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Foreword

Victoria's planners share responsibility for planning our newest suburbs and communities, shaping the future of our existing cities and towns, and protecting the valued attributes of our urban and regional environments.

Now in its 11th year, PLANET (PLAnning NETwork) provides a year-long program of training sessions designed to broaden the skills and knowledge of today's planners. In addition to the popular core courses, PLANET gives participants an opportunity to keep up-to-date with emerging trends and best planning practices, and to become acquainted with new legislation and regulations.

For example, last year PLANET offered training sessions about the new provisions for planning and building in areas of high bushfire risk. This year the program responds to the Coalition's commitment to strengthen and expand the role of Victoria's regions. The program will also trial video conferencing with Mildura for a number of courses.

PLANET has been enormously successful, drawing on an experienced pool of 40 trainers including planning consultants, lawyers, representatives from government departments, councils and other relevant experts. Over a decade, PLANET has received more than 10,000 registrations; and in the last five years PLANET has offered 350 training sessions.

Led by the Department of Planning and Community Development, PLANET is endorsed by the Planning Institute of Australia as part of an approved professional development program. Practitioners from Canada, England, India and Sri Lanka have recently attended sessions to learn about the Victorian planning system as they settle into work here.

Planners need a solid foundation of skills on which they can build as well as access to new knowledge to give them the flexibility to adapt to opportunities and challenges. I encourage you to enhance your knowledge by participating in the PLANET program for 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Guy' followed by two dots. The signature is stylized and cursive.

MATTHEW GUY MLC
Minister for Planning

PLANET objectives

- Improve practitioner skills by providing training in planning system skills
- Provide additional training opportunities for practising planners where there is a skill gap and address new issues with advanced skills
- Promote “best practice” in the operation and effectiveness of the planning system
- Identify areas for skill enhancement and facilitate training requirements.

Support from universities and professional organisations

PLANET thanks the universities for providing planning career pathways, various expert speakers and venues for selected seminars. Support has been received from:

- Planning Institute of Australia (PIA), Victorian Division
- RMIT University, School of Social Science and Planning
- The University of Melbourne, Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning
- Swinburne University of Technology
- La Trobe University, Bendigo
- Deakin University, School of Architecture and Building
- Municipal Association of Victoria.

Planning Institute of Australia PD system

All PLANET programs are endorsed by the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) Victorian Division as part of an approved Professional Development (PD) program. These PD points have been allocated on all programs. All members of the PIA can use these points to complete their professional development requirements for maintaining membership. Please refer to www.planning.org.au/vic for tracking points.

Education pathways

Planners play an integral role in shaping the future of our cities, towns and surrounds. The transformation of development requires planners to have new competencies so that they may advance their skills in practice. A number of education pathways are available including a Masters of Planning program at relevant Universities. For further detail of courses please go to www.planning4success.com.au

Recognition towards Masters at Deakin University – Delivering Urban Transformation (PLANET Units 1 and 2)

PLANET this year is also offering an adjunct University program which when completed will aid entry requirements into the Master of Planning (Professional) course at Deakin University. These units, which can be taken separately are ‘Managing Area Based Urban Change’ and ‘Influencing Composition and Form of Complex Redevelopments’. Refer to assessment and recognition criteria on page 17.

These units are about how accelerated urban transformation is being pursued through public policy initiatives and in response to market demands. While vision statements, structure plans and urban design frameworks articulate a preferred future composition and character, realisation of these visions can be slow or imprecise, and outcomes may align poorly with some important public interest objectives.

The units draw on lessons from local and wider experiences to identify established and innovative techniques, support structures and specialist skills that can assist in attracting, influencing and brokering the achievement of outcomes. The outcomes of the program are to better align public interest objectives while satisfying commercial viability.

The units which can be taken independently are aimed at both public and private sector practitioners, who may come from a variety of professional backgrounds.

Swinburne University of Technology

Swinburne University of Technology is also offering a number of Certificate IV programs.

Certificate IV in Local Government (Planning) suitable for planning assistants. This course is a pathway to RMIT University Graduate Certificate programs in planning and environment.

Dual Certificate IV in Government (Statutory Compliance and Investigation) suitable prerequisite for planning enforcement officers in local government. The course provides students to enter a pathway into legal, planning, commerce and administrative management practices.

For further information contact Robyn Bell, Business Development Manager – School of Business, Swinburne University of Technology on 9214 5411.

All PLANET programs are available for booking on-line only. We have upgraded our system which will send out a confirmation of enrolment invoice with every registration. Also, we are investigating alternative secure payments methods for credit card registrations. All prices include GST.

For further information on our programs please go to our website:

www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/planet

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Urban Design programs

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Cancellation/non-attendance policy

If you cannot attend a training session you must advise our office as soon as possible or send a substitute. A cancellation must be made no later than 2 days prior to the session or the full cost of course will be charged.

Catering and dietary requirements

Unless otherwise specified lunch and/or refreshments are provided at all seminars. Vegetarian meals will be provided but if you have an additional request then please contact us when you register for the program.

Video conferencing facilities

As part of improving our commitment to rural and regional councils, this year we are offering training for selected seminars via a video conferencing option, through Cliftons, Level 1, 440 Collins Street, Melbourne. We trialled this process during the bushfire seminar in November. At this stage we have made formal arrangements with the Mildura Rural City Council.

The fee to participate will be the same as listed in the program, as long as your council covers the cost of video conferencing at your end. You will need to register in the usual way and also email pat.perera@dpcd.vic.gov.au if you are participating in the video conference.

If your council is interested in participating please call PLANET on 9452 5238 as we will need to test the conference connections with Cliftons.

Video conferencing will be available for:

- Writing permit conditions – 29 February 2012
- Licensed premises, gaming and brothel applications – 17 May 2012
- Planning law essentials – 23 October 2012
- Interpreting significant decisions from VCAT – 30 October 2012.

Carparking

Monash Training Centre, Level 7, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne

Please note, a discounted parking rate is available. See page 66 for full details.

The Metropole, 44 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

Free parking is available for all full day programs.

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New planners program

Day 1: Introduction to mediation

This program is a great start to the year with one of the key skills required in local government and to manage counter enquiries. This session explores the dimensions of conflict in planning and the role that mediation can play in helping to deal with these conflicts without resorting to more formal avenues of appeal. Participants will develop their understanding of the mediation process and have the opportunity to practice some of the essential skills of a mediator.

The session is facilitated in a highly participatory style by Bruce Turner of Phoenix Facilitation. Bruce has over 20 years experience as a facilitator and mediator in a wide range of complex planning and environmental projects involving large numbers of stakeholders.

The participants will learn:

- about the causes of conflict and the process of mediation
- the essentials of the mediator's role
- to develop core skills to make the process work.

The program is facilitated in a highly participatory style to illustrate mediation techniques.

Course presenter: Bruce Turner, Director of Phoenix Facilitation.

Day 2 – 9.30am: Plan reading skills

Content: This session provides the fundamentals to read a development/architectural plan. The program has been designed for the new planner or planning assistant to aid the comprehension of basic details on plans. The material will assist officers to understand drawings terminology and details. The course will include short practical workshops.

Designed for: New planners and planning assistants who need to read plans efficiently.

Learning outcomes:

- to measure information (distances and height) off a site layout plan which is drawn to scale
- to recognise the terminology on drawings and location of solid walls, windows(types) and doors
- to comprehend the significance of true north and the sun, and the impact it has on overshadowing and orientation in terms of design options
- to understand the principles of contours on plans and establish how land survey points are derived
- to recognise the importance of contours on land mass and changing ground levels including excavation and their impact on measurement.

Course presenter: The course is presented by Chris Harty from ChristopherChris Architects and is supported by the Australian Institute of Architects.

Note: Participants should bring a scale ruler to the course.

“This course is very relevant to admin staff, too.”

GUMNUT SHIRE
 Planning Enquiries
 Phone: XXXX XXXX
 Web: www.

Office Use Only Date Lodged: / /
 Application No.:

Application for Planning Permit

Use this form to make an application for a planning permit and to provide the information required by section 47 of the Planning and Environment Act 1967 and regulations 15 and 38 of the Planning and Environment Regulations 2005. If you need help with the application, see page 3.

Privacy notice
 Information submitted with this application will only be used to consider and determine the application. It will be made available for public inspection in accordance with section 52 of the Planning and Environment Act 1967, 3(a) spare the duck leave the jumps over the lady brown dog. Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party. The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.

The Land

1 Address of the land. Complete the Street Address and one of the Formal Land Descriptions.

Street Address
 Street No.: Street Name:
 Suburb/Locality: Postcode:

Formal Land Description
 This information can be found on the certificate of title.
 Lot No.: on Lodged Plan, Title Plan or Subdivision Plan No.:
 OR
 Crown Allotment No.: Section No.: Parish name:

The Proposal

You must give full details of your proposal and attach the information required to assess the application. If you do not give enough detail or an adequate description of the proposal you will be asked for more information. This will delay your application.

2 For what use, development or other matter do you require a permit?
 Read How to complete the Application for Planning Permit form if you need help in describing your proposal.

Proposed:

Attach additional information providing details of the proposal, including plans and elevations; any information required by the planning scheme, requested by council or outlined in a council planning permit checklist; and if required, a description of the likely effect of the proposal.

Existing

3 Describe how the land is used and developed now eg. single dwelling, three dwellings, shop, factory, medical centre with two practitioners, licensed restaurant with 80 seats, vacant building, vacant land, grazing land, bush block.

Existing:

Attach a plan of the existing conditions. Photos are also helpful.

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Day 2 – 1.30 pm Writing permit conditions (video conferencing available)

Content: A planning permit is a legal document that allows a certain use or development to proceed on a parcel of land. The way in which a planning permit is written dictates its legal validity, enforcement rights and future use of the land. The audience will be engaged with hypothetical scenarios regarding the writing of conditions for planning permits and taught what to include in the preamble.

Designed for: Local government planners and referral authority staff.

Learning outcomes

- understand the regulatory framework for a permit and the enforcement of conditions
- defining under what provisions a permit is required
- to write concise and accurate planning permit conditions
- to understand the relationship between the preamble and conditions of a permit
- to recognise the distinction between permit outcomes and the scheme provisions.

Course presenter: The course is presented by Brett Davis, Director, Davis Planning Solutions and a Sessional Member of Planning Panels Victoria. He is also Vice President of PIA (Victoria).

TUESDAY 28 AND WEDNESDAY 29 FEBRUARY

Cliftons, Level 1, 440 Collins Street, Melbourne

9.30am – 5.00pm | \$550 | 14 PD Points

Managing potentially contaminated land

Content: The Victorian Auditor-General's report on managing contaminated sites was released on 7 December 2011. In addition to recommended changes for a systematic review, the report concluded councils are not well placed to make decisions as they lack the necessary technical capacity to make decisions relating to contaminated land. Land contamination is a major issue for planners as former industrial, mining or commercial land is redeveloped for residential or other sensitive uses.

This program is designed to introduce and refresh participant knowledge of current contaminated land issues in planning. It explains how statutory and strategic planners are able to identify potentially contaminated land and the type of assessment required. It also clarifies the role and scope of site assessments and environmental audits. It is designed to assist all planners involved in the preparation or assessment of scheme amendments or permit applications. Case studies and workshop sessions are provided to enable participants to apply the learning outcomes.

The program is for the planner who needs to develop a greater competency and understanding in applying a range of planning tools to manage potentially contaminated land. The program will provide an opportunity to explore and understand the legal implications of decisions relating to the consideration and management of potentially contaminated land.

Designed for: Statutory and strategic planners in local government, planning and environmental consultants and lawyers involved in planning scheme amendments and permit applications.

Learning outcomes:

- how to apply the framework outlined in the DPCD practice note 30: *Potentially contaminated land*
- understanding the regulatory framework that triggers consideration of potentially contaminated land in planning

- to identify what is potentially contaminated land and how to determine if an Environmental Audit is required
- learn how to apply the framework in the scheme amendment and planning permit process
- applying appropriate permit conditions
- understanding Ministerial Direction No. 1 and when to apply an Environmental Audit Overlay
- develop more confidence in managing the more complex aspects of potentially contaminated land in scheme amendments and planning permits
- greater understanding of Environmental Audits and Site Assessments
- understand how to manage potentially contaminated land in staged subdivisions.

Course presenters: The course is presented by various contaminated land specialists including Jean Meaklim from EPA Victoria and planning specialist Denise Turner who were involved in the development of practice note 30: *Potentially contaminated land*, and a law expert in contaminated land.

