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LATEST NEWS

PREPARING FOR THE PLANNING SCHEME INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The following have been introduced to facilitate the migration of planning scheme ordinance into the Planning Scheme Information Management System (PSIMS), part of the Smart Planning Program:

- a new [Ministerial Direction on The Form and Content of Planning Schemes](#) and Amendment VC133.
- New [Local Provisions Templates](#) are now available that reflect the new Direction. The [Local Provisions in Word](#) available online for each municipality reflect the superseded Direction. These should only be used to copy and paste content into the new templates when preparing an amendment. [View more information](#)

UPDATED PLANNING PRACTICE NOTE

[Planning Practice Note 3: Applying the Special Use Zone](#) has been updated to reflect the new Ministerial Direction on the Form and Content of Planning Schemes. The third paragraph under 'What should a Special Use Zone contain?' has been deleted.

PLANET TRAINING

Wed 31 May: [The Land Development Game](#) – New. Fri 2 June: [Urban Design - realising a compact city](#); Wed 14 June: [Assessing Neighbourhood Character](#); Thur 15 June: [Traffic and Parking Assessments](#); Tue 20 June: [Drafting the LPPF](#) (Module 4 of 4 of the Strategic Policy Development series; Tues 27 June: [Planning Law Essentials](#); Thurs 29 June: [Waste Management and Recycling in Multi-Unit Developments](#) - New.

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APPROVAL

- [Amendment VC133](#) corrects inconsistencies and improves the structure of planning schemes to enable their migration into the Planning Scheme Information Management System (PSIMS) to improve access to, and more efficient amendment of, the planning schemes in Victoria. The changes are administrative and technical corrections and will align with a new *Ministerial Direction on The Form and Content of Planning Schemes* issued under section 7(5) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act).

EXHIBITIONS

- [Loddon C039](#) proposes to amend the maps in the planning scheme to correct a number of zoning and overlay errors.
- [Melbourne C274](#) proposes to change the Schedule to the Public Use Zone so that Category 2 signage controls apply to part of the RMIT University site rather than the current Category 4 signage controls.
- [Moorabool C078](#) proposes to update the Municipal Strategic Statement to reflect the findings of the Small Towns and Settlements Strategy (2016) and to include the Strategy as a reference document.
- [Stonnington C249](#) proposes to apply individual heritage controls to 58 places of heritage significance not currently in the Heritage Overlay.

PANEL REPORT

- [Port Phillip C132](#): Apply Heritage Overlay (HO497) to 26 Stokes Street, Port Melbourne.

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