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Shire of Murchison – Local Planning Strategy and Scheme

The Shire is working with planning consultants, Urbis, to prepare and deliver the strategic and statutory planning framework for the Shire that reflects the Shires Vision for the future. This page has been established to provide ready access to project related information

What is the project all about?

This project seeks to deliver a Local Planning Strategy which identifies a development vision for the community with a clear pathway to implementation, delivering responses with clear actions, roles and responsibilities. A Local Planning Scheme will also be prepared in parallel that provides a contemporary and performance-based planning framework for the consideration of future land uses and development proposals within the Shire. Although building upon key themes & objectives of the Strategic Community Plan, it is important to note that the Local Planning Strategy & Local Planning Scheme will play different roles in shaping Murchison's future.

What is a Local Planning Strategy?

A Local Planning Strategy is a high level, strategic document that sets out the Shire's objectives for future planning and development for the Shire of Murchison over the next ten to twenty years. The development of the Local Planning Strategy is the first stage of broader process to prepare the Shire's Local Planning Scheme, providing the strategic basis for the new Scheme.

What is a Local Planning Scheme?

A Local Planning Scheme is a document that provides tools to appropriately manage land uses and development within a local government area. The Shire currently has no Local Planning Scheme. Under legislation the Shire is required to prepare a Local Planning Scheme that reflects best practice for managing and controlling land use and development.

What are the intended project timeframes?

- Late 2013 – preparation of draft documents and maps
- Early 2014 – formal advertising for public comment
- Mid 2014 - adoption of strategy and scheme
- Late 2014 – Final approval by state government.

Relevant reports to Council:

- September 2013 – to commence the process of prepare a scheme and strategy

Other useful information

- Local Planning Manual for Western Australia - <http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/819.asp>
- An introduction to the planning system in Western Australia - <http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/899.asp>

How can you get involved?

Community input is an essential part of this process. An initial community survey has been completed, with the results currently being compiled.

If you haven't had a chance to fill out the survey yet but are still interested in doing so, please find a link here:

Wish to talk to somebody about the project?

If you have any enquiries, feedback or wish to ask any questions relating to this project please do not hesitate to contact Shannon O'Loughlin or Simon Wilkes of the Urbis project team on (08) 9346 0513 or soloughlin@urbis.com.au