TUESDAY 6 MARCH 2012

OR

WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2012

The Metropole, 44 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

9.30am – 5.00pm | \$300.00 | 6 PD Points

A facelift for small towns

Content: Times have never been more challenging for small towns, having to deal with economic pressures, climate change, the population draw of larger towns and cities, and the pace of change in technology, communications and trade that always seems to impact on small towns the hardest. So attracting new residents, new businesses and visitors becomes a top priority. Time to give the town a facelift. But where to start?

This course looks at strategies and actions that can help to project a fresh and enticing image for a small town. It deliberately focuses on small and affordable initiatives: actions that could be realistically achievable with limited funds and resources. It will also show how to deal with the bigger “out there” ideas so they are not lost or forgotten, but don’t become unrealistic distractions.

The course has an urban design theme, and will look at opportunities such as gateways and entrances, streetscape improvements, public spaces such as small squares, plazas or parks, recreation and sports facilities – but it won’t be limited to physical opportunities. The course uses the principle that just as in computers, where you don’t buy your hardware without first understanding what software will be used, so it is in towns. If the buildings, landscape, street fittings, public art and so on represent the “hardware”, the “software” will be the lifestyle, community uses and activities, the events, and the distinctive town culture.

The course presenters will draw upon their many years experience working with smaller places through programs such as Pride of Place and the Urban Development Program, and will present plenty of examples to stimulate ideas. They will show how to develop a systematic analysis to identify which opportunities can be of most value; suggest techniques for working with the stakeholders and building champions; and provide a structure for implementation. Part of the day will be reserved to workshop your ideas or challenges, so bring along some plans or pictures of towns in need of a lift!

Designed for: Statutory and strategic planners, community development planners, place managers, community organisations, designers and property developers.

Learning outcomes:

- greater awareness and understanding of the principles of urban design as applied to small towns
- improved ability to analyse public spaces, and the connections and interactions with buildings ‘on plan’ and on site
- better understanding of the tools available to assess and negotiate hardware and software opportunities for small towns
- techniques to work with stakeholders and to develop champions
- generating and prioritising ideas.

Course presenters: Senior urban designers including Steve Axford and Christine Wallis from Axford Olszewski Strategies Pty Ltd, who have a long record of innovative work across Victoria and are also involved in major international projects; with additional input from Small Change Strategies, an innovative consultancy specialising in community engagement and culture change.

WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH 2012

The Old Priory, 8 Priory Lane, Beechworth. Ph 5728 1024

OR

TUESDAY 15 MAY 2012

Buda Historic Home, 42 Hunter Street, Castlemaine. Ph 5472 1032

10.00am – 4.00pm | \$320.00 | 7 PD Points

ResCode practice

Content: This is a two-day program to allow participants to practice the material from the first day and then in a few weeks complete a second detailed training session. This is an intensive course with an opportunity to assess real-life development proposals.

The first day provides participants with an understanding of the structure of clauses 54 and 55. It focuses on the key residential development standards that apply to all dwellings and incorporates how neighbourhood and site descriptions drive the assessment of the application. This program includes plan reading, spatial measures and using other tools such as ShadowDraw.

In day 2 participants will be provided with an opportunity to spend time assessing an actual development proposal using the ResCode standards and class discussion.

Particular use will be made of the DPCD practice note 27: *Understanding the residential development standards*, ShadowDraw and relevant VCAT cases.

Designed for: Planners who analyse planning applications based on ResCode (clauses 54 and 55). It is recommended that participants have a level of competence in plan reading and spatial awareness. PLANET courses which may be relevant include the New Planners – Urban Design and Neighbourhood Character seminars or Plan Reading Skills.

Learning outcomes:

- to understand the residential development provisions
- to apply residential development guidelines to planning assessments
- to identify the parameters to make a decision.

Course presenter: The course is designed and delivered by John Glossop, Director, Glossop Town Planning Pty Ltd. John is a sessional Panels Member at Planning Panels Victoria and was a member of the ResCode Advisory Committee. He appears at VCAT as an expert witness.

DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2012

OR WEDNESDAY 1 AUGUST 2012

9.30am – 5.00pm

DAY 2 – THURSDAY 3 MAY 2012

OR TUESDAY 21 AUGUST 2012

The Metropole, 44 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

9.30am – 1.30pm

\$500.00 | 9 PD Points



"It was seriously excellent. Good confidence builder."

Urban design around rail environments

Content: Public transport is crucial to the liveability of any city. How we design and manage urban environments, and in particular, the way we integrate intense urban areas and rail infrastructure are crucial to making functional, accessible and liveable places. Places interfacing rail corridors are typically subject to a range of amenity and design challenges that can be addressed by applying informed design practice.

Building development near to rail lines and stations presents some significant advantages in terms of accessibility and surveillance, as well as unique challenges.

It is important for urban development professionals and stakeholders to understand the requirements and impacts of rail infrastructure operations in urban environments and how activities areas planning and building design can respond to and take advantage of these conditions.

Day 1 - Part 1 Rail infrastructure and operations

This course will examine key rail operational issues and describes potential urban design responses for locations adjacent to a rail environment. Areas covered include: an overview of rail infrastructure design and operation, types of rail traffic, the value of transit oriented development, and amenity and access in urban rail environments.

Day 2 - Part 2 Development in rail environments

The course will discuss implications for a development project adjacent to a rail corridor or station, and how to exploit the advantages while responding, through site and building design, to potential negative impacts. Areas covered will include: the development process for private land use and building design adjacent to rail infrastructure; responsibilities and controls for access to and interfaces with rail corridors; building design for acoustics, vibration and air quality; visual and functional responses; graffiti management.

Part 2 will include a tour focusing on urban design issues and building responses adjacent to rail environments along the Epping Line – South Morang Rail Extension.

Each part is self-contained, so you can choose to attend either or both parts.

Designed for: Development professionals, architects, landscape and building designers, statutory and strategic planners, transport planners and place managers.

Learning outcomes:

- enhanced capacity to recognise and respond to urban design issues, including safer design in a rail environment
- better understanding of access, environmental and amenity impacts of rail operations on surrounding uses
- practical understanding of railway standards, operations and management
- enhanced ability to design or assess development adjacent to rail infrastructure.

Course presenters: Specialists in the field from the Department of Transport, VicTrack and senior urban designers from the DPCD Urban Design Unit. Ray Bartlett of RayLink Consulting.

Part 1: RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2012

Monash Conference Centre, Level 7, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne*

9.30am – 3.30pm | \$250.00 | 5 PD Points

Part 2: DEVELOPMENT IN RAIL ENVIRONMENTS WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2012

Monash Conference Centre, Level 7, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne*

9.30am – 4.00pm | \$250.00 | 6 PD Points

Short case list at VCAT

This program is about making submissions to VCAT's Short Case List. The List was introduced early in 2011. The VCAT Short Case List relates to smaller appeals with confined issues, few parties and can be dealt with, including an oral decision, within 2 hours. The Tribunal however is finding that some councils and applicants are having difficulty with making their submissions shorter and to the point.

This program has been developed by VCAT's Planning and Environment List to assist councils and applicants in developing their presentation and the content of their submissions. Parties are encouraged to use technology provided by the Tribunal to display visual images, plans and other material to assist in the efficient presentation of cases. The program will also cover what the expectations are from VCAT and where the submission focus should be.

Designed for : Planners who are preparing and making a submission to the VCAT Short Case List.

Learning outcomes:

- how to prepare a submission
- to identify the key facts of the case material
- how to present the key facts.

Course presenter: The course will be presented by members of VCAT's Planning and Environment List.

THURSDAY 15 MARCH 2012

OR

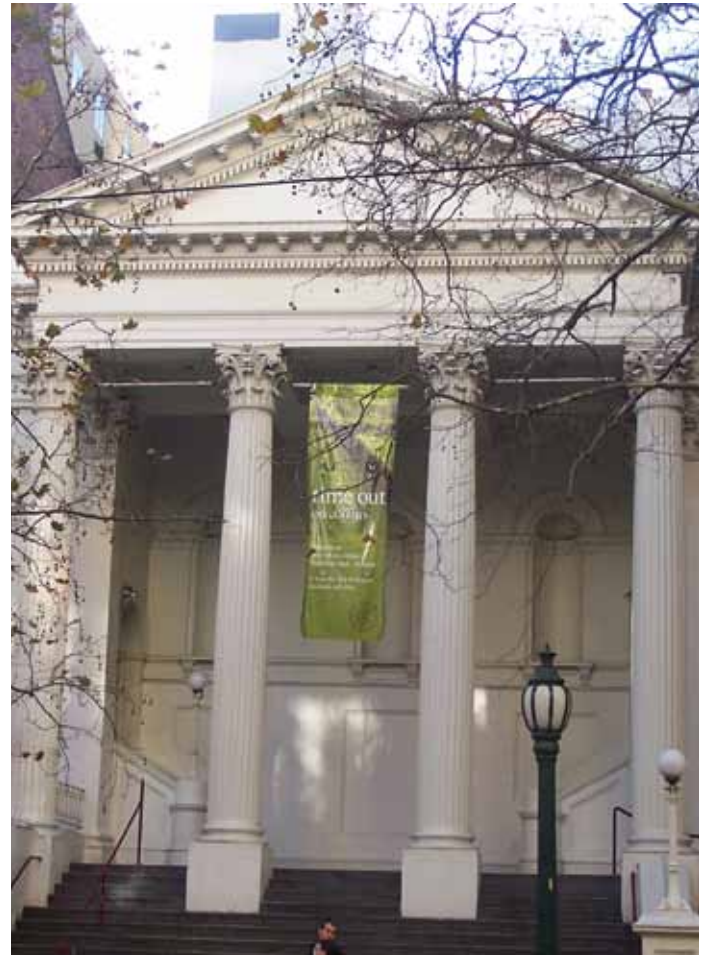
THURSDAY 24 MAY 2012

OR

WEDNESDAY 15 AUGUST 2012

VCAT, Level 2, 55 King Street, Melbourne

2.30 – 5.00pm (no lunch provided) | \$80.00 | 2.5 PD Points



The A – Z of planning

Content: This program is based on the original PLANET program, Planning: a Short Guide. While it is similar, the overall structure of the program has changed. The outcome of the learning will deliver a general comprehension of the entire planning system. The program covers the difference between the statutory and strategic context of the Victorian planning system, the layers of policy and the day-to-day process requirements of the planning office including statutory process, decision making, enforcement and VCAT procedures. Practical workshops will cover a number of scenarios for the application of zones and overlays, and permit requirements with a focus on most frequently asked questions.

Designed for: New people entering the planning system in Victoria and new planners and planning assistants would benefit most from this overview of practical skills to cope with the day-to-day requirements of using Victoria's planning system.

Course presenters: Meredith Withers is an experienced planning consultant. She has worked with the State Government on various planning issues including the development of *Planning: a Short Guide*, a key publication explaining the Victorian planning system. The course will also be delivered by Ron Torres, Manager, Town Planning and Transport, Glen Eira City Council.

Learning outcomes:

- recognise the principles of the planning process
- understand the role of the council, decision making and delegations
- recognise the components of planning schemes and their application
- interpret relevant planning legislation and the role of referral authorities
- understand the differences between the application of zones and overlays
- identify the permit process including advertising, conditions, referrals and the relevance of planning scheme amendments

- understand enforcement and the VCAT process
- comprehend the use of schedules and definitions
- distinguish between the strategic and statutory elements of the planning scheme.

Note: Participants are reminded that this session is a generic guide to planning processes. There are additional PLANET training programs available that look into more detailed processes including PLANET Writing Permit Conditions, the Statutory Planning Process, Referral Authorities and the Planning System, Planning Scheme Amendment Process, and Building and Planning requirements in Local Councils.

TUESDAY 20 MARCH 2012

The Metropole, 44 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

OR

THURSDAY 2 AUGUST 2012

Monash Conference Centre, Level 7, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne*

OR

TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2012

The Metropole, 44 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

9.30am – 5.00pm | \$300.00 | 7 PD Points

"Presenters were knowledgeable; enjoyable course."

Assessing neighbourhood character

Content: Neighbourhood character is arguably the most contentious aspect of residential development planning. This course is aimed at clarifying the concept of neighbourhood character and providing a simple framework by which planners can begin to understand this issue.

The course will focus on:

- relevant VCAT decisions that help to define what neighbourhood character means
- the DPCD practice note 43: *Understanding neighbourhood character*
- the role of local planning policies and reference documents (such as neighbourhood character studies).

Participants will also take a short walk, where the principles of neighbourhood character will be further illustrated and discussed. The session will conclude with a class discussion, aided by images of new developments and streetscapes. The class discussion will include a local architect. It will be an interactive and thought provoking session.

Designed for: Planners responsible for assessing applications and needing to clarify/understand the concept of neighbourhood character.

Planners would gain value from attending the ResCode program in conjunction with this session.

