

Restoration works at Herberts Hill Reserve

What is happening at Herberts Hill Reserve, Elderslie?

Council is conducting a weed removal project at Herberts Hill Reserve, Elderslie, to remove noxious weeds and enhance the views both to and from the locally significant historic site.

Dense patches of African Olive will be removed from the property, including those along the fence line of Camden Valley Way and surrounding Rheinberger's Cottage.

Weren't the plants native species?

The African Olive is an evergreen tree that grows five to 10 metres. It is an aggressive woody weed that invades native bushland and creates a dense shady canopy that excludes the growth of native understory plants. It lives for a long time and permanently changes the plant diversity and structure of bushland. It is classified as a noxious weed and is found throughout the Camden area.



* African Olive.

How long will it take?

This weed removal work will be conducted by contractors with the use of machinery from 4 June and is expected to take around one week.

Will anything replace the trees?

More appropriate plantings of native groundcovers and small shrubs will be planted in Spring 2018 and will be positioned so that it does not compromise the setting and views from Herberts Hill.

What is the cottage that I can now see from the road?

Rheinberger's Cottage is a surviving example of an early agricultural dwelling, typical of Camden in the 1920s. Essential repair works have been conducted to the single-storey, weatherboard building and more are planned to be done. The cottage is listed as a heritage item on the Camden Local Environment Plan (LEP) 2010.

How can I learn more about this site?

The Herberts Hill Reserve Specific Plan of Management 2015 outlines the cultural significance and plans for the cottage and the public land surrounding it.

For further information, please phone Camden Council's Sustainability Team on 4654 7777.



* Herberts Hill Reserve area.