

Cultural heritage



The project requires a Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) to be approved by Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation (GMTOAC).

The following steps have been undertaken in preparing the Draft CHMP:

- Desktop assessment
- Site walkover
- Complex testing assessment
- Registration of artefacts

Respecting and managing cultural heritage

Pacific Green acknowledges that this project is located on the lands of the Gunditjmarra. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing connection with the land and waterways.

The activity area is located on *Nyamat Mirring* (Sea Country), between the fresh water and the coast. The site includes coastal dune systems near wetlands – an area of high activity throughout human history due to its abundance of resources.

Pacific Green has sought to proactively engage with Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation (GMTOAC), the Registered Aboriginal Party for this area. Our engagement will continue throughout the project's lifecycle.

Early cultural heritage investigations progressed from a desktop assessment to a survey of the site, to inform the concept layout and a complex archaeological testing methodology. From the survey, areas of heightened sensitivity to contain Aboriginal cultural

heritage material were identified, and Pacific Green committed to redesigning some components to avoid those areas. Furthermore, detailed design and choice of construction methods have sought to avoid impacts on Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Over multiple months, archaeological subsurface testing has been conducted to better understand the site's cultural heritage. These results have revealed how the site had been utilised in the past, and have further informed the project layout. These results have been documented within a draft Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP). The CHMP will ensure compliance with relevant legislation, manage and mitigate harm to Aboriginal cultural heritage and requires approval by GMTOAC.

This project provides an opportunity for further recognition of cultural heritage, as well as localised environmental restoration to support Country, in accordance with *Gunditjmarra Nyamat Mirring Plan (2023-2033)*.

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