Learning outcomes:

- appreciate what neighbourhood character means in a planning context
- to develop an understanding of the basic neighbourhood character typologies
- discuss the role of neighbourhood character studies and local policies in the assessment process

- learn about how to 'respect' neighbourhood character and how to 'respond' to a specific context.

Course presenter: The course is designed and delivered by John Glossop, planning consultant.

THURSDAY 22 MARCH 2012

OR

THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2012

The Metropole, 44 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

9.30am – 5.00pm | \$300.00 | 6 PD Points



Environmental Impact Assessment

Content: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is the process of investigating and considering the potential environmental impacts or effects of proposed development. The EIA process informs decisions about whether a project with potentially significant environmental impacts should proceed.

Are you aware of the requirements for EIA of projects under Victorian legislation? Do you know the triggers for when a project with potentially significant impacts should be referred to the Minister for Planning?

This program provides an introduction to EIA procedures in Victoria. It focuses on the *Environment Effects Act 1978*, which applies to both public and private projects, and the more recent *Major Transport Projects Facilitation Act 2009* (MTPF Act), which applies to declared major transport projects.

Proponents are responsible for referring projects that may need an Environment Effects Statement (EES) under the Environment Effects Act. The Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) advises both proponents and the Minister on procedures under this Act, and also manages these procedures. DPCD coordinates EES processes with statutory approval processes for priority projects, including under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. DPCD also manages the integrated procedures for impact assessment and statutory approvals under the MTPF Act.

A brief overview of assessment processes and requirements under the following Acts will be provided, including their coordination with EES and MTPF Act procedures:

- *Planning and Environment Act 1987*
- *Environment Protection Act 1970*
- *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*
- *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*

Designed for: Planners and environmental officers who are involved with large scale projects or projects in environmentally sensitive locations, or have an interest and need to understand the process and requirements.

Learning outcomes:

- describe the key steps in the EIA process
- be able to identify when a project may need to be referred to the Minister for Planning under the *Environment Effects Act 1978*
- understand the relationship between Environment Effects Act and other legislative requirements in Victoria
- understand the options for decisions under the Environment Effects Act
- understand the role of local government in EIA processes
- understand key information requirements that should be addressed in a referral to the Minister
- awareness of other legislative requirements, such the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

Course presenters: The program will be presented and facilitated by representatives from DPCD's Environmental Assessment Unit, with support from environmental consultants presenting case study examples.

FRIDAY 23 MARCH 2012

Level 15, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne

OR TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2012

The Metropole, 44 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

9.30am – 5.00pm | \$260.00 | 7 PD Points

Managing area-based urban change (Unit 1)

Content: Rapid urban change across a locality comprising multiple sites, owners and issues can result from policy decisions or market forces. Its effective and coordinated delivery requires a suite of skills, structures and approaches beyond those normally utilised for managing progressive incremental change. This unit draws on successful precedents (local and from comparable interstate and overseas jurisdictions) to identify skills and techniques that can be utilised to stimulate, influence and broker the delivery of rapid change consistent with identified public policy objectives and while being sensitive to vital details that underpin sustainability, economic resilience and community identity and continuity.

The unit will cover established and innovative concepts and mechanisms including 'place management', integrated governance and coordination structures, along with cross-sectoral and trans-disciplinary approaches. It will emphasise recognition of the factors influencing private investment decisions and the purposes of public policy guidance, with an understanding of their mutual inter-dependency. It will draw heavily on case study precedents and share practitioner experiences to provide practical techniques and 'take home' tips for those with responsibility for, or contributing to, delivery of urban transformation objectives.

Note: *Unit 2 – Influencing composition and form of complex developments* will be held on 11 May 2012.

Designed for: Senior and middle managers in public and private sectors with responsibility for overseeing preferred urban change, and for specialist practitioners contributing to its delivery.

Learning outcomes:

- discuss and evaluate workplace skills for guiding delivery of rapid urban change
- recognise and analyse established models for effective pursuit and delivery of accelerated urban change objectives
- identify emerging and innovative approaches to integrated change management, particularly 'place-based' and trans-disciplinary models

- determine familiarity with common issues, precedents and practical lessons for their resolution
- enhanced awareness of options and techniques available for resolving a range of challenges.

Course presenters: The unit is designed and led by Associate Professor Rod Duncan, School of Architecture and Building, Deakin University, Waterfront Geelong Campus. Rod has extensive practical experience in strategic planning and implementation across public sector agencies, including DPCD along with specialist international research and practice.

Assessed assignment and recognition option for Masters program

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THURSDAY 22 MARCH 2012

Deakin University Melbourne City Centre, Level 3, 550 Bourke Street

9.30am – 5.00pm | \$340.00 | 7 PD Points

Building and planning requirements in local councils

Content: PLANET has received requests for further training opportunities regarding counter enquiries and the difference between the building and planning process. This program is the forerunner to The A – Z of planning program and covers the essential knowledge of the sometimes confused building and planning processes and approvals. This full-day program provides the relevant grounding in general matters related to the *Building Act 1993* and Building Regulations 2006 as well as basic mechanisms related to planning processes and the *Victoria Planning Provisions*. Common case exercises such as, ‘can I build this... and what permits are required?’ will be investigated. Other matters to be covered will include protection of adjoining property, common neighbourhood/community issues related to siting, setbacks and overlooking, carports dispensations and current requirements for swimming pool fences. Overall the program will focus on domestic dwellings and seeking building and planning consistency. The program will review essential matters in the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* in terms of administering planning schemes, the issue of planning permits, planning policy frameworks, including the municipal strategic statement, zones and overlays, definitions and incorporated documents.

Learning outcomes:

- comprehend the basic requirements and differences between building and planning legislation
- recognise the role of the building surveyor where no planning permit is required to construct a dwelling, including setbacks and overlooking issues
- respond to general enquiries related to construction of swimming pools and fencing
- know what protection of adjoining property encompasses
- identify the differences between the building levy cut off and when a building permit is required

- identify different land uses and development and how they relate to zoning maps and land use rights
- recognise what matters a responsible authority consider when deciding an application
- evaluating the multiple requirements for a planning permit.

Designed for: This program has been developed for those seeking an introduction to the planning and building processes as they relate to approvals for land use and development at a local council. It is suitable for counter and reception staff and new people in planning and building; and information officers at councils who field enquiries.

Course presenters: Des Eccles is a consultant and former academic specialising in planning and the law. He recently spent 10 years as a VCAT member on the Planning and Environment List.

Stuart McLennan is a registered private building surveyor and building consultant and has been in the building industry for more than 20 years, with experience on the Australian Building Codes Board.

THURSDAY 29 MARCH 2012

OR

WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2012

Monash Conference Centre, Level 7, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne*

9.30am – 4.30pm | \$280.00 | 6 PD Points

“Great facilitators – a wealth of knowledge imparted in a relaxed and easy manner.”

Writing for VCAT – a skills-based approach to advocating at the Tribunal

Content: We have expanded our PLANET training programs to include this new unit on how to write up your case from a council point of view. The other VCAT units include an 'Introduction to VCAT' and 'Presenting your submission at VCAT' (Cross examination). Presenting a case at the Tribunal is a key skill for anyone wishing to advance their career in planning. At the early- to mid- career stage, planners can either become VCAT 'confident' or VCAT 'avoidant' largely based on their experience – whether positive or negative – at the Tribunal.

Operating on the principle that preparation and knowledge are essential to successful representation at VCAT, the focus of this course is to provide specific information on how to present a case at the Tribunal. The course breaks down the VCAT process into three stages: addressing procedural matters in the pre-hearing phase, preparing a submission, and appearing at the Tribunal.

Achieving a positive outcome at the Tribunal requires successful management of all three phases. This course will provide instruction on how to accomplish this result.

Designed for: Planners, lawyers and consultants who would like to develop and improve their advocacy skills at the Tribunal.

Learning outcomes:

- a concise approach to handling pre-hearing procedural matters to minimise delay
- clear guidance on how to quickly and effectively prepare appeal documents such as consent orders and submissions
- useful advice on incorporating policy into a submission including curly issues such as 'how much is too much', 'under the counter' documents and outdated planning schemes
- specific instruction on how to find and utilise VCAT decisions, including Red Dots, in a submission to support a position

- practical discussion on what to expect at a hearing including how to advocate effectively, handling the unexpected and dealing with difficult people.

Course presenter: Elizabeth Flint is a Statutory Planning Co-ordinator at Boroondara City Council overseeing Appeals and Investigations. She is a lawyer admitted in Victoria, New Zealand and California. Liz has specialised in planning and environment matters since 1995.

TUESDAY 3 APRIL 2012

The Metropole, 44 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

9.30am – 1.00pm | \$200.00 | 4 PD Points



GUMNUT SHIRE

Planning Enquiries
Phone: 9000 3000
Web: www.

Office Use Only Application No. _____ Date Lodged: / /

Application to AMEND a Planning Permit

If you need help to complete this form, read [How to Complete the Application to Amend a Planning Permit form](#)

▲ Any material submitted with this application, including plans and personal information, will be made available for public viewing, including electronically, and copies may be made for interested parties for the purpose of enabling consideration and review as part of a planning process under the Planning and Environment Act 1987. If you have any concerns, please contact Council's planning department.

▲ This form cannot be used to amend a permit issued at the direction of VCAT.

Questions marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory and must be completed.

The Land

① Address of the land. Complete the Street Address and one of the Formal Land Descriptions.

Street Address*

Unit No.: St. No.: St. Name:

Suburb/Locality: Postcode:

Formal Land Description* Complete either A or B.
▲ This information can be found on the certificate of title.

A Lot No.: OR Lodged Plan Title Plan Plan of Subdivision No.:

B Crown Allotment No.: Section No.:

Parish/Township Name:

Planning Permit Details

② What permit is being amended?*

Planning Permit No.:

The Amended Proposal

▲ You must give full details of the amendment being applied for. Insufficient or unclear information will delay your application.

③ What is the amendment being applied for?*

- Indicate the type of changes proposed to the permit.
- List details of the proposed changes.

If the space provided is insufficient attach a separate sheet.

This application seeks to amend:

what the permit allows plans endorsed under the permit

current conditions of the permit other documents endorsed under the permit

Details:

Provide plans clearly identifying all proposed changes to the endorsed plans, together with any information required by the planning scheme, requested by Council or outlined in a Council direction, and if required, include a description of the likely effect of the proposal.

Development Cost

④ Estimate cost of development*

If the permit allows development, estimate the cost difference between the development allowed by the permit and the development to be allowed by the amended permit.

▲ You may be required to verify this estimate.

Cost of proposed amended development: \$

Cost of the permitted development: \$

Cost difference (+ or -): \$

Insert 'N/A' if no development is proposed by the permit (eg. change of use, subdivision, removal of covenant).

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Amending planning permits

Content: Explores the different methods for amending a planning permit including secondary consents and section 72 and 87 applications. This session will provide the legal and practical perspectives of the different methods and will cover the referrals process, notifications and jurisdictional limitations.

Designed for: Planning managers and planners.

Learning outcomes:

- interpret the planning legislation relating to amending a planning permit
- compare the different processes and select the most appropriate method of amending a permit.

Course presenters: Presented by Maddocks lawyers.

WEDNESDAY 4 APRIL 2012

Level 15, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne

9.30am – 1.30pm | \$180.00 | 3 PD Points

Transport and accessibility planning

Content: This course will focus on the nexus of land use and transport planning and introduce participants to the practice of using accessibility measures as planning and decision-making support tools. Given the need to make urban transport more sustainable and carbon-neutral, the course examines how land use and transport planning have become more integrated, facilitated by specific visualisation and communication tools.

The challenges and opportunities associated with a more public transport-oriented city, and the progress Melbourne has made in this field in recent years, will be illustrated by introducing the Spatial Network Analysis for Multimodal Urban Transport Systems (SNAMUTS) tool developed by the presenter. There will be a review of land use and transport integration policies in some European study cities, whose present-day transport mode shares are in line with Melbourne's aspirations for the future.

A local government representative will provide comment on how accessibility tools have been used in planning practice, and wind up with a discussion on their merits.

Designed for: Strategic planners, urban designers and transport professionals interested in exploring the growing overlap, and need for collaboration, between these disciplines.

Learning outcomes:

- understanding the context of land use planning, urban design and transport planning
- learn about accessibility tools and how to use them
- investigate global best-practice public transport policy and measures, and their applicability to Melbourne conditions.

Course presenters: The course is designed and delivered by Dr Jan Scheurer, Senior Research Associate at RMIT University (Melbourne) and Curtin University (Perth). A local government practitioner will also be invited to reflect on the application of accessibility tools from their perspective.

Note: While accessibility for people with disabilities critically plays into the overall quality of land use-transport integration, it is not the main focus of this course. Accessibility is understood here in a broader, spatial sense.

