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LATEST NEWS

VCAT RED DOT DECISION

[McDonald v West Wimmera SC \(Red Dot\) \[2019\] VCAT 70 \(16 January 2019\)](#) Removal of native vegetation; scattered large trees; Ecological Vegetation Class (EVC) bioregional conservation status; biodiversity value, safe and sustainable agriculture.

ATS NEWS

The migration of planning schemes into ATS continues to be rolled out by DELWP. By the end of February, 36 of the 82 Victorian planning schemes will have been migrated. The first metropolitan planning schemes are proposed to be migrated in April 2019. Once migrated, all new and current amendments must be drafted using ATS instead of MS Word. DELWP is providing training to key users from each planning authority before migration. More information on ATS authoring, a rollout plan and training videos can be accessed [here](#).

VPELA EVENTS

Tue 5 Mar: The Suburban Rail Loop - 50 Billion Reasons Why (or why not?) - The most ambitious transport commitment in Australia's history has captured the hearts and minds of millions of Victorians. An orbital rail link that connects the south-west to the south-east, with 90km of rail linking 14 railway stations (nine upgraded and five new, including Melbourne Airport) it could unlock the potential of the suburbs, reduce congestion and make Melbourne even more liveable. However, some query if it's worth the \$50+ billion cost, asking, "is there is a better way to deliver the same benefit at significantly less cost?" Hear the arguments why and why not from an infrastructure, planning and policy perspective from those in the know. Click [here](#) to register

Thu 14 Mar: Conversation with the Minister - Join us for a fascinating evening of conversation between John Thwaites (former Planning Minister 1999 - 2002) and current Planning Minister, Hon. Richard Wynne. Their discussion will focus on the projects undertaken over the last three years and Minister Wynne's agenda for the next three years. Click [here](#) to register

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PIA PLANET EVENTS

Mon & Tue 18-19 Mar: [Design Thinking Drawing New](#); Thu 21 Mar: [Tips and traps for running planning cases in VCAT \(Bendigo\)](#); Thu 28 Mar: [How Planners Deal with Conflict](#); Tue 2 Apr: [Effective Strategic Planning](#);

PIA WOMEN'S PLANNING NETWORK (WPN) EVENTS

Thu 14 Mar: [PIA WPN International Women's day Breakfast](#);

PIA LEGISLATIVE YEAR IN REVIEW

Tue 26 mar: [PIA Legislative Year in Review](#);

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APPROVALS

- [GC117](#) makes administrative, format and technical changes to the Buloke, Campaspe, Central Goldfields, Gannawarra, Greater Bendigo, Loddon, Macedon Ranges, Mildura, Mount Alexandra, Swan Hill planning schemes to support the publishing of these planning schemes from the Amendment Tracking System (ATS). Amendments to provisions in these schemes must now be processed using the ATS Authoring system.

- [Melbourne C349melb](#) corrects the schedules to Clause 51.01 and 72.04 to remove reference to the Cranbourne Pakenham Rail Corridor Project Incorporated Document, September 2014 and replace it with the *Caulfield Dandenong Rail Upgrade Project, Incorporated Document, April 2016* introduced by Planning Scheme Amendment GC37 to facilitate the Caulfield Dandenong Rail Upgrade Project.

LAPSINGS

- [Boroondara C263Pt2](#) proposed to apply to Heritage Overlay to 12 Power Street, Balwyn.
- [Manningham C109pt2](#) proposed to introduce Schedule 2 to the Special Building Overlay and Schedule 3 to the Special Building Overlay.
- [Stonnington C231](#) proposed to apply the Public Acquisition Overlay to the land at 55 Porter Street, Prahran and part of 18-22 Grattan Street, Prahran.

REFUSALS

- [Greater Bendigo C217](#) proposed to implement the recommendations of the *Bendigo Landscape Assessment, Big Hill and Mandurang Valley Final Report*, (June 2016 update).

EXHIBITIONS

- [Boroondara C305boro](#) proposes to apply a Heritage Overlay to a number of buildings and elements within Methodist Ladies' College (MLC) at 207 Barkers Road, Kew on a permanent basis.
- [Surf Coast C128surf](#) proposes to update the Surf Coast Planning Scheme to correct mapping and ordinance anomalies.
- [Yarra C191](#) proposes to implement the recommendations of the *Swan Street Activity Centre Built Form Framework, September 2017 (Framework)*, including the *Swan Street Structure Plan, January 2014 (Structure Plan)*; and the *Swan Street Built Form Study Heritage Assessments & Analysis, October 2017*.

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