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LATEST NEWS

BETTER APARTMENTS IN NEIGHBOURHOODS PUBLIC CONSULTATION CONCLUDED

Consultation on the Better Apartments in Neighbourhoods Discussion Paper has concluded. Thank you for your submissions. Responses to the proposed Better Apartments Design Standards are being collated and a consultation findings report made publicly available later in 2019.

LATROBE VALLEY DRAFT PRELIMINARY LAND USE VISION

DELWP has released a *Draft Preliminary Land Use Vision* as part of the mine rehabilitation investigations under the Latrobe Valley Regional Rehabilitation Strategy (LVRRS). It creates a land use framework for potential future land use opportunities in the Latrobe Valley, particularly around the three open-cut coal mines. The Preliminary Land Use Vision will inform the final LVRRS which is to be released by June 2020. If you are interested in helping shape and refine this vision by providing feedback to the land use framework and its themes, please make a submission by 4 November 2019 at the Engage Victoria webpage:

<https://engage.vic.gov.au/latrobe-preliminary-land-use-vision>.

JOHN CAIN FOUNDATION EVENT

Mon 21 Oct: [The Evan Walker Conversation](#) - The Evan Walker Conversation features the Victorian Minister for Planning and Housing, Hon Richard Wynne, who will report on Plan Melbourne, the city's blueprint for urban design. Sharing the platform is the Managing Director of Housing Choices Australia, Michael Lennon. It is no secret that Melbourne is experiencing rapid growth in population, with resultant problems as the rate of infrastructure development struggles to keep pace with increased numbers of people. For some citizens, especially the young, accessing affordable housing is difficult if not impossible. How can the city respond creatively to these problems? [Book here](#)

VPELA EVENTS

Mon 21 Oct: **Last chance to book!** [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.

Tue 29 & Wed 30 Oct: **Last chance to book!** [Ethics & Leadership in Planning Program](#) - Calls for Expression of Interest - VPELA is excited to announce that we have partnered with the highly respected Cranlana Centre for Ethical Leadership to present a specially commissioned and subsidised program concerning ethics and leadership in planning. In this two-day symposium, Cranlana's experienced moderators will draw on philosophical ideas to help participants develop their capacity for making sound ethical judgements in challenging circumstances. Limited places available.

Wed 13 Nov: [Barber Lecture](#) - VPELA is delighted to announce that the 2019 Lecture will be given by Jennifer Keesmaat, Urban Planner. Named one of the "most powerful people in Canada". Keesmaat has worked in municipalities across Canada and around the world on urban design guidelines, official plan reviews and strategies for creating dense, walkable cities.

Wed 20 Nov: [Moot Court at VCAT](#) - There is much to learn when appearing before a Tribunal or Panel for the first time and the VPELA Moot Court has young professionals who have completed our 2019 course and are ready to put their skills to the test. The 'mock hearing' will be conducted before sitting members of the Tribunal and so there are priceless lessons to be learned from watching the advocates and expert witnesses present their case.

PIA PLANET

Tue 22 Oct: [The A-Z of Planning](#) - This course provides an overview of practical skills that will help you cope

with the day-to-day requirements of using Victoria's planning system.

Wed 30 Oct: [Urban Design in Practice](#) - This course demystifies the language of urban design to improve planners' confidence in dealing both with urban design issues and designers.

Thu 31 Oct & Fri 1 Nov: [ResCode Practice](#) - Through this two-day intensive course, attendees will gain an understanding of Clauses 54 and 55 and will learn when and how discretion should be used to vary the ResCode standards.

Tue 12 Nov: [Communicating with Communities](#) - A full day workshop covering how to engage with communities, how to improve your written & visual communication & how to successfully run meetings with communities.

PIA CPD BEFORE DINNER SERIES

Tue 22 Oct: [CPD Before Dinner - Section 173 Agreements: overview, traps & tips](#) - Why do we use Section 173 Agreements? How can they best serve councils and developers/landowners? What are the traps that befall drafters and how can these be overcome? Attend this seminar in person or via livestream to find out.

PIA EVENTS

Fri 8 Nov: [Celebration of Planning Dinner](#) - This annual dinner is dedicated to celebrating the planning profession and recognising planning achievements through the presentation of the Victorian Awards for Planning Excellence.

Thu 14 Nov: [Tips for Success in Local Government Planning](#) - Join PIA for an evening of discussion from a panel of experts in local government who will provide some valuable tips and insights for success in local government. The panel has a variety of experience from statutory, strategic, enforcement, regional, metro and rural.

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APPROVALS

- [Boroondara C303boro](#) amends the Heritage Overlays at 19-21 Canterbury Road, Camberwell, 21 Lesley Street, Camberwell, 2-2A Margaret Street, Canterbury and 19-21 Canterbury Road, Camberwell.
- [Greater Geelong C388ggee](#) introduces a Local Planning Policy Environmentally Sustainable Development to the Scheme.
- [Greater Shepparton C220gshe](#) alters the planning scheme map and the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay so that the Scheme is consistent with the Victorian Heritage Register.
- [Wangaratta C071wang](#) implements the recommendations of the Wangaratta North West and Wangaratta South Growth Areas Structure and Development Contributions Plans.
- [Yarra C267yara](#) alters the planning scheme maps, the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay and updates Clause 72.04 so that the Scheme is consistent with the Victorian Heritage Register.

EXHIBITIONS

- [Monash C159mona](#) proposes to rezone the land at 1 Jacksons Road, Mulgrave and 636 Wellington Road, Mulgrave.
- [Port Phillip C171port](#) proposes to facilitate the integrated use and development of the site generally in the manner envisaged in the *St Kilda Marina Site Brief, 2019*.

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