Please note, course is limited to 24 participants.

THURSDAY APRIL 12 2012

Monash Conference Centre, Level 7, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne*

9.30am – 5.00pm | \$250.00 | 6 PD Points



Traffic and parking

Content: Traffic and parking can seem like a different language. The purpose of this interactive session is to 'de-code' the jargon; explain the concepts and provide you with real skills. The course will cover the essentials to analyse applications that involve traffic or parking considerations including the calculation of parking demand, how to read parking ratios, measuring the compliance of car parking dimensions and parking credits. The program will also include the role of the traffic engineers and the application of parking surveys and analysis.

On completion of the program you will feel confident in discussing concepts with consultants, traffic engineers and the community. An interactive workshop forms part of this program.



Designed for: This course is essential for planners currently working in a statutory planning and assessing car parking and traffic. It is also relevant to VicRoads engineers, engineers, architects and building designers.

Learning outcomes:

- understand the parking provisions at clause 52.06 of the planning scheme, and when a permit is needed to waive or reduce a car parking requirement
- identify how a SIDRA model and other predicative models work and their role in development assessment
- use turning templates to understand whether access for cars and trucks 'works' or not
- car stackers: what do you need to know about them; how do they work; how much space do they need etc
- discussion on the parking provisions of clause 55 and the traffic and road design provisions of clause 56
- understand the relevance of the Australian Standards.

Course presenters: This course is designed and delivered by John Glossop, Director, Glossop Town Planning P/L and a senior traffic engineer from GTA Consultants.

WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL 2012

Cliftons, Level 1, 440 Collins Street, Melbourne

OR

WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2012

The Metropole, 44 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

9.30am- 5.00pm | \$300.00 | 6 PD points

Memory skills plus speed reading

Invest just one day and discover how to read faster, remember more and tackle information overload. In this fun and interactive small group workshop, you'll be introduced to the brain-friendly techniques used by business people all over the planet to save time, boost their reading speed, improve their memory and achieve more each day.

The program will give you a rapid and effective introduction to Memory, Speed Reading and Information Mapping techniques. The presenter will show you how to apply these techniques in day-to-day situations to save time and get better results. A simple framework will be provided to help you apply and practice your new found skills. The program will also review how memory operates including the myths and true potential and the real reason you forget things. Speed reading is also briefly covered in the program, particularly reading strategies for different material.

Designed for: People who multi-task and need to be on top of it all.

Learning outcomes:

- to give you a rapid and effective introduction to Memory, Speed Reading and Information Mapping techniques
- to show you how to apply the techniques in day-to-day situations to save time and get better results
- to provide you with a simple framework to help you apply and practise your new found skills
- remember people's names, facts and other key business information
- give great presentations without referring to notes
- double your reading speed and remember more of what you read.

The program includes free access to a 21 Day Online Follow-up Program worth \$195 to give you an easy and effective way to practise what you learn at the workshop.

Course presenter: Workshop delivered by Australian Memory Record Holder Chris Lyons. An experienced trainer and facilitator, Chris also has over 10 years commercial experience gained in senior management roles in large Australian and UK companies prior to setting up Gloop in 2004. Chris has appeared on The Today Show, A Current Affair and TodayTonight. In 2008 Chris won the Australian Memory Championships Names competition by memorising 46 people's names in just 5 minutes.

THURSDAY 19 APRIL 2012

The Metropole, 44 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

9.30am – 5.00pm | \$320.00 | 6 PD Points



Building in activities areas

Content: Activities areas will increasingly become the focus for a range of services and facilities, so their successful planning and design is critical. The first half of this one-day course will focus on the key elements that contribute to making good activities areas such as:

- positive urban structure
- responding to context
- street design
- improving public spaces
- dealing with large retail developments
- case studies of different types of centres
- encouraging a mix of uses

A workshop will use a number of case studies to analyse the effectiveness of different design responses.

The second half of the course will address the planning and design of higher density residential developments as a particular development type within activities areas. It will focus on:

- urban design principles
- integrating higher density housing into activities areas
- urban context
- building envelopes
- streets and their edges
- building layouts and circulation
- open space and landscape.

A workshop component will involve participants in reviewing case studies for previous or current projects.

Designed for: Strategic and statutory planners, place managers, designers and others involved in the development of activities areas.

Learning outcomes:

- improved understanding of urban design principles for activities areas
- better understanding and assessment of planning applications in activities areas
- understanding the critical role of a quality public environment
- negotiating improved design outcomes.

Course presenters: Peter Boyle, Principal Urban Designer, DPCD, David Morrison, Urban Design Advisor, Stonnington City Council and Harry Polydorou, Place Manager, Stonnington City Council.

TUESDAY 8 MAY 2012

Prahran Town Hall, Cnr Greville and Chapel Streets, Prahran

9.30am – 4.00pm | \$250.00 | 7 PD Points

Interpreting significant decisions from VCAT

Content: This program covers recent significant VCAT decisions and how they can be interpreted. These decisions have implications for planners, lawyers, and environmental personnel dealing with interpretation of recent legislative and planning controls. As part of the review we also generally examine ways to apply and interpret policy with particular emphasis on clauses 10, 21 and 22. This will include discussion on the weight, relevance, legal status including practice notes and VCAT decisions. The program will also cover the role of policy in planning both at the State and local levels. Significant cases, including recent matters, will be cited and discussed.

The program provides a summary of the issues and findings of the Tribunal on:

- liquor licensing provisions related to clause 52.27 of planning schemes and in particular assessment of cumulative impacts
- *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*, and particularly the need for a Cultural Heritage Management Plan
- climate change, and in particular the implications for developments close to the coast
- ESD requirements in planning permits
- the Precautionary Principle particularly in relation to protection of water resources in Declared Water Catchments
- gaming, including the relationship between planning controls and gaming controls.

The program will also workshop case studies to illustrate the practical implications of the decisions.

Designed for: Planners and lawyers, and environmental officers and referral authorities who make representations to VCAT and need to keep up to date. The program is also suitable for rural councils who deal with the above issues.

Learning outcomes:

- to identify significant decisions on recent legislative and planning scheme provisions
- to determine the correct approach to interpretation and application of legislation, planning provisions and policy
- to compare approaches taken by different members of the Tribunal on the issues identified
- to evaluate the probative and policy approach to decision making in the VPP, including balancing conflicting objectives and which policy gets priority
- review the application of VCAT decisions on State and local policy
- to recognise the potential shortcomings in relying on a single aspect of policy to justify a planning decision.

Course presenter: This course is presented by Peter O'Leary, planning consultant, and former member of the Planning and Environment List at VCAT. Previously, Peter had 20 years experience in local government planning.

TUESDAY 8 MAY 2012

The Metropole, 44 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

OR

TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2012

Cliftons, Level 1, 440 Collins Street, Melbourne (video conferencing available)

9.30am – 1.30pm | \$180.00 | 3.5 PD Points

“Cost-effective and relevant – fantastic discussion.”

Designing the luminous city

Melbourne is a different place after dark. Good lighting transforms the city at night, it produces positive changes that enrich people's experiences and enhance their understanding of the city.

Public lighting plays an important role in Melbourne's bustling Central Business District, enhancing the city's image and delighting tourists. Outdoor lighting shows off Melbourne's distinctive buildings and public spaces.

The City of Melbourne's Lighting Strategy (2002) consolidates the experience gained from a decade of successful public lighting projects in the city. Its four themes are:

- design the luminous city: reinforcing perceptions of Melbourne's physical form
- safety and amenity: improving pedestrian safety and amenity
- attracting the evening crowd: bringing more activity into Melbourne's public spaces
- designing the sustainable city: minimising the negative environmental impact of outdoor lighting.

This has produced a public realm that is simple and low-key, but also elegant and clearly structured.

The strategy emphasises good functional lighting rather than elaborate decorative installations or ostentatious special effects.

Council is also committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions with efficient lighting playing an important role. It has three key management strategies that influence the management of public lighting: City Plan 2010; Sustainable Public Lighting Action Plan 2005-2010 and Zero Net Emissions by 2020.

We invite you to join City of Melbourne's award winning industrial designer on an illuminating evening walk around the city, as he shares transferable expert knowledge and experiences in transforming Melbourne's night image and identity.

Tour guide: Ian Dryden, Senior Industrial Designer, Urban Design Unit, City of Melbourne. His task since 1987 has been to program, design, implement and market street furniture and temporary facilities for the City. Ian's major task has been the design and coordination of the street furniture, temporary fixtures, lighting systems and pedestrian information signage for the City's master plan.

WEDNESDAY 9 MAY 2012

**City of Melbourne, CH2 – Council House 2,
240 Lt Collins Street, Melbourne**

4.30pm – 8.30pm (light refreshments provided) | \$40.00 | 3 PD Pts

Note, numbers strictly limited to 30 persons

The subdivision process

Content: This program is an introduction to the management of a subdivision application and the units of competence required to deliver a statutory service.

Designed for: Planners, subdivision officers and planning assistants who need to understand the basic subdivision process in local government.

Learning outcomes:

- understand the planning and statutory context for subdivision
- recall subdivision terminology
- develop an understanding of the subdivision process (both land and buildings)
- apply their understanding using real life case studies
- identify what information should be provided with an application for a subdivision permit.

Course presenters: John Glossop, planning consultant and Michael Loy, land surveyor.

THURSDAY 10 MAY 2012

OR

TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2012

The Metropole, 44 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

9.30am – 5.00pm | \$330.00 | 6 PD Points



"This is a very practical and helpful course."

Influencing composition and form of complex redevelopments (Unit 2)

New development on large individual 'brownfield' sites or clusters of adjoining sites provides an opportunity for a step change in the transformation of a locality, but can also pose a complex set of challenges in managing the interface with existing uses and interests, strains on established infrastructure, and coordination of a diversity of professional perspectives and agency responsibilities.

This unit explores techniques and precedents for ensuring that major redevelopments result in outcomes that are not only commercially attractive but contribute direct and indirect dividends to the surrounding locality and community. This may involve utilising portion of value uplift to support infrastructure upgrades and local area improvements, along with incorporation of features that ensure the new development integrates and enhances established urban form and identity.

The unit draws on case studies and lessons from local and relevant overseas precedent projects, exploring established and innovative models, processes and structures, and sharing practitioner experiences from private and public sectors.

Designed for: Senior and middle managers in public and private sectors with responsibility for overseeing 'preferred' urban change, and for specialist practitioners contributing to its delivery.

Learning outcomes:

- practical skills for effectively managing and influencing redevelopment projects
- applying a variety of techniques for reconciling public policy and private investment objectives to influence urban change outcomes
- awareness of emerging and innovative precedents, models and delivery structures for enhancing the efficiency of delivery and the quality of outcomes
- understanding of issues and techniques in accessing value uplift to contribute toward the quality of outcomes and enhancement of the locality
- establish confidence in brokering for outcomes at both the planning and delivery phases.

Course presenters: The unit is designed and led by Associate Professor Rod Duncan, School of Architecture and Building, Deakin University, Waterfront Geelong Campus. Rod has extensive practical experience in strategic planning and implementation across public sector agencies, including DPCD along with specialist international research and practice.

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FRIDAY 11 MAY 2012

Deakin University Melbourne City Centre, Level 3, 550 Bourke Street

9.30am – 5.00pm | \$340.00 | 7 PD Points

Introduction to VCAT – the hearing

Content: This long-standing program has been successful because it 'breaks the ice' for planners about entering a VCAT hearing and making a presentation. The course covers the role of VCAT's Planning and Environment List in hearing planning submissions. This is a half-day session including a brief introduction to VCAT, guided attendance at a hearing and a session on preparing and presenting your submission. It includes discussion with VCAT members about various procedural issues.

Designed for: Any person who needs to attend a VCAT hearing including new planners or planners who are presenting their first appeal and is applicable to consultants, referral authorities and local government.

Learning outcomes:

- to appreciate VCAT's role in decision making
- understanding the role and function of the parties
- know what to include in your presentation to VCAT and how to prepare your case
- analysis of the hearing.

Course presenters: This course is kindly supported by the VCAT Planning and Environment List and presented by Senior VCAT members.

WEDNESDAY 16 MAY 2012

OR

WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2012

VCAT, Level 2, 55 King Street, Melbourne.

9.00am – 1.00pm | \$150.00 | 4 PD Points



Licensed premises, gaming and brothel applications

Content: This program explores a range of current issues which must or should be considered in assessing permit applications for a licensed premises, gaming venue and or brothel. Issues related to a live music venue are also explored. The material reviews the relevant planning controls (clauses 52.27 and 52.28), the value of local policy and a practical methodology for assessing the cumulative impact of licensed premises.

