



Another milestone in the project to determine the future uses of Miller's Homestead has been reached. Read on to hear about what's next and how you can be involved.

### The feasibility of options

From the 300 submissions received from the community, Council contracted independent consultants to undertake a feasibility study into the suggestions made.

The feasibility study rated each option using a triple bottom line approach, with the social assessment rated higher than the economic and environmental assessments. The highest rated options were:

- Option 1 - Council run events - Council delivers programs activities and events for the community to enjoy
- Option 2 - Council Services - Council delivers services to the community through this building such as children services or community outreach
- Option 3 - Combined events, community history and community art space

[You can rank the three most feasible options here](#)

### Community focus groups

Council invited a sample of the community to review the options assessed by the feasibility study and provide detailed feedback on each option.

A number of themes emerged from the focus group discussions:

- Miller's should be accessible to as many groups and people within the community as possible.
  - Parking, traffic, noise and hours of use should be considered so that quality of life of the local neighbourhood is not disrupted.
  - Any food provision should support community activities, rather than being the primary focus of the Homestead.
  - Council must be committed to actively managing the Homestead and activities that take place at the site.
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- It is important to preserve the heritage of the Homestead.
- A 'Friends of' group should be established to engage the community in supporting Miller's.
- Collective use options are preferred to maximise use and encourage the most diverse use of Miller's.



## Would you like a say?

Reports will be going to Council in the New Year, for discussion and then a decision on the future of Miller's Homestead. You will receive an update via the mailing list with date of the Ordinary Council Meeting when this has been confirmed.

To prepare for this meeting, you can help us by voting for your preferred option.

We will keep in touch via email for future updates and you can also keep an eye on our website at [knox.vic.gov.au/millers](https://knox.vic.gov.au/millers), or on our Facebook page.