CLUNES TOWNSHIP SURVEY

Hepburn Shire Council is developing Township Structure Plans for our five main townships - Clunes, Creswick, Daylesford and Hepburn Springs, Glenlyon and Trentham. The structure plans aim to protect and enhance the existing character of our townships and rural settlements and to guide appropriate growth and development into the future.

The structure plan for Clunes will seek to develop a shared vision that protects what we value, improves liveability, while empowering the community to thrive.

Town structure plans are being developed as part of our strategic planning project, Future Hepburn. Along with the structure plans, Future Hepburn will include shire-wide strategies, place-based projects specific to each of the townships and a range of technical studies and reviews.

The questions in this survey will inform the development of the Clunes Structure Plan. We want to know your ideas on housing, business and economic development, transport connectivity, neighbourhood character and urban design, environment, heritage and biodiversity.

There will be many opportunities to be involved as we develop the structure plan and Future Hepburn.

Thank you for your interest in this project. We want to hear from you! Have your say:

- Complete the **Clunes Township Survey.** Allow 10-15 minutes.

  NB: We recommend that you spend some time reading the 'Clunes Conversation Starter' to inform your answers. You can also complete the survey online at https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/future-hepburn.

- Attend the **Community Conversations** event:

  Thursday 1 June - Clunes Town Hall, Clunes 4-6pm.

Have questions or want to learn more? Contact our Strategic Planning Team on 5348 2306 or email strategicplanning@hepburn.vic.gov.au.

ABOUT CLUNES

1. What do you like or value about Clunes? (Tick all that apply) • Connection to the environment and biodiversity • The rural character • The lifestyle • The community • Access to services/ facilities • Access to Melbourne/ Ballarat/ Bendigo • The town's unique heritage • Other (please specify)	**2. Is there anything you think should change?** (Tick your top five priorities) • A range of housing options • Improved community facilities • Transport connections • More industrial areas • Improved access to jobs • Better health services • Sporting and recreation services • Better environmental and sustainability outcomes • Better protection and enhancement of heritage • Support for economy and business • Other (please specify)
3. Is there anything that should NOT change?	
4. How would you like Clunes to be in the future? (Rank from most important = 1 to least important = 6) ○ The same/ similar to how it is now ○ More opportunities for new housing ○ More opportunities for business/ industry ○ More protection for agriculture ○ More protection for wildlife/ bushland areas ○ Well known heritage town	
5. Do you have any concerns about the future of Clunes?	
6. Feel free to add any other comments or suggestions?	

HOUSING

7. **What sorts of housing does your town need?** (Tick all that apply) • Smaller houses suitable for singles, couples and smaller families • Accessible housing for older adults or people with a disability • Large family houses • New home sites • Smaller affordable home sites • Social and affordable housing • Town does not need additional housing • Other (please specify)	**8. Reflecting on your last response, how could this be improved?**

9. How concerned are you about the availability and affordability of housing?
(Circle one option)

Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	NEUTRAL	Not really concerned	Not concerned at all

10. Thinking about the next 15 years, do you see yourself: (Tick one option) • Staying in your current home • Moving to a smaller home within Hepburn Shire (downsizing) • Moving to a larger home within Hepburn Shire (upsizing) • Moving to an accessible house • Moving away from Hepburn Shire • Not sure	11. **What do you see as the most significant housing need for your community?** (Tick your top three priorities.) • Adequate housing supply – to ensure sufficient land to accommodate population growth. • Appropriate location of future housing – new housing is located close to public transport, open space, facilities and services. • Preferred neighbourhood character – new housing that aligns with the desired look, feel and function of an area. • Housing diversity and accessibility – housing options for people at different life stages and abilities. • Housing design quality – access to well designed and energy efficient housing. • Affordable housing choices – access to affordable housing, regardless of social or economic status.
12. If the town were to grow, where should that growth in housing occur? (Tick all that apply) • Within town boundaries • Close to town centre • Outside the town boundary • Utilising vacant blocks • Increasing housing density • Other (please specify)	**13. Do you have any further comments about housing in your town?**

BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

14. What types of businesses and services would you like to see added to Clunes? (Tick all that apply) • Retail • Trades and Industry • Food businesses • Farm businesses • Health services • Childcare services • Other (please specify)	**15. What would make your town more attractive for businesses?** (Tick your top five priorities) • Land to establish and/or expand your business. • High quality telecommunications connection and business support • Safe and accessible road network • Improved public transport and connectivity • More accommodation for workers • Improved public amenities and visitor facilities. • Lower emissions operations and support for electric vehicles • Other (please specify)
16. What is important for businesses located in Clunes? (Tick all that apply) • Adequate on and off-street parking • Keeping with town character/visual amenity • Outdoor spaces • Public amenities (e.g. toilets) • Land supply / serviced land for industrial uses • Transport connections • Other (please specify)	**17. What areas are suitable for industrial or commercial uses, trades, farm supplies and similar businesses?** (Tick all that apply) • Within town boundaries, • Close to town centre • Outside the town boundary • Utilising vacant blocks • Close to public transport • Other (please specify)

TRANSPORT, MOVEMENT & ACCESS

18. What modes of transport have you used over the past month in the Shire?
(Tick all that apply)

- Walking
- Cycling
- Private car
- Train
- Bus
- Taxi / Rideshare
- Other (please specify)