The workshop will include a review and interpretation of recent VCAT planning cases for licensed premises, gaming and brothels. Consideration will also be given to extending landuses to properties with existing use rights. Matters related to noise and enforcement will also be considered.

The program will outline the role of the different government authorities including the role of the Department of Justice, the Director of Liquor Licensing, the Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation and the Environment Protection Authority. The Good Design Guide for Licensed Venues and other relevant publications will also be reviewed.



Designed for: Planners who are starting to assess gaming, licensed premises and brothel applications need to know the latest information on how the assessments should be made.

Learning outcomes:

- understand and interpret permit requirements for different applications
- recognise the role of planning policy for applications
- assessing relevant consideration as set out in the legislation and by Tribunal decisions
- illustrate the different roles of various authorities
- evaluate when and how social and economic impacts are to be considered
- understanding the role of existing use rights when assessing applications for existing premises.

Course presenters: This program has been developed and will be facilitated by Maddocks lawyers, with the assistance of the Department of Planning and Community Development, VCAT, with support from the EPA.

THURSDAY 17 MAY 2012

Cliftons Level 1, 440 Collins Street, Melbourne (video conferencing available)

9.30am – 5.00pm | \$300.00 | 7 PD Points

“Great networking/information sharing.”

Recognising architectural styles

Content: This program informs planners on the various architectural styles that characterise 19th and 20th century domestic architecture in Victoria. The key characteristics of Victorian, Federation/Edwardian, interwar and post-war house styles are explored and helpful hints in recognising the different stylistic types in the field are given. Illustrated notes are provided that will become an important practical reference in the office. A short walking tour concludes the program.

The course details common practices at the time related to chimneys, roofs and window styles. Practical workshop sessions also review building works and alterations to period fences.

Designed for: Planners who need to appreciate architectural styles when making decisions. Suitable for planners and people in the building profession who do not have any heritage knowledge.

Learning outcomes:

- understanding of different house styles in Victoria
- identification of the key characteristics and features of heritage houses in Victoria
- understanding the different fence types in Victoria.

Note: Bring suitable walking and all-weather gear.

Course presenter: Dr David Rowe is a heritage consultant in private practice and is also a heritage advisor to local government. He has considerable experience in the application of the Heritage Overlay.

TUESDAY 22 MAY 2012 OR WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2012

The Metropole, 44 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

9.30am – 5.00pm | \$320.00 | 7 PD Points



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Cultural heritage management plans – working with the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*

Content: Only a very small proportion of Victoria's land surface has been surveyed for Aboriginal cultural heritage places and objects. This means that Aboriginal cultural heritage values are likely to be present anywhere across the state. Planners have a role to play in monitoring the documentation and management of this cultural heritage in land use and development, in compliance with the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*. This course specifically deals with cultural heritage management plans and includes a review of recent VCAT cases on aspects of the preparation of plans.

The program summarises the key components of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*, and helps planners establish when a cultural heritage management plan is required, and understand how it is integrated into the planning approvals process. It will provide information on how to understand the areas of cultural heritage significance and discuss the issue of what constitutes significant ground disturbance. Other areas to be covered include the role of the planner and other decision makers in assessing the information on a Cultural Heritage Management Plan.

A cultural heritage advisor will provide information on finding and engaging an advisor and give some tips on preparing a brief for a cultural heritage advisor. The program will conclude with a presentation from a Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) covering what they look for in a plan and providing suggestions on how best to work with RAPs.

The first seminar also offers an optional field trip on the second day to inspect Aboriginal places and discuss the planning issues that impact on these places in practice. This field visit will be led by representatives of the Registered Aboriginal Party.

Designed for: This course is designed for people who need to prepare, read or understand cultural heritage management plans. This program is also suitable for project proponents ('sponsor' in the language of the Act) who need to prepare plans,

as well as planners who need to take account of plans when considering permit applications, and land managers.

Learning outcomes:

- understand Aboriginal cultural heritage and its importance to Victoria
- apply the requirements of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*
- identify when a cultural heritage management plan is required
- learn how to prepare a brief for a cultural heritage management plan, and how to interpret a cultural heritage management plan (as proponent)
- discuss the status of due diligence reports
- review the implications of and interpret recent VCAT decisions
- discuss how to locate and work with Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs).

Course presenters: The course will be facilitated and presented by Harry Webber, Acting Manager – Heritage Strategy, Aboriginal Affairs Victoria and other representatives from DPCD (Aboriginal Affairs Victoria). Sessions will also be presented by a cultural heritage advisor and a representative from a Registered Aboriginal Party.

TUESDAY 22 MAY 2012 (followed by recommended field trip on WEDNESDAY 23 MAY 2012 – departs 1 Spring Street)

OR

WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2012

Level 15, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne

9.30am – 4.45pm | \$300.00 | 7 PD Points

Cultural heritage management plans – the field trip

Content: There are many examples of Aboriginal cultural heritage places in Melbourne. These can present proponents, planners and Aboriginal communities alike with a number of issues relating to their preservation, wherever possible, and on-going management. This bus trip will be led by representatives of the Registered Aboriginal Party of the area, the Wurundjeri Tribe Land Compensation and Cultural Heritage Council Inc and the Department of Planning and Community Development. At this stage the details of the location of the trip have not been confirmed but the information will be available on the PLANET web-site early in the year.

Designed for: This field trip is designed for people who need to prepare, read or understand cultural heritage management plans. This program is also suitable for project proponents ('sponsor' in the language of the Act) who need to prepare plans, planners who need to take account of plans when considering permit applications, and land managers.

WEDNESDAY 23 MAY 2012

Meet at 1 Spring Street, Melbourne at 9.15am. Bus trip will cover various metropolitan locations throughout northern and western Melbourne

Bus leaves at 9.30am – returns 3.00pm (packed lunch provided)

\$150.00 | 4.5 PD Points



Effective strategic planning

Content: This course runs over two days. Day 1 provides a straightforward outline of the steps and the skills needed for effective strategic planning. It identifies the keys to success and the common failings of strategic plans. The course builds on the experience and knowledge of the participants, with opportunities to discuss common strategic planning issues.

Day 2 will focus on taking forward the outputs of the strategic plan and preparing those outputs for translation into a planning scheme. (Note that PLANET offers a separate one-day course on the planning scheme amendment process, providing technical process detail.)

Designed for: Strategic planners in local or state government, or in private practice, councillors or other professionals wanting to gain an informed understanding of effective strategic planning practices, processes and implementation. Referral authorities staff responding to planning scheme referrals will benefit from this course.



Learning outcomes:

- to understand the strategic planning process
- to develop the skills and approaches needed for integrated planning
- to identify the common failings of poor strategic planning
- to understand how to translate strategic plans into effective planning scheme instruments.

Course presenters: Lester Townsend is a Senior Panel Member at Planning Panels Victoria. Lester has a long involvement with strategic planning projects at a local and municipal scale.

David Klingberg is a Director of David Lock Associates. He has worked as a planner and urban designer developing and implementing plans, frameworks and structure plans over the last 15 years.

John Rantino is a partner at Maddocks lawyers and has extensive experience in planning and environment law.

Day 1: TUESDAY 29 MAY 2012

Monash Conference Centre, Level 7, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne*

9.30am – 5.00pm

Day 2: THURSDAY 28 JUNE 2012

Level 15, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne

9.30am – 1.30pm

\$420.00 | 9 PD Points

“Great course – great presenters.”

Designing new communities

Content: Good urban layouts are based upon well connected and integrated neighbourhoods, where activities areas, public transport, services and facilities are conveniently located and readily accessible to people of all ages and abilities.

In this one-day course we will look specifically at urban layouts to support liveable and sustainable communities. This includes design of the movement network, block and lot design, landscape, access and mobility and water management. We will also consider some of the financial impacts and implications for people living in Melbourne's emerging communities.

A bus tour will visit the new communities of Laurimar, South Morang and the award winning University Hill to examine urban design issues related to urban structure and land subdivision in growth areas and the challenging process of designing sustainable new communities.

Designed for: Local government planners, subdivision officers, architects/designers, property developers and land surveyors.

Learning outcomes:

- better understanding of the urban design principles needed for assessment of a residential subdivision
- capacity to apply the sustainable neighbourhood principles of Clause 56 of the Victoria Planning Provisions to residential subdivision
- enhanced ability to recognise the layers of a well functioning urban structure, including neighbourhood, subdivision, street and residential lot design
- understanding why a well designed urban structure is critical in delivering sustainable, more liveable and healthier neighbourhoods.

Course presenters: Senior urban designers with the Urban Design Unit, DPCD, and representatives from Kildonan Uniting Care, Lend Lease, City of Whittlesea.

WEDNESDAY 30 MAY 2012

Kildonan Uniting Care, 188 McDonalds Road, Epping (Melways Ref 182 J11)

9.30am – 4.00pm | \$250.00 | 6 PD Points



Native vegetation

Content: Native vegetation is critical for maintaining the health of Victoria's land and catchments as well as protecting the habitats of the State's threatened flora and fauna.

The Government's approach to managing native vegetation seeks to maintain ecological security and minimise economic costs. A strategic approach to native vegetation management and the three steps of avoid, minimise and offset is encouraged through the Native Vegetation Framework. This program will introduce the framework and net gain policy and provide a practical perspective on understanding the relevant issues.

A strategic approach enables significant native vegetation to be identified and planned for early in strategic and regional planning processes. Structure plans, native vegetation precinct plans and property vegetation plans are key tools for managing native vegetation at a strategic level. The program includes several workshops, with one workshop focussing on site layout and design.



Learning outcomes:

- to identify what is native vegetation and whether you require a further flora study
- to apply the requirements of the practice notes
- to assemble the correct information at the earliest part of the approval stage
- to know when to seek native vegetation requirements when issuing permits
- the application of net gain principles
- to appreciate the strategic approach to native vegetation management
- to evaluate site layout and design of plans and preparation of precinct plans
- learn how to balance competing policy objectives.

Note: Bring or wear comfortable walking shoes and all weather clothing as the program will include a field trip.

Course provider: The course is presented by Lincoln Kern, Managing Director of Practical Ecology Pty Ltd. The company contracts and consults in ecological restoration and environmental planning.

THURSDAY 31 MAY 2012

Edendale Farm, Gastons Road, Eltham (Melways Ref 22 A1, A2)

OR

THURSDAY 18 OCTOBER 2012

Evans Street Grasslands, Evans Street, Sunbury (Melways Ref 382 D6)

Note, the venue is located off the southern end of Evans Street, next to the self-storage depot

9.30am – 5.00pm | \$300.00 | 6 PD Points

Doing density: Melbourne's growth

Content: Forecasts suggest that Melbourne is likely to reach a population of 5 million by 2030. As higher density becomes more prevalent, professionals involved in shaping Melbourne require a more sophisticated understanding of built form.

How will you contribute to the shape of our city?

All those involved in development applications play a critical role in creating the type of city we aspire to inhabit. Planners have the opportunity to inform design decisions beyond simply Rescode. This seminar will empower planners and other built design professionals to respond positively to the diverse priorities of community, councils and developers.

Designed for: Those involved in development applications for higher density development including urban planners, architects, designers and developers.

Learning outcomes:

- comprehension of architectural terminology for discussing medium and higher density buildings within their physical contexts
- awareness of current and emerging housing models for medium and higher density within the Melbourne context
- understanding the form and vision of the city in 2030, and how to contribute to this through incremental development
- skills to recognise missed and optimised development opportunities
- abilities to engage in discussion about preferred built form outcomes and offer reasoned argument.

Course presenter: Robyn Pollock is a practising urban designer and registered architect. She also lectures at The University of Melbourne, Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning. Robyn has a strong commitment to the quality of the built environment and to design education.

