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LATEST NEWS

VCAT RED DOT DECISIONS

[Grebe Investments Pty Ltd v Bass Coast SC \(Red Dot\) \[2019\] VCAT 445 \(29 March 2019\)](#)

Whether the Tribunal may remit a matter for re-consideration by the decision-maker if the Tribunal does not have jurisdiction to determine the matter.

LIVING HERITAGE GRANTS PROGRAM - APPLICATIONS CLOSE 10 MAY 2019

Applications for Round 4 of the Victorian Government's competitive community heritage grants program close on **10 May 2019**. Need inspiration? Look at some videos capturing works in progress at www.heritage.vic.gov.au/grants/living-heritage-program/current-project-highlights and some of the results from completed projects reported at <https://www.heritage.vic.gov.au/grants/living-heritage-program/completed-projects>

Local councils are eligible to apply, please read the *2019 Program Guidelines* and *Frequently Asked Questions* at <https://www.heritage.vic.gov.au/grants/living-heritage-program>.

BUSHFIRE PRONE AREA (BPA) MAP UPDATED

The Minister for Planning has made a determination that the BPA will be removed from certain areas in 19 municipalities, effective Thursday 4 April 2019. The updated map can be viewed at [VicPlan](#) and <http://services.land.vic.gov.au/maps/bushfire.jsp>.

VPELA EVENTS

Fri 3 May: VPELA's Venetian Masked Ball - Join us for this fun-filled industry event and help celebrate our 30th birthday! For more details download the invitation [here](#)

Thu 23 May: What's the current climate? An update on climate change litigation and director's duties

- The recent Gloucester Coal decision in the NSW Land & Environment Court arguably heralds a new era for climate considerations in development approval decisions. In the Superannuation sector, Environmental Justice Australia has brought action in the Federal Court against REST Superannuation arguing that it has failed to properly factor climate risks into its investment decisions. In this context, Hutley SC has recently finalised a further legal opinion on climate change and directors duties which emphasises that the exposure of directors to climate change litigation is increasing. Has the climate changed? Click [here](#) for more details or to register.

PIA PLANET COURSES

Tue 30 Apr: [Tips and traps for planning cases in VCAT \(Leongatha\)](#); Tue 30 Apr: [Fearless Facilitation](#); Wed 1 May: [Recognising Architectural Styles](#); Tue 7 May: [Public Participation for Decision Makers \(IAP2\)](#)

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Wed 17 Apr: [Reds and Regulations](#)

WOMEN'S PLANNING NETWORK (WPN) EVENTS

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Fri 14 Jun: [Local Government Planners' Dinner](#)

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APPROVALS

- [VC156](#) changes the Victoria Planning Provisions and all planning schemes in Victoria by correcting formatting and spelling errors and omissions and to clarify the operation of certain provisions.

PANEL REPORTS

- [Monash C131](#) Residential development of 256 - 262 Huntingdale Road, Huntingdale.

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