

Draft Daylesford-Hepburn Springs Structure Plan Submission Form

Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback on the draft Daylesford and Hepburn Springs Structure Plan. We encourage you to read the information provided on the Daylesford and Hepburn Springs Township Structure Plan project page before completing this form. We also suggest that you have a copy of the draft structure plan open to refer to as you complete the form. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at strategicplanning@hepburn.vic.gov.au.

Submissions are open from 1 May to 12 June 2024.

Introduction

The Daylesford and Hepburn Springs Structure Plan is being developed to manage growth and development of the town to 2050. It is part of Council's Future Hepburn project which aims to protect and enhance the existing character of our towns and rural settlements. The purpose of the Daylesford and Hepburn Springs Structure Plan is to plan for the future of Daylesford and Hepburn Springs by protecting the town's distinctive positive elements and building upon its opportunities. This will guide the physical and natural environment, liveability and activities of the townships.

Broadly speaking there are four elements to a Structure Plan: Vision, Objectives, Strategies and Actions.

We are seeking your feedback on:

- How comfortable you are with the Vision and Objectives developed in collaboration with the Daylesford and Hepburn Springs Township Community Panel.
- What you like and what improvements could be made to the key themes' strategies and actions.
- General comments on the draft Daylesford and Hepburn Springs Structure Plan.

Daylesford and Hepburn Springs Shared Vision

The shared Vision was developed and refined with direct input from the Daylesford and Hepburn Springs Community Panel members. They respond to the key opportunities, challenges, values and priorities of the broader community. The Vision and Objectives provide the foundation for developing the Structure Plan's Strategies and Actions.

Daylesford and Hepburn Springs shared Vision is:

'Daylesford and Hepburn Springs are famous scenic towns set within the forest and known for their mineral springs, heritage, health and wellbeing. We are a diverse, accepting and connected community, living and learning from the Dja Dja Wurrung. Daylesford is a vibrant place with a colourful mix of creative and innovative businesses complemented by a thriving arts scene and lively night-time economy. Hepburn Springs conveys a more peaceful village atmosphere in keeping with its spa town heritage. The towns and their natural features are linked by safe and accessible pedestrian and cyclist networks that encourage an active community and wildlife corridors for native species. Views to surrounding farmlands and forested hills are

framed by an eclectic mix of preserved heritage buildings, sensitively designed new development and dense street tree canopies. New residential development is environmentally sustainable and well designed, offering greater housing choice and affordability for all ages and incomes ensuring a diverse sustainable population and services to meet our needs. Daylesford and Hepburn Springs are truly picturesque destinations where people of every age can live, work, visit, play and relax.'

How comfortable are you that the vision is reflective of the shared values and aspirations of the Daylesford and Hepburn Springs community? With five stars being very comfortable and 1 star being very uncomfortable.

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Please share with us your reasons for your rating:

Daylesford and Hepburn Springs Structure Plan's Key Themes

The Objectives for the six key themes of the structure plan were developed and refined with direct input from the Daylesford and Hepburn Springs Community Panel. Objectives outline how we can realise the Vision into the future.

The accompanying Strategies and Actions describe how the objectives will be achieved and are reviewed regularly – strategies (10 to 15 years) and actions (5 to 10 years). These were developed in response to the feedback gathered during the earlier community engagement, current Council strategies, plans and projects and recommendations from the various technical studies undertaken as part of Future Hepburn.

Key Theme 1: Housing

The Objective of this theme is:

'To ensure housing is affordable, sensitively and sustainably designed, and responsive to existing and future community needs.'

How comfortable are you with the Housing objective as developed by Daylesford and Hepburn Springs Community Panel? With five stars being very comfortable and 1 star being very uncomfortable.

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Please share with us your reasons for your rating:

The Strategies of the Housing theme are:

- Facilitate a diverse range of housing types in the township particularly within walking distance of the town centres to enable people to age in place, provide for key workers and deliver more affordable housing options.
- Ensure new development is sensitively designed reflecting the valued heritage character of the towns' residential areas with respect to built form, scale, setbacks and vegetation.
- Encourage well designed, climate responsive residential development that also responds to environmental hazards such as bushfire.

There are nine actions listed that support the objective and strategies relating to the Housing theme.

Share with us what you like and what improvements could be made to the Housing strategies and actions?

Key Theme 2: Business and Economy

The Objective of this theme is:

'To facilitate a diverse visitor economy and a mix of creative industries, retail, commercial, health and service industries to support a thriving local economy.'

How comfortable are you with the Business and economy objective as developed by Daylesford and Hepburn Springs Community Panel? With five stars being very comfortable and 1 star being very uncomfortable.

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Please share with us your reasons for your rating:

The Strategies of the Business and economy theme are:

- Reinforce the town centres as the commercial and civic heart of the towns by facilitating a diverse mix of creative, cultural and tourist based businesses and strengthen the towns' weekday economy.
- Preserve the compact and denser town centre in Daylesford and consolidate the town centre in Hepburn Springs.
- Ensure there is adequate land supply for future economic growth, commercial and industrial demand and local employment.
- Support existing and emerging tourist businesses and offerings within the towns and their surrounds.
- Ensure appropriate infrastructure to support business development.

There are nine actions listed that support the objective and strategies relating to the Business and economy theme.

Share with us what you like and what improvements could be made to the Business and economy strategies and actions?

Key Theme 3: Environment and Heritage

The Objective of this theme is:

'To identify and protect the unique environmental, landscape and design features of the towns that reflect their setting and protects them from known environmental hazards and degradation.'

How comfortable are you with the Environment and heritage objective as developed by Daylesford and Hepburn Springs Community Panel? With five stars being very comfortable and 1 star being very uncomfortable.