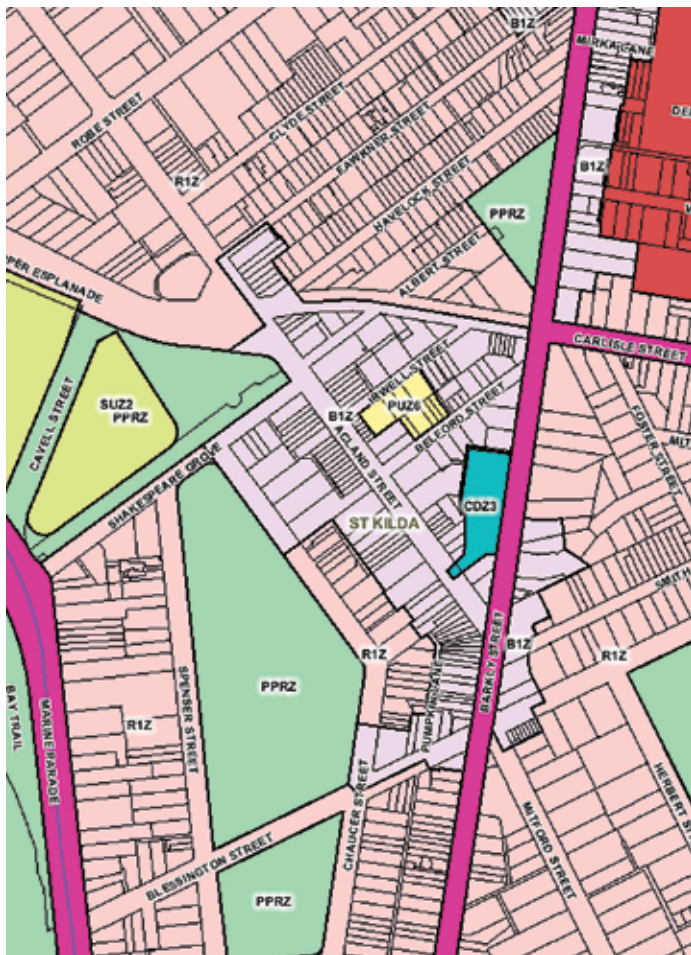
TUESDAY 5 JUNE 2012

The Metropole, 44 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

9.30am –5.00pm | \$280.00 | 6 PD Points

"Really useful course."





Planning scheme amendment process

Content: While planning scheme amendments are an essential part of land use management, many questions arise regarding the administration process and in particular the accuracy requirements. Planning scheme amendments are administered through a standard process. This seminar will cover the legislative basis for amendments and the statutory steps in preparing an amendment.

Designed for: All planners involved in preparing amendments but especially local government strategic and statutory planners, and referral authority staff.

Learning outcomes:

- to interpret the legislative requirements for processing planning scheme amendments
- to apply a knowledge of the statutory process
- to develop an awareness of the information available through the DPCD website
- to understand basic amendment document drafting.

Course presenters: This course will be presented by John Glossop, planning consultant, a member of Planning Panels Victoria, and DPCD staff.

THURSDAY 7 JUNE 2012

Cliftons, Level 1, 440 Collins Street, Melbourne

OR

WEDNESDAY 31 OCTOBER 2012

The Metropole, 44 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

9.30am – 5.00pm | \$280.00 | 6 PD Points

“Engaging presenter, fantastic course.”

Presentation and communication skills

Content: It's not much use having a good message if you don't communicate it effectively to your audience. Planners make presentations in many different situations, but the rules for a good presentation are common, regardless of the context.

Learn how to make a dynamic presentation; improve your self-confidence; overcome your fear of public speaking; convince your audience; and win them over!

Designed for: Local government and consultant planners, councillors and planning assistants.

Learning outcomes:

- effective presentation and communication techniques
- improved self confidence in public speaking.

Course presenter: Dennis Max enjoys a formidable reputation for his presentation skills training courses, as witnessed by his wide range of corporate and government clients. Dennis will show you how to make presentations an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Note: This course is limited to a maximum of 10 people to ensure effective outcomes from the learning experience.

Participants will need to prepare some pre-course material and bring it on the day. It will take you no more than 30-60 minutes to complete. The task will be e-mailed to you at least one week prior to the course date. Ensure that your email address details on the registration form are correct.

FRIDAY 8 JUNE 2012

Level 15, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne

9.30am – 5.00pm | \$320.00 | 7 PD Points



Four and more storeys – using the guidelines for higher density residential development

Content: The Guidelines for Higher Density Residential Development (GHDRD) were developed so planning system users can assess and approve well-designed higher-density housing that responds to both policy and context priorities.

Increased provision of higher-density housing is intended to better meet population and household forecasts; provide increased housing choice, particularly in middle and outer suburbs; make better use of existing infrastructure; provide support for a wider range of life-style choices; encourage walking, cycling and public transport as sustainable transport modes; and contribute to the quality and amenity of the public environment.

The assessment of taller buildings in established urban contexts is a complex and potentially 'subjective' process, requiring skills in interpreting plans, understanding context (current and future) and translating strategy into built form.



The course will include discussion of a range of built examples and a practical workshop component.

Designed for: This course will be like the ResCode course, but for higher rise developments. It is designed for strategic and statutory planners; urban designers and place managers; and for professionals involved in developing designs for higher density residential developments.

Learning outcomes:

- understand the Guidelines for Higher Density Residential Development
- how to observe and analyse the local urban context, including constraints and opportunities
- gain insights into what informs the design of higher density development
- how to use the GHDRD effectively in planning application assessments.

Course presenters: John Glossop is Director, Glossop Town Planning Pty Ltd. John is a sessional Planning Panels Member, and was a member of the ResCode Advisory Committee. He is a former lecturer at VUT and LaTrobe University. He appears at VCAT as an expert witness.

Simon McPherson is an architect and urban designer. He is Director of SJB Urban Pty Ltd, a specialist urban design practice in Melbourne and Sydney. SJB Urban is involved in both strategic plans for public sector clients, and large-scale developments in the private sector.

TUESDAY 12 JUNE 2012

The Metropole, 44 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

9.30am – 4.30pm | \$300.00 | 7 PD Points

Planning law essentials

Content: There are a number of key legal principles that planners need to know to do their jobs. Familiarity with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, planning schemes made under the Act, and the relationship with other legislation is a focus in this half day presentation.

This workshop will provide a broad overview of the essential components of planning 'law' – how to interpret a scheme, the difference between use and development, existing use rights, the roles of various authorities and amending a planning scheme.

Note that there are other PLANET training programs that specifically cover planning scheme amendments, writing planning permit conditions and planning enforcement and compliance matters.

Designed for: Planners and planning assistants in the public and private sectors seeking an understanding of the workings of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the planning schemes.

Learning outcomes:

- understand the structure, key elements and relationship of planning schemes and the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*
- basic understanding of statutory interpretation principles
- ability to better enforce and administer a planning scheme and identify the limits of a planner's power.

Course presenters: This course is designed and presented by legal representatives from Maddocks lawyers.

WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE 2012

Maddocks lawyers, 140 William Street, Melbourne

OR TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2012

Cliftons, Level 1, 440 Collins Street, Melbourne (video conferencing available)

9.30am – 1.30pm | \$200.00 | 4 PD Points



“Very engaging and interesting, great mix of examples and theory.”

“You can’t put that there!” Public art, planning and the public domain

Content: From street art murals to major sculptural commissions, public art provides a range of urban planning challenges and opportunities. This course focuses on understanding the diversity of public art practice and experiences, how public art interacts with planning processes and how to ensure the best outcomes from public art projects.

The course considers the relationship between the various stakeholders in public art projects and how managing public art differs from conventional capital works processes, with consideration of such issues as moral rights, artist’s rights, copyright, public morality etc.

The course will also consider the interface between urban design, architecture and public art, and the potential for integration between art and the public realm, and where public space becomes a form of art.

Designed for: Planners wanting to maximise the benefits of public art within an urban design project or context or who are involved in the consideration of public artworks from a statutory perspective. Anyone involved in urban design, structure planning or place management.

Learning outcomes:

- identify the different models of contemporary public art practice
- understand how art can be used to activate public spaces
- understand the urban design potential of public art
- understand the potential social outcomes of public art
- appreciate public art planning issues from both a planner’s and an art practitioner’s perspective
- explore the interaction and overlap between urban design, architecture and public art

- discuss and debate the notion of public domain as art in itself
- experience local and international examples of public art integrated with the public domain
- identify appropriate skills, knowledge and experience to maximise the benefits of public art projects.

Course presenters: Richard Holt is an arts consultant and was previously the Urban Art Officer at the City of Port Phillip. An artist and curator, he has been involved in public art for over twenty years.

Simon McPherson is an architect and urban designer. He is Director of SJB Urban Pty Ltd, a specialist urban design practice in Melbourne and Sydney. SJB Urban is involved in both strategic plans for public sector clients, and large-scale developments in the private sector.

THURSDAY 14 JUNE 2012

The Metropole, 44 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

9.30am – 5.00pm | \$320.00 | 6 PD Points

*“I totally enjoyed all aspects of this course.
Inspiring, challenging and useful.”*

Statutory planning processes

Content: This program is focussed on the competencies required to process a planning application in local government. It provides an introduction to Victoria's planning system and the operation of the Victoria Planning Provisions. The morning session reviews the elements of a planning scheme vital to enable appropriate decisions. Zones and overlays regulate land use and development throughout Victoria. Knowledge about how zones are derived will aid practitioners and improve comprehension. The material will differentiate between the purpose of zones and the uses within zones, and overlay controls. Consideration will also be given to the definition of uses in the planning scheme.

The afternoon session goes through the day-to-day operation of issuing a planning permit. The material covered includes the details on the permit, pre-lodgement processes, permit triggers, comprehending landuse nesting and information requirements. Other matters include implementing referrals and providing public notice, the decision on an application, how to draft a permit and what is an invalid decision.

The program will include active workshop sessions.

Designed for: New planners needing an understanding of planning system basics.

Learning outcomes:

- to interpret the planning scheme in relation to zones, overlays and specific provisions
- to select and evaluate the appropriate zone for a particular use or development
- to recognise the different objectives for zones and overlays
- to apply the planning scheme provisions to planning applications through practical examples
- learn how to determine whether a planning permit is required

- how to organise information on a planning permit
- identify the key areas which would make a permit invalid.

Course presenter: The session is presented by Duncan Turner, Manager of Planning, City of Casey. Duncan also lectures at Swinburne University of TAFE in the Certificate IV in Local Government (Planning) program.

TUESDAY 19 JUNE 2012

Cliftons, Level 1, 440 Collins Street, Melbourne

OR

TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2012

Monash Conference Centre, Level 7, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne*

9.30am – 5.00pm | \$250.00 | 7 PD Points

"This is the best of the PLANET courses I have attended."



Structure planning for activity centres

Content: This full-day program will focus on practice note 58: *Structure planning for activity centres*.

Structure planning aims to guide development into the future and needs to be informed through a municipal and regional understanding of activities areas. The key aims of structure planning are to identify the nature and extent of change projected within the activities area and to responsibly manage and facilitate that change. They provide planning certainty to encourage particular land use outcomes and promote the appropriate development opportunities. Urban design informs appropriate built form, height, massing, street setbacks and public realm.

The program will focus on how to develop a structure plan including preparing an implementation plan, identifying any planning scheme changes required through a Statutory Framework or Development Framework and exploring non-statutory implementation measures such as land exchange or site consolidation, public/private partnerships, marketing, centre promotions and place management.

The training will include a presentation on the Activity Centre Zone (ACZ), the preferred tool to guide and facilitate the use and development of land in activities areas and major regional centres. The ACZ is a centre-wide tool developed specifically for application at Central, Principal, Major and Specialised Activities Areas in metropolitan Melbourne.

It has also been developed for application at larger regional cities which demonstrate distinct 'CBD' type functions and have undertaken a structure planning process.

A tour of the Smith Street Structure Plan study area will invite those involved in the planning and development of activities areas to share their insights and experience on the challenging process of delivering positive urban change.

Designed for: Local government statutory and strategic planners, economic and social planners, urban designers, architects/designers, place managers, property developers, transportation planners, traffic engineers and private consultants.

Learning outcomes:

- greater understanding of the methodology/process for preparing structure plans
- better understanding of statutory implications when considering the development of structure plans
- understanding the statutory and non-statutory implementation requirements
- better understanding of urban design principles for activities areas
- understanding built form - height and setback controls in activities areas (from a technical viewpoint)
- improved ability to identify opportunities for public and private partnerships.

Course presenters: Representatives from DPCD Urban Design Unit and Sherry Hopkins, Co-ordinator Strategic Planning, City of Yarra.

WEDNESDAY 20 JUNE 2012

The Metropole, 44 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

9.30am – 4.00pm | \$220.00 | 6 PD Points

Writing a Municipal Strategic Statement (and local planning controls)

Content: This course provides clear guidance for the effective drafting of local policies and planning controls. It identifies the do's and don'ts of implementing policy and structure plans in schemes. The emphasis is on practical tips for drafting and managing the drafting process.

The program refreshes the concept and purpose of policy under the layers of the planning scheme and examines the interrelationship between State and local planning policies. In particular we review where different policy is found, the State Planning Policy Framework, the Municipal Strategic Statement, the role of local planning policy and council policy documents, and how this contributes to the development of the MSS.

The program will improve clarity in the application of policy and consider balancing competing objectives. Case studies will be used to draw examples including strengths and weakness of policy development.

Designed for: Strategic planners in local or State government or private practice, who want to improve their skills at drafting planning controls and local policies.

