LATEST NEWS

VPELA EVENTS

Thursday 23 May - What’s the current climate? An update on climate change litigation and director’s duties

Has the climate changed? An expert panel will provide you with an update on the latest developments in the context of planning approvals, superannuation and director’s duties. Click here for more details or to register.

Thursday 30 May - Aboriginal Culture and Heritage in the Planning System

This VPELA Young Professionals Group seminar explores the legislative importance of the Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP), how it is linked to the planning system, and how the planning system can better incorporate Aboriginal culture and heritage in an increasingly urbanised environment. Click here for more details or to register.

Thursday 30 July - ESD - Not just living it, smashing it!

This seminar which will look at the latest sustainability initiatives in residential design, with case studies from Aquarevo (Villawood Properties and South East Water) and The Cape (Australian Ecosystems). It will examine how to:
- Integrate new and existing technology to reduce mains water usage and energy bills
- Use the design itself as an element of sustainability
- Make green living low effort, and cost effective with minimal maintenance for the homeowner
- Maintain profit margins while delivering a quality end-product to the home buyer

Come along to find out how incorporating these initiatives into mainstream design adds value for your clients and your business. Click here for more details and to register.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PANEL DISCUSSION FOR COUNCIL OFFICERS - Thu 23 May - 3.30-5.00PM

Panel members from metropolitan councils will provide insights from their experiences working to facilitate affordable housing outcomes and provide an opportunity for council officers to share ideas and approaches to negotiating voluntary affordable housing agreements. Click here for free tickets or more information.

UDIA: - PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING - 1/2 day intensive course

Training to support voluntary affordable housing negotiations is available to councils and registered housing agencies at the subsidised rate of $200. 22 May: Click here for tickets or more information. 5 June: Click here for tickets or more information.

AHIAG: - AFFORDABLE HOUSING DELIVERY AND FINANCING MASTERCLASS - 6 June

Affordable Housing Industry Advisory Group are offering a one day Masterclass on 6 June. 50% off ticket price for councils and registered housing agencies. For more information or to purchase tickets please click here.

PLANNING ENQUIRIES CHANGE

The Planning Group within the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning is changing its customer enquiries service, which means a new phone number and email address for general planning enquiries. From Monday 20 May, 2019, please direct general planning enquiries to: 136 186 or customer.service@delwp.vic.gov.au. The contact centre is available from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays).

BUSHFIRE PLANNING WORKSHOPS TO BE DELIVERED BY DELWP

DELWP is holding professional development sessions across Victoria for planners, environmental planners and bushfire consultants on bushfire planning, including the need to prioritise bushfire over all other policy considerations. Kevin Hazell of Bushfire Planning is delivering the training for DELWP. Registrations are essential. To register and to find out more information, visit https://www.bushfireplanning.com.au/delwp. Please contact support@bushfireplanning.com.au with queries.
PIA PLANET COURSES
Tue 21 May: **Green Infrastructure and Urban Planning** - An introduction on ways that green infrastructure and urban planning come together before extending into practical skill development; Wed 29 May: **Planning and the Government Context** - A course designed to explain and demystify the operation of government and how it relates to planning; Thu 6 Jun: **Managing Development Near Landfills and Other Buffers** - This course covers the essentials needed to understand the buffer distances for landfills, the role of landfill gas risk assessments, planning scheme and EPA distances and reverse amenity buffers; Wed 12 Jun: **Planning for Waste and Resource Recovery in Multi Unit Developments** - This course provides planners with tools and case studies to enhance their capability and motivation to address waste management and recycling in the growing MUD sector.

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APPROVALS
- **Bass Coast C155basc** replaces the incorporated document ‘116 Gap Road, Cowes - January 2017’ with a new incorporated document ‘158 Gap Road, Cowes - January 2019’.
- **Boroondara C293** implements the recommendations of the *Kew Heritage Gap Study (2017)* to introduce the Heritage Overlay to 20 individual heritage places, nine heritage precincts and six heritage precinct extensions on an interim basis.
- **Manningham C122** corrects errors and anomalies in the Manningham Planning Scheme by rezoning land, applying and deleting various overlay provisions.
- **Maroondah C127maro** applies the Heritage Overlay HO146 to 3-5 Wonga Road, Ringwood North on an interim basis until 31 March 2020.
- **Whitehorse C215whse** applies the Heritage Overlay to 42-48 Glenburnie Road Mitcham on an interim basis.

EXHIBITIONS
- **Greater Dandenong C213gdan** proposes to finalise the implementation of the fundamental recommendations of the *Greater Dandenong Residential Planning Policy and Controls Project 2015*.
- **Whittlesea C233wsea** proposes to change the zoning of eight active recreation reserves to the Public Park and Recreation Zone to reflect their current and intended use for active recreation.

PANEL REPORTS
- **Mitchell C124 and Permit Application PLP203/17** Development of a supermarket, medical centre and retail tenancies at 80 Clarke Street and 109 Northern Highway, Kilmore.

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