

21.05 INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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This clause provides local content to support Clause 19 (Infrastructure) of the State Planning Policy Framework.

21.05-1 Electricity generation and distribution

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Overview

At a regional level the role of local energy systems that capture renewable resources and create local generation have been recognised. Local energy systems can stimulate economic investment and have long term potential to create more resilient local energy in the shire.

Key Issues

- Opportunities to establish renewable energy resources as a key local infrastructure assets.
- Regional wind resources provide an increased opportunity for rural areas to support innovative energy or alternative renewal energy developments.

Objective 1 To reduce the municipality’s reliance on non-renewable energy.

- Strategy 1.1 Support the development of locally generated renewable energy.
- Strategy 1.2 Encourage landowners, developers and builders to incorporate renewable energy systems.
- Strategy 1.3 Promote use and development that reduces energy consumption and reliance on the supply network.

Implementation

The strategies in relation to electricity generation and distribution will be implemented through the planning scheme by:

Policy guidelines

- Encourage renewable electricity generation and distribution in the shire.

Further strategic work

- Investigating the use of small-scale renewable energy systems for small townships.

21.05-2 Distribution of social and cultural infrastructure

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Overview

Evidence shows that the conditions in which we live, learn, work and play have an enormous impact on our health. A range of social determinants such as access to employment, education, housing, social connections, transport, and food security, may also affect our health. There is a growing evidence base demonstrating the relationship between

environment and health status; for example, the links between the natural and built environments, physical activity, chronic disease, obesity and mental health and wellbeing.

Key Issues

- Providing access to community infrastructure to meet the needs of residents throughout the shire’s urban and rural communities.
- Encourage the provision of integrated social infrastructure to service the needs of the shire’s culturally diverse people of difference ages and abilities.
- Provide for children’s services in Stawell and St Arnaud.

Objective 1 To facilitate the development and maintenance of community facilities throughout the municipality’s urban and rural communities.

Strategy 1.1 Focus development around existing community infrastructure and services to maximise the efficient use of community services in the municipality and surrounding region.

Strategy 1.2 Encourage the provision and development of health and government services in the municipality.

Objective 2 To encourage social infrastructure that is designed with good access, and managed in a flexible way to ensure it is able to respond to changing to community needs, and encourages a sense of community.

Strategy 2.1 Plan for the provision of integrated social infrastructure across the municipality and allocation of resources for social infrastructure.

Strategy 2.2 Encourage lifecycle-targeted facilities and services, such as those for children, young people and older people, as well as facilities and services for groups with special needs, such as families, people with a disability and Indigenous and culturally diverse people.

Strategy 2.3 Provide passive and active recreational opportunities for residents and visitors throughout the shire.

Strategy 2.4 Facilitate and encourage the development and use of land to support children’s services and activities for children in Stawell and St Arnaud.

Strategy 2.5 Facilitate and encourage the development of post-secondary and tertiary educational facilities in the municipality.

Strategy 2.6 Support development that improves access to arts and cultural programs and events.

Strategy 2.7 Support development that increases accessible and affordable transport options for residents and visitors.

Strategy 2.8 Encourage use and development that ensures the responsible management of lakes and waterways.

Strategy 2.9 Encourage use and development that incorporates renewable energy use and environmental sustainability.

Implementation

The strategies in relation to the distribution of social and cultural infrastructure will be implemented through the planning scheme by:

Application of zones and overlays

- Applying appropriate zoning to land to provide access to open space, renewable energy, services, social infrastructure and transport.

Reference documents

Northern Grampians Shire Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2013-2017

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Waste and resource recovery infrastructure

Overview

Planning for the safe and sustainable management of all waste materials, and maximising opportunities for resource recovery, requires waste and resource recovery infrastructure in appropriate locations and maximising the use of existing infrastructure.

Key Issues

- Protecting waste and resource recovery assets from encroachment from sensitive uses.
- Providing adequate buffers to protect the operation of waste and resource recovery infrastructure.
- Identifying appropriate locations for future waste and resource recovery infrastructure.

Objective 1 To promote and facilitate the establishment and protection of appropriate waste and resource recovery infrastructure.

- Strategy 1.1 Ensure that the role and function of the Statewide landfill at Bellellen is not prejudiced by directing sensitive uses a suitable distance away from the landfill.
- Strategy 1.2 Provide adequate separation and buffer zones between sensitive land uses and waste and resource recovery infrastructure in the shire.
- Strategy 1.3 Support the relevant regional waste and resource recovery group in the identification of new, and protection of existing waste and resource recovery infrastructure in the shire, to meet the shire's waste and resource recovery needs.
- Strategy 1.4 Support sustainable wastewater management and drainage practices with waste water collection and treatment systems, appropriate lot sizes to accommodate on-site treatments and best management practice for on-site stormwater management.

Implementation

The strategies in relation to waste and resource recovery infrastructure will be implemented through the planning scheme by:

Application of zones and overlays

- Apply the most appropriate zone and overlays around the Statewide Landfill, Pomonal Road Bellellen and waste and recovery infrastructure to protect the ongoing operation of these facilities.