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## LATEST NEWS

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### VPELA EVENTS

#### **Thursday 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? 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.

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#### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING PANEL DISCUSSION FOR COUNCIL OFFICERS - 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.

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#### **PLANNING PANELS VICTORIA REVISED GUIDE TO EXPERT EVIDENCE**

PPV has undertaken a substantial revision of the Expert Witness Guide which can now be found at <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/panels-and-committees/planning-panel-guides>. Major changes include a 'plain English' review to minimise jargon; greater clarification between witnesses who have undertaken the background work and a witness who comes 'fresh' to a matter; an emphasis on electronic distribution of evidence; and recognition of other witnesses such as Government and Council staff and 'lay' witnesses. The new guidelines are in effect immediately. Any feedback should be provided to PPV.

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#### **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](mailto:support@bushfireplanning.com.au) with queries.

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#### **ENERGY GENERATION FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED POWER LINES**

Amendment VC157 introduced on 15 March 2019 requires a planning permit for a power line or substation to connect an energy generation facility to the electricity network. Feedback on the operation of the provisions is invited until 16 March 2020. [More information](#)

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#### **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 22 May: [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; 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

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## PIA EVENTS

Tue 4 Jun: [A Night at the Movies](#) - A PIA screening of the new future focussed film, *2040* by Damon Gameau; Fri 14 Jun: [Local Government Planners' Dinner](#) - Join us a fun Wild Wild West themed dinner dedicated to the Local Government Planners of Victoria.

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## APPROVALS

- [Benalla C38bena](#) rezones land at 22 Shadforth Street Benalla from part General Residential Zone Schedule 1 and part Farming Zone to part General Residential Zone Schedule 1 and part Urban Floodway.
- [Boroondara C285](#) implements the recommendations of the *City of Boroondara Municipal-Wide Heritage Gap Study Volume 3: Hawthorn*.
- [Casey C257case](#) applies a Public Acquisition Overlay to land required for the proposed Clyde Park Sports Precinct.
- [French Island and Sandstone Island C006Pt1fisi](#) implements the recommendations of the *French Island and Sandstone Island Planning Scheme Review 2017 (the Review)*.
- [Glen Eira C187glen](#) rezones a small section of land along Katandra Road, Ormond, from General Residential Zone 1 and Commercial 1 Zone to Comprehensive Development Zone.
- [Mildura C095mild](#) implements the recommendations of the *Deakin Avenue Urban Design Guidelines (2016)* and one recommendation of the *Mildura Planning Scheme Review (2014)*.
- [Murrindindi C63muri](#) comprises general corrections to the application of zones and overlays and corrections to addresses and controls in the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay.
- [Whittlesea C200](#) implements the second stage of Whittlesea City Council's *Housing Diversity Strategy 2013-2033*.
- [Yarra Ranges C164](#) makes the Little Stringybark Environmental Significance Overlay Schedule 2 that covers approximately 1,200 properties including a significant part of the Mount Evelyn township a permanent planning control.

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## EXHIBITIONS

- [South Gippsland C115sgip](#) proposes to implement town centre recommendations of the *Mirboo North Structure Plan Refresh (2017)*.

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## PANEL REPORTS

- [Government Land Standing Advisory Committee - Tranche 15](#): Review of the planning provisions for land at 1136 - 1138 Nepean Highway, Highett.

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