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Please share with us your reasons for your rating:

The Strategies of the Environment and heritage theme are:

- Manage and limit development outcomes on land subject to flooding and bushfires.
- Protect and enhance biodiversity values of land identified for potential residential or industrial rezoning.
- Ensure views to forested hills and agricultural land are preserved and enhanced.
- Protect and enhance the water quality and quantity of the towns' mineral springs, lakes and waterways.
- Ensure a resilient community that has the tools and resources to manage fire and natural disasters.
- Preserve and enhance the towns' unique heritage buildings and places, and natural features.

There are 18 actions listed that support the objective and strategies relating to the Environment and heritage theme.

Share with us what you like and what improvements could be made to the Environment and heritage strategies and actions?

Key Theme 4: Urban Design

The Objective of this theme is:

'To ensure that well designed buildings and streets contribute to the character and heritage of the towns.'

How comfortable are you with the Urban design objective as developed by the Daylesford and Hepburn Springs Community Panel? With five stars being very comfortable and 1 star being very uncomfortable.

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Please share with us your reasons for your rating:

The Strategies of the Urban design theme are:

- Preserve heritage elements including lanes, blue stone kerbs, gutters and planters, and other character elements, ensuring additions to these are sensitive to and reflect the existing heritage character.
- Ensure new public spaces reflect the existing town character and fit in with their setting.
- Ensure new development nestles into the well landscaped townscape and respects the scale and style of existing buildings.
- Provide car parking facilities that improve private vehicle access without detracting from the scenic and heritage qualities of the towns.
- Maintain a ring of agricultural diversity around both towns preserving views to agricultural land.
- Maintain the visual balance of tree cover and buildings on the skyline in streets, reserves and public spaces throughout the townships.

There are 10 actions listed that support the objective and strategies relating to the Urban design theme.

Share with us what you like and what improvements could be made to the Urban design strategies and actions?

Key theme 5: Movement and Access

The Objective of this theme is:

'To ensure residents are provided with a variety of options to move around that are safe, attractive, accessible and integrated and do not rely solely on vehicle ownership.'

How comfortable are you with the Movement and access objective as developed by Daylesford and Hepburn Springs Community Panel? With five stars being very comfortable and 1 star being very uncomfortable.

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Please share with us your reasons for your rating:

The Strategies of the Movement and access theme are:

- Provide accessible towns with clear and direct movement networks that are safe, connected and designed to meet the capacity requirements of existing and future communities.
- Create a movement network that provides a high level of amenity and safety for pedestrians and bicycle riders.
- Enhance walking access and integration to avoid walking on major roads in both towns.
- Enhance existing walking tracks and encourage greater use.
- Enhance community transport options to and within the town.
- Manage the impacts of truck movements throughout Daylesford.
- Increase frequency and quality of public transport services available to residents and visitors.

There are 14 actions listed that support the objective and strategies relating to the Movement and access theme.

Share with us what you like and what improvements could be made to the Movement and access strategies and actions?

Key Theme 6: Community and cultural infrastructure

The Objective of this theme is:

'To ensure community facilities and infrastructure are safe, accessible, and sustainably designed supporting a healthy and well-connected town community of all ages.'

How comfortable are you with the Community and cultural infrastructure objective as developed by Daylesford and Hepburn Springs Community Panel? With five stars being very comfortable and 1 star being very uncomfortable.

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Please share with us your reasons for your rating:

The Strategies of the Community and cultural infrastructure theme are:

- Provide and maintain community facilities, services and infrastructure that meets the needs of the local and regional community and caters to people of all ages.
- Embrace the creative identity of Daylesford and Hepburn Springs by incorporating this identity into community facilities.
- Advocate for State and Commonwealth provided services to cater to the growing population of the town including schools and medical services.
- Ensure facilities are designed for participation by everyone in the community.

There are 13 actions listed that support the objective and strategies relating to the Community and cultural infrastructure theme.

Share with us what you like and what improvements could be made to the Community and cultural infrastructure strategies and actions?

General Feedback Questions

Do you have any other comments or feedback on the draft Daylesford and Hepburn Springs Structure Plan?

What do you like about the draft Structure Plan?

How do you think the draft Structure Plan could be improved?

Demographic Questions

We value diversity and want to ensure that our engagements are capturing the views of our diverse community. With that in mind, please tell us a little more about you:

I identify as: Required

Select one answer only
☐ Woman
☐ Man
☐ Non-binary
☐ Prefer not to say
☐ Prefer to self-describe (please specify)

What is your age? Required

Select one answer only
☐ 0-19 years of age
☐ 20-39 years of age

☐ 40-59 years of age
☐ 60-79 years of age
☐ 80+ years of age

What part of the Shire are you from? Required

Select one answer only
☐ Birch Ward, including Daylesford, Hepburn, Basalt, Kooroocheang, Leonards Hill, Musk Vale, Sailors Falls, Shepherds Flat, 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

Do you identify as any of the following? Required

Select all that apply
☐ Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
☐ A person with a disability
☐ LGBTIQ+
☐ Parent or guardian of a child under 18 years
☐ English is not my first language
☐ None of the above

If you would like to be contacted about your submission and/or be kept up to date with the progress of the structure plans, please select one of the three options below and leave your name and email address so that we can reach out to you.

I would like Council to:

Select one answer only
☐ Contact me about my submission
☐ Be kept up to date on the progress of the structure plans
☐ Be contacted and kept up to date

First Name

Email address

Thank you very much for your feedback. Complete Submissions can be dropped off at any of Council's libraries, service centres or Hubs. Alternatively they can be either mailed or emailed using the details below.



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PO Box 21
Daylesford VIC 3460



Email your submission to:
strategicplanning@hepburn.vic.gov.au

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