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PLANNING PERMIT ACTIVITY REPORT
The Planning Permit Activity Report for October 2017 is now available.

VCAT - UPDATED CONSENT ORDER GUIDELINES
Updated Planning and Environment consent order guidelines are now available to assist people who want VCAT to confirm details of an agreement. Examples of consent orders for planning applications, including for granting of a permit, amending a permit, changing permit conditions, extending permits and for enforcement orders are also available. More information

MORE TIME TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON VPP DISCUSSION PAPER
The department has extended the closing date for submissions to the 'Reforming the Victoria Planning Provisions' discussion paper until 5 pm on Friday 1 December. Download the discussion paper and provide feedback at Engage Victoria. For more information email smart.planning@delwp.vic.gov.au

VCAT DECISION
Vicinity Centres Pty Ltd v Mornington Peninsula SC [2017] VCAT 1802 (3 November 2017)
This proposal is an early example of a permit application that seeks to rely on the flexibility introduced through Amendment VC100 to allow a significant retail use in a location that is not designated as part of an activity centre. These types of facilities are typically directed to activity centres for sound reasons. However, this proposal also shows that there may be locations where such uses can establish. In this case, the proposal re-uses a former large business premises that is adaptable for a supermarket and restricted retail premises. It is not a case of a new commercial site or a greenfields location.

VPELA EVENTS
Tues 28 Nov: The 2017 Barber Lecture will be delivered by the Hon. Justice Michael Kirby AC. CMG, former Justice of the High Court of Australia - "Planning and environmental law today: The growing impact of global issues of human rights and climate change on the planning and environmental law and practice".

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EXHIBITIONS
- Frankston C124 proposes to implement the findings and recommendations of the Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre Structure Plan.
- GC85 (Alpine, Indigo and Towong) proposes to reduce the amenity impacts associated with groundwater extraction and bottling such as dust, noise, traffic impact and visual impacts to surrounding sensitive uses, dwellings, the road network and significant landscapes by introducing a local policy which will allow for amenity impacts associated with groundwater extraction and bottling to be considered and managed.
- Whittlesea C127 proposes to introduce local planning policy Clause 22.03 Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan.

PANEL REPORTS
- Yarra C219: Mixed use development of 112-142 Trennery Crescent, Abbotsford.
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