Harmans Valley is a long lava flow valley extending from the western side of Mount Napier to Condah Swamp, and is recognised as one of the most intact and significant collections of young volcanic features in Australia. The lava flow itself and multiple individual features along the valley are of geological significance. Lava blister mounds, known as tumuli, are the largest of their kind in Australia and are internationally rare.

The section of the lava flow within Southern Grampians Shire is the most publicly visible section, most closely connected to the Mount Napier eruption point and contains a high concentration of tumuli.

The views across Harmans Valley of Mount Napier (Tapoc), the tallest eruption point on the Western Volcanic Plains, are particularly prominent from the Port Fairy - Hamilton Road, north of Byaduk. Harmans Valley presents as a textured valley of stony rises weaving across the landscape.

The native vegetation present across the Harmans Valley lava flow is an intrinsic part of this landscape. Areas of remant Stony Rises Woodland, Stony Knoll Shrubland, Plains Grassy Woodland, Creekline Grassy Woodland, Swamp Scrub and other ecological vegetation classes all contribute to the character of the landscape, and may provide habitat for rare or threatened flora and fauna species, including Southern Bent-wing Bat.

The lava flow volcanic landscape is culturally significant to Aboriginal traditional owners.

Drystone walls have been constructed in parts of the landscape and contribute to the aesthetic and cultural significance of the place.

Harmans Valley is an important educational resource for interpretation of volcanic processes.

2.0 Landscape character objective to be achieved18/10/2018
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To protect the landscape geological, scientific, aesthetic, cultural and biodiversity significance of Harmans Valley.

3.0 Permit requirement18/10/2018
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A permit is required for the demolition or removal of drystone walls.

A permit is required for the construction of a fence except for post and wire fencing that does not damage or require modification to the lava flow or associated geological features or structures.

A permit is not required for the construction of a farm access track that does not change the topography of the land or damage or require modification to the lava flow or associated geological features or structures.

4.0 Decision guidelines18/10/2018
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Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider:

- The landscape character objective.

- The impact of the buildings or works on the landscape significance of Harmans Valley.
- Whether proposed buildings or works have attempted to avoid and minimise impacts on the landscape and any significant geological features, including the lava flow, tumuli and caves.
- Whether prominent viewlines have been avoided.
- Whether building forms, colours and materials integrate with the landscape setting.