Learning outcomes:

- to understand the role of strategic and statutory planning and the use of the VPPs as related to policy
- to gain an understanding of how to implement strategic plans using the planning scheme
- to recognise and manage conflicting policies in the drafting of the MSS
- to critically assess the relevance and legal status of policy
- to understand how to manage the drafting process
- to identify the characteristics of good drafting, and the common failings of poor drafting.

Course presenters: Lester Townsend is a Senior Panel Member at Planning Panels Victoria. Lester has a long involvement with planning scheme drafting and has authored a number of guides on the subject, as well as several MSSs.

Cazz Redding runs the consultancy red ink planning, mainly working with local government. She is also a Sessional Panel Member at Planning Panels and Sessional Lecturer at RMIT and has been involved in the drafting of a number of MSSs.

THURSDAY 21 JUNE 2012

Monash Conference Centre, Level 7, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne*

9.30am – 1.30pm | \$200.00 | 4 PD Points



Rural and regional planning challenges – using evidence-based decision-making

Content: Across Victoria, land use is changing as a result of environmental, social and economic drivers. Critical decisions are made on issues including changing climatic conditions; emerging energy opportunities; maintaining biodiversity; domestic and global markets; technology; and transport.

The importance of using current spatial information to help meet these challenges is critical to inform land use planning. The course will provide an understanding of the different types and scale of information managed by State and local government, and how it can be accessed and used for informed decision-making. Through case study examples of strategic and statutory work, the course will also outline how regions have driven better collaboration on rural and regional planning issues.



Designed for: Planners in government or private practice, councillors and other professionals wanting to gain a better understanding of issues facing their region, and how to respond.

Learning outcomes:

- identify, interpret and use the information available to inform land use planning in your locality and region
- understand the key trends and identify solutions through case study examples
- provide a platform for regional collaboration
- provide a regional policy context to land use planning, including an overview of recently completed work
- explore best practice community participation.

Course presenters: The program will be delivered by representatives from the Department of Planning and Community Development, other government agencies, the Municipal Association of Victoria, local government and a private consultant.

TUESDAY 26 JUNE 2012

The Metropole, 44 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

9.30am – 5.00pm | \$280.00 | 7 PD Points

Facilitating environmentally sustainable development (including heritage places)

Content: The potential impact of climate change makes us more conscious regarding the way we build, the building material used, the water we harvest and the renewable energy products available to assist in heating and cooling. This program investigates the most current direction in planning for sustainability and it includes planning legislation and the Building Code of Australia. While a planning permit is not always required a well grounded knowledge is essential to planning for sustainability. The conservation of heritage places also makes an important contribution to environmental sustainability.

Consideration is also given to proposals to improve energy efficiency for heritage places. Some actions include optimising traditional building performance by reducing and monitoring energy usage, and complying with relevant legislation. This program also outlines the issues relating to heritage significance and sustainability, through a presentation of the basic principles, as well as case studies of sustainable design measures to heritage buildings.

Designed for: Planners, consultants, advisors, and others seeking a basic knowledge of the issues involving sustainability measures to properties including heritage places under the heritage overlay and a knowledge which can be applied to all properties.

Learning outcomes:

- considering planning and cultural heritage significance in developing sustainable design solutions
- understanding the sustainability options available, and whether the measures are appropriate to buildings, including heritage
- identifying the main issues which need to be addressed in optimising the performance of buildings
- understanding (in basic terms) the energy efficiency provisions of the Building Code of Australia (BCA) and determining opportunities for alternative solutions if these are required to minimise heritage impacts.

Course presenters: Dr David Rowe is a heritage consultant in private practice and is also a heritage advisor in local government. He will be joined by Stuart McLennan, private building surveyor and consultant. Part of the program will include a planning sustainability officer from local government and an architect specialising in architectural sustainability measures.

WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE 2012

Monash Conference Centre, Level 7, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne*

9.30am – 5.00pm | \$300.00 | 7 PD Points



Referral authorities and the planning system

Content: Referral authorities play an important role in the operation of the Victorian planning system.

The *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the *Victoria Planning Provisions* set out a process by which referral authorities can participate in the planning system.

This course has been designed to provide staff employed by referral authorities with a clear understanding of:

- the structure and content of planning schemes
- what parts of the Planning and Environment Act are relevant?
- in what circumstances are planning permits referred?
- what are the timelines?
- what issues can a referral authority include as a permit condition?
- what is a valid planning permit condition and how to write one?
- what is the role of VCAT and how can referral authorities participate in this?



Designed for: This course is designed for the staff of any referral authority engaged in assessing planning permit applications. This includes staff of:

- service providers (water, power etc.)
- VicRoads
- Country Fire Authority
- Government departments, such as DSE and CMAs.

This course would be useful to recent graduates and referral staff that have only recently become involved in assessing planning permit referrals.

Learning outcomes:

- an understanding of the applicable legislation, including timelines
- an understanding of the planning system
- an ability to draft a concise response to a planning application referral, including permit conditions and letter of advice.

Course presenter: The course is designed and delivered by John Glossop, Director, Glossop Town Planning P/L. John is a sessional Planning Panels Member and appears at VCAT as an expert witness.

TUESDAY 24 JULY 2012

The Metropole, 44 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

9.30am – 5.00pm | \$300.00 | 6 PD Points

"I learnt a great deal!"

Existing use rights

Content: Existing use rights are an integral component of planning law. Once someone has them, they are protected by the Planning and Environment Act and the planning scheme. They are also regulated to some extent. This session examines the nature of these rights – how they are established, what rights are protected, how they are regulated, and how they are lost.

Designed for: Every statutory and strategic planner requires knowledge of the principles governing these rights.

Learning outcomes:

- understand what is an existing use right
- identify the establishment of existing use rights
- what is the nature of these rights
- identify the mechanisms of how councils can regulate an existing use right
- to recognise how an existing use right is lost.

Course presenters: The course is presented by Maddocks lawyers.

WEDNESDAY 25 JULY 2012

Level 15, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne

9.30am – 1.30pm | \$200.00 | 4 PD Points





Urban renewal bus tour

Victoria Gardens, Tooronga Village, Waverley Park, Aerial at Camberwell Junction and The Well at Camberwell

We invite you to join a tour focussing on significant urban renewal sites, new buildings and public spaces in the middle ring of metropolitan Melbourne. The tour will visit Victoria Gardens Richmond, Tooronga Village Glen Iris, Waverley Park, Aerial at Camberwell Junction and The Well in Camberwell.

On route, our tour guides will share expert knowledge on:

- the importance of the urban context
- the role of new buildings in urban areas
- building and urban design:
 - scale / massing
 - height / setback
 - street level activation
 - pedestrian permeability
 - car access and parking
 - amenity and neighbourhood character

Tour guides: Senior urban designers with the DPCD Urban Design Unit, representatives from local councils and architectural practices, including Wood Marsh Pty Ltd Architecture.

Note, numbers strictly limited to 45 persons.

WEDNESDAY 8 AUGUST 2012

Meet in the foyer 1 Spring Street, Melbourne

9.30am – 4.00pm | \$80.00 | 6 PD Points

Ethics and efficacy in planning decisions

Content: Efficacy means achieving a desired effect or outcome. Ethics means a code of correct conduct or behaviour.

This program is designed to provide insight and guidance on the issues faced by urban and regional planners working in local government or for a public authority. Areas covered include evaluating policy; balancing competing objectives when making a decision or recommendation; focussing on the real planning issues in a dispute; providing unfettered professional advice; what to do when your recommendation is overturned; and how to defend a decision that was contrary to your recommendation.

Designed for: This course is primarily designed for statutory and strategic planners. It would also be beneficial to referral authority staff and others involved with the Victorian planning system.

Learning outcomes:

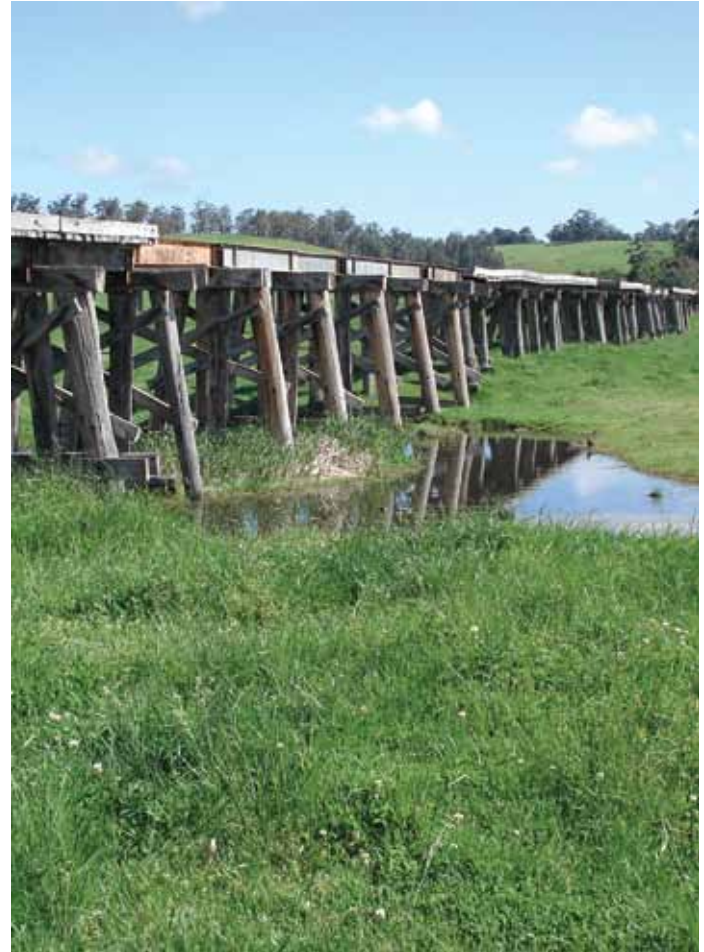
- to provide confident decisions/recommendations on difficult and controversial planning issues
- to embrace a culture of ethical decision-making
- to identify techniques to produce desired outcomes in planning decisions
- to understand the need to be impartial and act fairly
- to identify the consequences of planners taking sides in local planning issues and means to avoid repercussions from disaffected people.

Course presenter: This course is presented by Peter O'Leary from Polplan Pty Ltd. Peter was until recently a long-serving member of the VCAT Planning and Environment List. He has a strong background in local government planning and management.

TUESDAY 14 AUGUST 2012

The Metropole, 44 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

9.30am – 1.30pm | \$200.00 | 4 PD Points



Mediating planning applications

Content: This course provides a step-by-step process, and refreshes the skills needed, to facilitate successful meetings over planning applications. The course is highly interactive and builds on the experience and knowledge of participants. Hands-on practice is directly relevant to typical challenges faced by planners. This program is also being subsidised by PLANET to enable cost savings for councils.

Designed for: Council officers at all levels and local government councillors have all benefitted from this program.

Learning outcomes:

- understanding the principles and processes of mediation and interest-based negotiation



- competency in facilitating meetings with and between applicants and objectors (or other situations involving diverse interests and high emotions)
- effectiveness in managing the role of facilitator alongside other roles planners must play
- how to manage aggressive and other difficult behaviours at the counter, over the phone, on site and at meetings.

Course facilitators: Bruce Turner has wide experience as a facilitator and mediator in major infrastructure projects, environmental disputes and in team-building and strategic planning within organisations. He has trained professionals at all levels in Victoria's planning system in facilitation and conflict management skills over the last 16 years. He is also a licensed trainer with the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2).

David Bryson has over 20 years experience as a mediator in community, human rights and workplace disputes. He led the establishment of community-based mediation centres in Victoria. He is currently a conciliator at the Victorian Accident Compensation Conciliation Service and a freelance trainer and adviser in the design of dispute resolution systems.

Note, course is restricted to 20 people.

THURSDAY 16 AND FRIDAY 17 AUGUST 2012

Monash Conference Centre, Level 7, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne*

9.30am – 5.00pm | \$850.00 | 14 PD Points

“The whole course was excellent....I believe that the presenters were probably the best I have yet experienced. Well done....”



Plan reading skills

Content: This session provides for the fundamentals of plan reading. It has been prepared for the new planner or planning assistant who needs to comprehend the basic details on the plan but does not engage in architectural interpretation. The material is prepared to assist officers in comprehending the terminology and details on drawings. The course will include short practical workshops.

Designed for: New planners and planning assistants who need to read plans efficiently.

Learning outcomes:

- to measure information (distances and height) off a site layout plan which is drawn to scale
- learn to recognise the terminology on drawings and location of solid walls, windows (types) and doors
- to comprehend the significance of true north and the sun and the impact it has on overshadowing and orientation in terms of design options
- to understand the principles of contours on plans and establish how land survey points are derived
- to recognise the importance of contours on land mass and changing ground levels including excavation and the impact on measurement.

