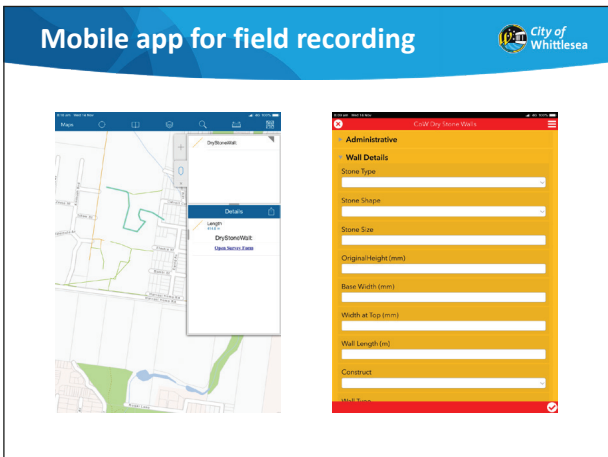
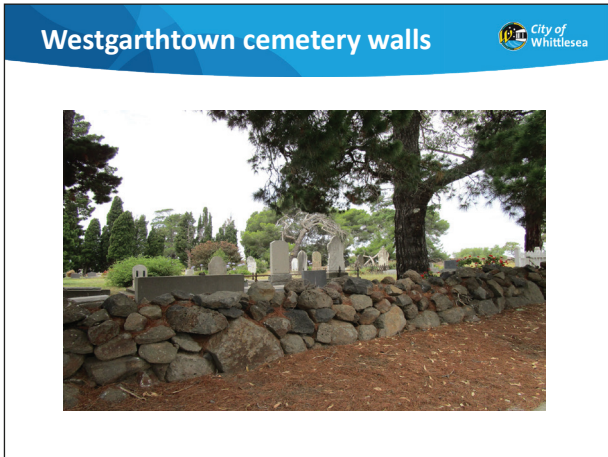


## Enhancing dry stone wall protection in the City of Whittlesea

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As development pushes into formerly rural areas of Victoria, land-use planners are tasked with reviewing permit applications that affect large numbers/hundreds of kms. of dry stone walls (DSW) and dry stone features. They need comprehensive mapping, data and tools to support requirements for developers and land owners to undertake impact assessments and conservation management plans. The City of Whittlesea is using LiDAR to rapidly map DSW in the municipality. We have also created an iPad tablet app to enable easy, standardised field checks of linear walls and non-linear features such as animal enclosures. A municipal Thematic Environmental History for DSW, criteria and identification of distinct DSW ‘precincts’ and statements of significance will be finalised in 2019. The objective is to amend the Planning Scheme and provide planners with the tools needed to protect the DSW for their historical cultural and landscape values.



### Victorian land use policy

**Municipal Strategic Statement - Clause 22.04**  
Policy Objectives

- To support the conservation and repair of dry stone walls and their sympathetic integration within new developments.

**Planning Scheme - Section 52.33 Post Boxes and Dry Stone Walls**  
Purpose

- To conserve historic post boxes and dry stone walls.

### Dry Stone Wall Assoc of Australia

dswaa.org.au

23 Victorian municipalities have dry stone walls  
12 have controls in their planning schemes

METRO REGIONAL

A map of Victoria, Australia, with red stars indicating the locations of 23 municipalities that have dry stone walls. The map is divided into 'METRO' (western and southern coastal areas) and 'REGIONAL' (eastern and northern areas).

### Stage 2 Objectives for 2018-19

- Use new 2018 LiDAR to refine our high level mapping
- Draft a DSW Thematic Environmental History and a statement of significance for DSW in CoW
- Determine criteria and identification of DSW districts/'precincts' in the municipality
- Draft a statement of significance for each DSW district
- Field check unique and unusual examples such as early 'cultivation paddocks'

A close-up photograph of a dry stone wall, showing the texture and arrangement of the stacked stones.