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LATEST NEWS

Exhibitions

- [Northern Grampians C63ngra](#) proposes to rezone a portion of the Stawell urban growth area from Rural Living Zone and General Residential Zone to Neighbourhood Residential Zone combined with a subdivision permit application.

Panel Reports

- [Macedon Ranges C145macr](#) - Modify Schedule 4 to the Environmental Significance Overlay for all land affected by the Overlay.
- [Whitehorse C220whse](#) - Apply the Design and Development Overlay 11 to various sites to implement the *Whitehorse Residential Corridors Built Form Study 2019*.

Planning News

VCAT RED DOT DECISIONS

[Soto v Hobsons Bay CC \(Red Dot\) \[2023\] VCAT 693 \(21 June 2023\)](#) Variation of registered restrictive covenant; [section 60\(2\)](#) of the [Planning and Environment Act 1987](#) (Vic); consideration of the 'consequence' of the variation.

[Colinx Nominees Pty Ltd v Frankston CC \(Red Dot\) \[2023\] VCAT 679 \(20 June 2023\)](#) Whether verandahs and balconies form part of the total floor area of a rooming house under clause 52.23 of planning schemes.

VPELA EVENTS

Tues 18 July 5.30pm - [Masterclass Series No. 3 Inclusion in Design](#) - The final session of the YPG's 'Realism vs Utopia' Masterclass series will be a thought-provoking panel discussion regarding Inclusion in Design. It is clear that our planning framework aspires to ensure the 'fair' use and development of land and to secure 'a pleasant, efficient and safe working, living and recreational environment for all Victorians and visitors to Victoria'. However, do we achieve these objectives? What amounts to inclusive planning and design? Are our places and structures inclusive, or is there still a good deal to be done to bring inclusion to the forefront of design and decision-making? Our eminent panel will guide us through these questions and set the agenda for what needs to be done from here.

Thurs 27 July 5.00pm - [Net Zero Series: The elusive 'social license' – how to build it for transmission and renewables](#) - Join us for this hybrid seminar (attend in-person or online). New transmission lines are essential to the energy transition to renewables and the move to net zero emissions. But they are meeting stiff resistance from rural and regional communities across Victoria, as are the new renewables projects they unlock. Governments are increasingly worried that without a 'social license', we won't be ready for the upcoming closure of coal plants. But what is 'social license', and how do you obtain it? Hear from leading industry and Government experts and have your questions answered on this critical topic.

Thurs 31 Aug & Fri 1 Sept - [State Planning Conference: Celebrating The Future With Diversity And Inclusion](#) - For some the future looks bright, however we know that this not the case for everyone. How can we plan and grow our cities, regions, and communities so that all can celebrate the future that lies ahead? What role do we all play in ensuring the places and spaces that we create celebrate all? This year we will hear from many voices. It will provide everyone with an opportunity to listen and consider - what can we do to celebrate diversity and inclusion moving forward? We have a wonderful range of speakers that will challenge your status quo approach to a range of issues, and leave you enthused and energised to tackle the opportunities and challenges in our industry in new and meaningful ways.

[Paul Jerome Award 2023 - Nominations Open](#)

In 2005 VPELA established The Paul Jerome Award, as a memorial to a much loved and respected colleague. This award was created to encourage, recognise and support outstanding contribution to public administration. The principal focus of the award is planning within the umbrella of public service to state and local government and the list of past recipients has brought prestige to the award. Nominations close Friday 21 July.

PIA EVENTS

Thu 20 July - [VYP x YITE Trivia Night 2023](#) – Trivia Night is back for 2023! The Victorian Young Planners and the Young Institute of Transportation Engineers invite you to join us to compete for ultimate trivia bragging rights. Come with your

team or join a table when you get there. Drinks and finger food provided. And to top it all off, exciting prizes are up for grabs for the top three winning teams!

Thu 27 July - [Artificial Intelligence X Urban Planning and Design – Our future cities reimagined](#) - Join the PIA Young Planners in exploring some big topical themes in the world of urban planning and design, considering the impacts on our cities and communities.

Fri 28 July - [PIA VIC Briefing: Planning for suburban densities: activating the business of infill precincts](#) – This presentation will cover some of the planning successes for precinct creation, particularly the engagement solutions and the resultant novel statutory solutions that providing incentives for lot assembly and medium density outcomes. The presentation will also address the need for new business models between councils and developers to allow these solutions to be realised.

Fri 11 August - [PIA VIC Briefing: Developing Schools as Community Hubs: Implications for Planners and Policymakers](#) – This briefing will: overview Australian developments in an international context; present key findings from a recent national survey of schools as community hubs; present case examples illustrating diverse and locally responsive design and operation; and discuss implications for planners and policymakers, particularly at local and state government level.

Thu 24 August - [PIA PlanTech Briefing: The Role and Potential Risk of Bots in Participatory Planning](#) – The explosive growth in the technological prowess of social bots has taken the world by storm. As ChatGPT and Microsoft's Bing force us to reimagine the writing process and notions of creativity and originality writ large, an equally powerful storm is brewing in the domain of urban studies.

PIA PLANET ONLINE

Thu 13 July - [Climate change and renewable energy – issues for agriculture](#) – The course aims to provide information on the issues identified in the Strategic Agricultural Land Project so that planners can build an understanding of how to better plan for renewable energy that adds value to agriculture, and how planners can contribute to VicGrid in relation to the factors that should be considered in state-wide strategic planning for a renewable energy future.

Mon 17 July - [Heritage Planning](#) - Terminology and concepts that will be explored including the *Burra Charter*, heritage values, criteria and thresholds, citations and statements of significance, heritage studies and thematic histories. The Heritage Overlay and other planning tools are explored and the process of preparing and processing planning scheme amendments and the role of planning panels will be explained.

Fri 21 July - [Planning for Healthy Communities](#) – This course offers an understanding of the role the built environment has on health for both individuals and communities. Join us to learn how to apply and embed important principles to both statutory and strategic planning work and outcomes as well as to your

planning scheme.

Tue 25 July - [Be Prepared to Negotiate](#) – This workshop provides the opportunity to learn skills to negotiate confidently within the planning context. It includes tools for effective preparation and practical strategies for influence and persuasion.

Thu 27 July - [Effective Strategic Planning](#) – This course provides a straightforward outline of the steps and skills needed for effective strategic planning. It identifies the keys to success and the common failings of strategic plans.

Tue 1, Tue 15, Tue 29 August; Tue 12, Tue 26 September; & Tue 10 October - [Build High Impact Teams TM - Part of the Deep Dive Series from Upsides Training](#) – We built this program to give managers the tools they need to help them nurture their staff, deal with tricky stakeholders, keep their team on track and deliver meaningful work the whole team will be proud of. This program is delivered in 6 x 1/2day sessions once a fortnight, to give you time to test and embed each session's insights into your daily role.

FPAA TRAINING

[Bushfire Attack Level \(BAL\) Course](#) – this course will provide participants with the required skills, knowledge and ability to determine a Bushfire Attack Level and provide advice on the required construction provisions.

- August 21 – 25
- November 13 – 17

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