Course presenter: The course is presented by Chris Harty of ChristopherChris Architects and is supported by the Australian Institute of Architects.

THURSDAY 23 AUGUST 2012

The Metropole, 44 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

9.30am – 1.30pm | \$200.00 | 4 PD Points

Writing permit conditions

Content: A planning permit is a legal document that allows a certain use or development to proceed on a parcel of land. The way in which a planning permit is written dictates its legal validity, enforcement rights and future use of the land. The audience will be engaged with hypothetical scenarios regarding the writing of conditions for planning permits and taught what to include in the preamble.

Designed for: Local government planners and referral authority staff.

Learning outcomes:

- understand the regulatory framework for a permit and the enforcement of conditions
- defining under what provisions a permit is required
- to write concise and accurate planning permit conditions
- to understand the relationship between the preamble and conditions of a permit
- to recognise the distinction between permit outcomes and the scheme provisions.

Course presenter: The course is presented by Brett Davis, Director, Davis Planning Solutions, and a Sessional Member of Planning Panels Victoria. He is also Vice President of PIA (Victoria).

TUESDAY 28 AUGUST 2012

Monash Conference Centre, Level 7, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne*

9.30am – 1.30pm | \$180.00 | 3 PD Points



“Good balance of theory/activity.”



Presenting your submission at VCAT

Content: This is a very popular PLANET program. Leading experts in the field will engage in active discussion and case study examples in cross examination techniques, starting from the needs and expectations of the Tribunal, the skills for planners in presenting submissions, giving evidence and being cross examined by others. It will include exercises to improve cross-examination skills. The program focuses on the art of persuasion and the role of each party at a VCAT hearing, presented by expert consultants and lawyers.

Designed for: Planners who appear or give evidence at VCAT and who need to sharpen their presentation and cross-examination techniques.

Learning outcomes:

- understand the role of cross examination in acquiring further information
- learn VCAT's expectations on the importance of evidence and its use in the Tribunal
- recognise the methods to collect the information (evidence) by creating and developing the appropriate questions
- develop more confidence in applying the principles of how to present evidence and submissions and to question an expert witness
- tips of the trade on how to focus during cross-examining.

Course presenters: This session will be delivered by Philip Martin, Member, VCAT Planning and Environment List, John Rantino, Partner Maddocks lawyers, and Andrew Rodda, Director Contour Consultants.

WEDNESDAY 29 AUGUST 2012

Cliftons, Level 1, 440 Collins Street, Melbourne

9.30am – 1.30pm | \$220.00 | 3 PD Points

Essential economics in urban planning

Content: This one-day course explains the importance of having an appreciation of urban economics and the ways in which economics underpins good urban and regional planning and development. The course introduces participants to economic fundamentals that influence urban and regional development and shows what goes into the preparation of market assessments, economic impact assessments and net community benefit and how to assess economic-related aspects of development applications. Where possible, the course is conducted in non-technical language and with numerous real-life project examples.

The course demonstrates the importance of economics in the preparation of strategic land use and development plans and structure plans, especially in regard to the supply and demand for land for a range of uses including residential, retail, commercial, industrial and tourism activities. The course will acquaint participants with the assessment of retail floorspace potential, industrial land requirements and the like and will indicate the ways in which demographic and socio-economic indicators assist in informing these economic assessments.

The course will also include case studies to illustrate key economic aspects and provide practical skills in the preparation of economic tender documentation.

Designed for: All planners and other professionals involved in preparing, for example, structure plans, activity centre plans and municipal strategic plans and those involved in development applications for major retail, commercial, industrial and residential projects.

Learning outcomes:

- to understand key economic fundamentals associated with urban planning (e.g. supply and demand, socio-economic indicators, labour markets, property markets, consumer spending)

- to be acquainted with techniques used by economists in assessing development applications and structure planning (estimating land supply and floorspace requirements, assessing employment generation potential)
- to understand the need for economic research in planning projects and to recognise when to seek specialist economic assistance
- to understand the key components involved in preparing economic impact assessments (investment, employment and net community benefit)
- to provide the necessary skills to enable the preparation of economic-related tenders/briefs.

Course presenters: John Henshall, B Com (Econ), Dip TRP, LFPIA, Principal and Matthew Lee, Director, Essential Economics Pty Ltd.

TUESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2012

Monash Conference Centre, Level 7, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne*

9.30am – 5.00pm | \$300.00 | 7 PD Points



"This course is practical and highly interactive."

Successful public spaces

Content: Urban design shapes the physical features of settlements to create engaging places for people to go about their lives in safety and to make connections with other people and with places and buildings.

Public spaces are settings for developing key social aspects of human life. Comfortable and stimulating public environments provide opportunity for social interaction and participation in public life, for observing the behaviour and interactions of others.

Successful public spaces are shaped by the attitudes, experience and skills of a wide range of people who make or influence decisions about development and the management of change in those places.

This one day course will look specifically at the key ingredients for developing a successful public space, including vision, practical quality design, implementation and management. It will introduce participants to issues in creating public spaces relating to design quality, architectural style, integrating heritage, public art and cultural elements, character appraisal and sustainability.

It will analyse the structure of public spaces, the value of well designed public places and the impact of public and private development on achieving successful outcomes.

The course will include a tour of public spaces in Oakleigh and Clayton.

Designed for: Statutory and strategic planners, architects and designers, landscape architects, property developers, transportation planners, civil and traffic engineers and land surveyors.

Learning outcomes:

- greater awareness and understanding of the principles of urban design as applied in the Victorian context
- enhanced understanding of the role and function of public spaces, why people will use a public space and why they will not
- improved ability to analyse public spaces, and the connections and interactions with buildings 'on plan' and on site
- better understanding of the tools available to assess and negotiate public space design proposals.

Course presenters: Senior urban designers with DPCD that have extensive experience in all aspects of design and planning and delivering training that improves the skills and expertise of urban development professionals. Representatives from the City of Monash.

WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2012

Monash Public Library, Oakleigh Library, 148 Drummond Street, Oakleigh

9.30am – 4.00pm | \$200.00 | 6 PD Points

Port Melbourne waterfront

As one of Melbourne's most significant waterfront locations, the Port Melbourne waterfront plays a central role in defining the capital city character of Melbourne.

Today, the historic waterfront precinct includes a range of land uses and activities, from industrial maritime through to a highly urbanised mixed use precinct. The character of the area reflects these varied land uses and history, and the waves of development over the waterfront's life are reflected in its distinctive built form and urban spaces. Historic Station Pier continues to operate as a functioning port and is an important part of Victoria's economy.

In response to unprecedented development pressures along Port Melbourne's waterfront precinct, the City of Port Phillip recently prepared a draft 'Port Melbourne Waterfront' – Urban Design Framework (UDF). The key actions identified in the UDF, focus on balancing the diversity of land uses in line with the community's values and expectations.

We invite you to join the walk around the Port Melbourne waterfront to explore recently completed projects and view the waves of development that continue to shape the precinct. Throughout the walk, developers, architects and council officers will share their expert knowledge and experiences in the challenging process of delivering positive change.

Tour guides: Senior urban designers with the Urban Design Unit, DPCD and representatives from City of Port Phillip.

Note, numbers strictly limited to 30 persons.

WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2012

Meet at Beacon Cove Light Rail Terminus, Port Melbourne

9.30am – 12.30pm (morning tea provided) | \$40.00 | 3 PD Points





Preparing and assessing a bushfire management statement

Content: The Bushfire Management Overlay provisions ensure that development in areas affected by a significant bushfire hazard will only take place after full consideration of bushfire issues.

An application prepared under the Bushfire Management Overlay provisions must include a bushfire management statement that demonstrates the way in which the application meets the relevant objectives, standards, mandatory standards and decision guidelines within clause 44.06 (Bushfire Management Overlay) and clause 52.47 (Bushfire Protection: Planning Requirements) of planning schemes.

This program focuses on the preparation and assessment of a bushfire management statement utilising various case studies.

Designed for: Local government planners, referral authorities and planning consultants.

Learning outcomes:

- understanding of the information required in a bushfire management statement
- ability to prepare or assess a bushfire management statement.

Course presenters: This program will be delivered by the Department of Planning and Community Development and the Country Fire Authority.

THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2012

Cliftons, Level 1, 440 Collins Street, Melbourne

10.00am – 5.00pm | \$250.00 | 7 PD Points

Building subdivisions and owners' corporations

Content: Subdivision training programs have received considerable interest. With State planning policy encouraging increased densities, there are demands on council officers to assess small lot subdivisions as well as larger lot boundaries. This new program provides answers to enable officers to respond to different questions emerging from building subdivisions and the obligations of Owners Corporations.

Building subdivisions range in complexity from small two-lot subdivisions without an owners' corporation to high-rise mixed-use developments with several owners' corporations and even limited owners' corporations.

This course provides an overview of the different types of building subdivisions and describes how to gain planning approval and a registered plan of subdivision. The program also considers the format and content of plans of subdivision and design aspects such as the choice of boundary location, the structure of Owners Corporations, lot entitlement and liability, and how these impact the future use and management of the dwellings. As part of the workshop session, case studies will demonstrate the permit approval process, issues such as covenants and section 173 agreements, and explain plan format and content. Some case studies will involve amending plans of subdivision under section 32 of the Subdivision Act.

Designed for: Planners, surveyors, lawyers, subdivision officers, and others involved in the subdivision approval process.

Learning outcomes:

- understand the role of strategic and statutory planning in medium density housing
- recognise property rights, ownership and the Torrens system including the types of building subdivision
- analyse the history of how units have been subdivided to create "strata" titles
- recall the rules for management of owners' corporations

- apply the principles considered in an assessment of a building subdivision application
- identify the format and content of plans of subdivision
- understand the importance of the boundary locations in building subdivisions
- critically assess the design of limited owners' corporations, lot entitlement and liability.

Course presenters: The program will be delivered by Dr David Mitchell, Director, Land Centre, School of Mathematical and Geospatial Sciences, RMIT University, Sandra Stewart, Subdivisions Officer, City of Boroondara, and a legal representative from DLA Piper.

FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2012

Level 15, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne

9.30am – 5.00pm | \$300.00 | 7 PD Points



Urban design and practice

Content: This session demystifies the language of urban design, and will improve planners' confidence in dealing both with urban design issues and urban designers. Urban design is about creating rather than regulating. To assist the creative process, various tools are available including urban design frameworks and urban context reports. But there are also good design principles with a long history of application in successful urban form.

The program covers what urban designers do, provides an urban design vocabulary, presents urban design as an inclusive and collaborative process and provides a practical hands-on exercise. The afternoon session is a practical workshop, involving a nearby site-visit and the application of site analysis/design response principles for an infill development. Syndicate work is then analysed and discussed, before a local architect provides her views on how the site can work.



Designed for: Anyone looking for an enhanced understanding of urban design, and people dealing with the design aspects of planning scheme applications and amendments.

Learning outcomes:

- how to make responsible urban design decisions based on a replicable and rational design methodology
- understand the fundamental elements of urban design practice; formal design principles; the notion of the guiding theme
- the grouping of building mass, and the organization of streetscapes and urban space
- understand the critical role of context in urban design
- perceive urban design as an inclusive and collaborative process.

Course presenter: Robyn Pollock is an architect and urban designer with a passionate commitment to the quality of the built environment and to design education. Robyn is in private practice and lectures at the University of Melbourne.

THURSDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2012

1st Floor, Architecture Building, University of Melbourne

9.30am – 5.00pm | \$260.00 | 7 PD Points

Strategic planning for bushfires

Content: The 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission recognised the role that land-use planning can play in strengthening community resilience to bushfire. Its recommendations seek to ensure that bushfire is considered at different stages of the planning process and protection of human life is to be the overriding objective of planning for bushfires.

This program provides an overview of the considerations that can support local planning for bushfire protection, including:

- subdivision design
- tailoring the Local Planning Policy Framework (LPPF) in response to bushfire matters
- providing guidance on how to prepare schedules to the Bushfire Management Overlay.

Designed for: Planners, architects/designers and land developers who work in areas that may be affected by bushfires, including those subject to the Bushfire Management Overlay.

Learning outcomes:

- understanding the planning tools that are available to apply a strategic approach to bushfire matters and to support consideration of bushfire issues in planning schemes
- knowing how to integrate bushfire considerations into strategic planning, including new subdivisions.

Course presenters: This program will be delivered by the Department of Planning and Community Development and the Country Fire Authority.

TUESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2012

Cliftons, Level 1, 440 Collins Street, Melbourne

10.00am – 5.00pm | \$250.00 | 7 PD Points



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Please note it is the second car park on the right hand side. No discount is applicable if delegates park in the first car park which is Secure Parking.

- Monday – Friday \$11 per day
- Weekend – \$7 per day

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