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## LATEST NEWS

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### BETTER APARTMENTS IN NEIGHBOURHOODS PUBLIC CONSULTATION

DELWP is seeking feedback on the Better Apartments in Neighbourhoods Discussion Paper. The paper proposes changes to the Better Apartments Design Standards, focused on improving the relationship between new apartment developments and the amenity of existing neighbourhoods. Click [here](#) to have your say on changes to the planning rules for apartment developments. Submissions are due by Friday 27 September 2019.

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### LIVING HERITAGE GRANTS PROGRAM 2019

Successful grant recipients under the 2019 Round 4 of the Victorian Government's Living Heritage Grants Program have been announced, visit <https://www.heritage.vic.gov.au/grants/living-heritage-program> for the full list of successful projects across the State. The competitive program is managed by Heritage Victoria and provides funding to safeguard and reactivate Victoria's key heritage resources.

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### VPELA EVENTS

Wed 2 Oct: [Survival of the first years in Local Government Planning](#): Anecdotally, there is a high attrition rate of new graduates moving into local government planning roles, and leaving the planning industry for good a short time later. The town planning profession in Victoria needs good people, and many are feeling dismayed by what they find in their first jobs in local government. This seminar will explore the issue, will explain some of the rewarding experiences that awaits town planners who see out the first few frustrating or nerve-wracking years and explores the potential for a Graduate Planner in Local Government Program to assist graduate planners through their first few years in the industry. Fri 4 Oct: 2019 [DCE Nexus Hollywood Ball](#) - **Bookings close this week** - VPELA, PIA and UDIA invite you to the premier event for young professionals in the planning, development and environment industries. This is a great night to network and make new contacts. Wed 16 Oct: [Arthur Rylah Institute Tour](#): Join Dr. Kim Lowe for this once in a lifetime tour of the Institute commencing at 11.00am and followed by a light lunch. This exclusive event is a must for planners, ecologists, lawyers and land owners who have an environmental focus. Mon 21 Oct: [Placemaking; new urbanism; walkable urban places; community engagement; planning and design in a digital world....new jargon, new concepts or a new take on old concepts?](#) - VPELA is proud to have gathered together an eminent panel of the rock stars of Planning, Design and Community Engagement to enter the boxing ring and debate the nitty gritty nuance of differences between these concepts. Our Panel will provide you with experienced insights into the relationship between these concepts, where they've been implemented successfully, and where they haven't, and will enable you to form your own view about whether any or all of these planning and design urban theories are worthy of pursuit across our cities in land use contexts including residential, retail and commercial.

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### PIA PLANET

Wed 9 Oct: [The Land Development Game \(Geelong\)](#) - This course provides an overview of the role planners play in facilitating quality land development with a specific emphasis on Melbourne's greenfields. Wed 16 Oct: [Drafting the MPS and PPF](#) - The purpose of this session is to build the skills of attendees in the drafting of the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and the Planning Policy Framework (PPF). Thu 17 Oct: [Drafting Zones, Overlays and Schedules](#) - This session will build skills in the drafting of zones and schedules to zones, overlays and particular provisions. Wed 20 Nov: [Traffic and Parking Assessments](#) - This interactive course 'decodes' the jargon, explains the concepts and provides you with real skills. On completion of the course you will feel confident in discussing concepts with consultants, traffic engineers and the community.

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### PIA EVENTS

Thu 10 Oct: [PIA VYP Symposium Welcome Party](#) - Join us for a night of nibbles, drinks and insights from a panel recent Young Planner of the Year award recipients at the VYP Symposium Welcome Party. Fri 11 Oct: [PIA Vic State Planning Symposium](#) - This year's Symposium will be exploring the theme 'Planning for the Generations – What is our Legacy'. Through this jam-packed day of keynote presentations, panels and training sessions attendees will become better equipped with the skills and knowledge to leave a positive

legacy behind. Thu 24 Oct: [PIA WPN - Tackling Self Doubt](#) - Join WPN for an exclusive event where award winning personal coach, Janelle Ryan will take us through what self-doubt it, how to tackle self-doubt and how it can hold us back in our careers.

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## APPROVALS

- [VC164](#) changes the Victoria Planning Provisions and all planning schemes by amending Clause 52.13-7 (2009 Bushfire – Recovery Exemptions) to extend the expiry date to 31 March 2020.

## EXHIBITIONS

- [Golden Plains C88gpla](#) proposes to rezone 12 High Street, Bannockburn from Public Use Zone 6 - Local Government to Commercial 1 Zone.
- [Whitehorse C216whse](#) proposes to apply a Heritage Overlay to 42-48 Glenburnie Road, Mitcham.

## PANEL REPORTS

- [Greater Shepparton C212gshe](#) Implement the recommendations of the *Greater Shepparton Townships Framework Plan Review 2018*.

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