19. Tell us where and/or how <u>walking</u> facilities could be improved.

20. Tell us where and/or how <u>cycling</u> facilities could be improved.

21. Tell us how <u>public transport</u> facilities could be improved.

22. Which of the following could be improved?
(Tick all that apply)

- A missing connection or link
- A path, corridor, road, crossing or intersection where you or your family do not feel safe
- A spot where way finding, sign or directions may help
- Making walking or riding a nicer experience
- Improved surfaces
- Unsafe road or intersection
- Safety for wildlife
- Other (please specify)

23. Reflecting on the answer in your last question, tell us where the location is.

ENVIRONMENT & HERITAGE

24. **Are there areas in your town that you think should not be developed due to biodiversity, flooding or fire risks or other environmental constraints?**

25. What biodiversity enhancements would you like to see implemented?

Please note: The next questions refer to European heritage only.
DJAARA is being supported by Council to undertake a separate cultural value assessment that will inform the town structure plans.

26. What is the most important heritage place or building to you in Clunes?

27. What heritage places would you like to see protected?

(Tick all that apply)

- Historic homes
- Streetscapes eg bluestone drains,
- Dry stone walls
- Avenues of honour, large trees and gardens
- Industrial or agricultural buildings
- Public buildings and spaces
- Monuments and civic squares
- Historic mining landscapes or remnants
- Vistas
- Other (please specify)

28. **Do you have any stories about your town and what makes it special?**

URBAN DESIGN & NEIGHBOURHOOD CHARACTER

29. What are the most important features that contributes to the character of Clunes?
(Tick your top five priorities)

- Large street trees
- Wide streets and nature strips
- Low front fencing
- Landscaped front gardens
- Architectural styles, roof forms and building materials
- Single storey buildings
- Two-storey buildings
- Detached housing
- Heritage
- Spacing around buildings
- Views and sightlines
- Landmarks
- Drainage lines, creeks, and lakes
- Topography, hills, valleys, natural features of the lands surface
- Other (please specify)

30. **What features of your towns character would you like protected?**

31. What features of your towns character would you like to see extended into new areas?

32. **What is it about your local area that is important to you and the overall character, amenity, and feel of your neighbourhood?**
(Tick all that apply)

- Trees, gardens and wildlife
- Parks, playgrounds and open spaces
- Community, neighbourly feel, quiet, safe, clean
- Connectivity, access, facilities and services
- Low density housing, detached homes, space around homes
- Older original homes, sense of history
- Walkability and Cyclability
- Limit building heights/mass
- Adequate parking
- Variety of housing
- Other (please specify)

33. **What are the most important features that contribute to your experience in your town centre?**
(Tick your top five priorities)

- Quality of the footpaths
- Historic feel
- Outdoor seating areas
- Street trees
- Shade and shelter
- Street lighting
- Bicycle parking
- Information / Wayfinding signs
- Public art
- Places for food and drink
- Shopping
- Public toilets
- Public buildings (town hall, library, etc)
- Other (please specify)

COMMUNITY & CULTURE

34. What additional community or cultural infrastructure is needed in Clunes?
(Tick your top three priorities)

- Large community meeting/event spaces
- Small community meeting/ event spaces
- Sporting grounds and facilities
- Informal parks and gardens
- Playgrounds
- Public toilets and seating
- Accessible public spaces
- Shared paths
- Arts and cultural facilities
- EV charging
- Community transport
- Jetties and pontoons

35. Referring to your response in the last question, why is this infrastructure required?

36. Are there any other community facilities and services that are lacking?

37. What are your top three priorities for community or cultural infrastructure?

Please tell us a little about yourself, this helps us ensure we have a good range of responses from across the Shire.

38. What is your relationship with Clunes? (Tick One)

- I live here
- I work here
- I own a property here
- I am a visitor
- Other (please specify)

39. **If you reside in or own a property in the Shire in which Ward is that located?** (Tick one)

- Birch Ward, including Daylesford, Hepburn, Basalt, Dry Diggings, Kooroocheang, Leonards Hill, Musk Vale, Sailors Flat, Shepherds Float and Yandoit
- Cameron Ward, including Clunes, Campbelltown, Evansford, Glengower, Lawrence, Mount Beckworth, Smeaton, Ullina, and Werona
- Coliban Ward, including Trentham, Bullarto, Fern Hill, Little Hampton, Lyonville, Musk, Newbury, North Blackwood, Spring Hill, Trentham East, and Tylden
- Creswick Ward, including Creswick, Allendale, Blampied, Broomfield, Cabbage Tree, Creswick North, Dean, Eganstown, Kingston, Langsdon Hill, Mollonghip, Mount Prospect, Newlyn, Smokey Town, Springmount, Sulky and Rocklyn
- Holcombe Ward, including Glenlyon, Coomoora, Clydesdale, Denver, Drummond, Drummond North, Guildford, Mount Franklin, Porcupine Ridge, Strangways, and Wheatsheaf
- I am a Hepburn Shire Council ratepayer but live outside the Shire
- I work or participate in Hepburn Shire but live outside the Shire
- None of the above

40. **Age** (Tick one)

- 0-19 years
- 20-39 years
- 40-59 years
- 60-79 years
- 80+ years

41. **Gender** (Tick one)

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary
- Prefer not to say
- Other

42. Do you identify as any of the following?

- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- A person with a disability
- LGBTQIA+
- Parent/ guardian of a child under 18 years
- English is not my first language
- None of the above

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