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Progress underway for Swan Hill Tourism and Cultural Hub at Pioneer Settlement

The much-anticipated Swan Hill Tourism and Cultural Hub at Pioneer Settlement is moving closer to fruition.

Council's Director Development and Planning said a crucial drainage upgrade for the site was scheduled to commence imminently, marking a significant step forward in the Hub's development timeline.

"This essential preparatory work will ensure the foundation is set for the forthcoming physical building works, laying the groundwork for robust and sustainable infrastructure," Ms Grainger said.

Ms Grainger added that alongside this work Council was actively engaged in the meticulous planning required to safeguard and preserve key elements of the Pioneer Settlement's historical charm during this period of transition.

We're currently diligently working to determine the most suitable arrangements for a number of cherished artifacts, ensuring their safekeeping and eventual return to enrich the restored landscape of the Tourism and Cultural Hub," she added.

Among the items earmarked for relocation, or reuse are:

- Hospital gates
- Decorative Corten gates near the rotunda
- White picket fencing panels
- Timber batten fence along Monash Avenue
- The timber birdhouse
- A timber bench seat
- Rose garden plantings

Ms Grainger said Council was delighted by the project's recent progress and the enthusiasm being shown by the community.

"The Swan Hill Tourism and Cultural Hub will serve as a symbol of cultural enrichment and economic rejuvenation for our region," Ms Grainger said.

To keep up-to-date on the progress of this project visit: <https://letstalk.swanhill.vic.gov.au/swan-hill-tourism-and-cultural-hub>