Pondage-Wide Directions

- Maintain the vegetation along the shoreline to maximise views from walking paths and access for fishing
- Increase indigenous tree planting throughout
- Install information and directional signage as required, and interpretive signage at locations of historical significance or of educational value (environmental, flora, fauna)
- Install occasional bench seating along all paths throughout the Eildon Pondage precinct
- Floating pontoons and fixed platforms to be accessible, and include solar lighting and 1 - 2 bench seats with backs

Local Context

The primary function of the Eildon Pondage is as a 'regulating pond' for the production of hydroelectricity by AGL Hydro, and the controlled release of water into the Goulburn River. Impacts on the regulating pond from this operational use include low water temperatures, strong currents, and rapid water level rises and falls. These operational impacts create inherent safety risks for the use of the water for recreational boating and swimming, risks that at this stage will continue the prohibition of swimming and the use of private watercraft on the waters of the Upper Pondage and Lower Pondage.

Upper Pondage

1 New pedestrian bridge crossing to recreate the former bridge and to open-up pedestrian and cycling access to the Bull Ring and surrounding open space

2 Construct two new fixed platforms for fishing/ sitting/ lookouts

3 Formalise the public walking path along the internal road adjacent to the foreshore

4 Potential development site for accommodation and commercial

5 New shared path between the Eildon Pondage Holiday Park and Eildon Town Centre

6 Existing MTB trail

7 Investigate new alignment for the MTB trail as a raised boardwalk through the bushland area

8 Potential suspension bridge crossing over the Spillway and formalise a path connection to the Goulburn Valley Highway bridge to create a continuous loop around the Upper Pondage (alignment indicative)

9 Refer Lions Park and Recreation Reserve Masterplan for improvement projects

- - - → Existing paths/trails

- - - → Proposed paths/trails

UPPER PONDAGE

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