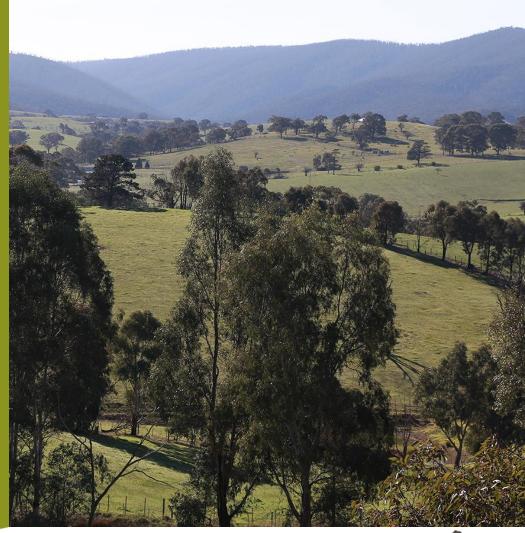
Draft Green Wedge Management Plan June 2019

For Public Consultation

Nillumbik Shire Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri people who are the Traditional Custodians of Land known today as Nillumbik. We pay respect to the Elders both past and present and extend that respect to other Indigenous Australians.



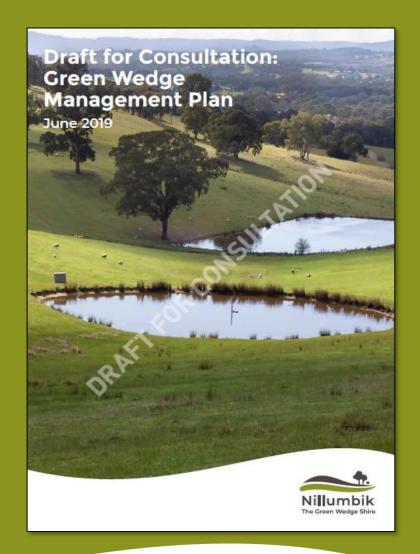


Background

In its Council Plan, Council committed to review the existing the existing Green Wedge Management Plan 2010-2025.

In March 2018 Council committed to an extensive community engagement program to inform the review.

On 25 June 2019 Council endorsed the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan 2019 for public consultation for 6 weeks ending 11 August 2019.





How was this plan created?

March 2018

Council endorsed the scope of the GWMP review.

May to July 2018

Over 1,000 people participated in the wider engagement through workshops, surveys, sharing stories and photos, coffee and chat drop in sessions, market stall conversations, drawings from school children and an artwork created by Nillumbik Youth Theatre.

August 2018

40 people were appointed to the Community Panel by a third party independent of Council. The Panel were recruited based on where they reside and how they matched the demographic profile of Nillumbik.

The community engagement and detailed background reports were also prepared.

November 2018

Council formally received the Panel report at the Council Meeting.

April 2017 to April 2018

Preliminary engagement with key community members identified some of the key issues, and secured community support for a participatory democracy process to review the GWMP.

April to May 2018

Design workshops involving community leaders helped create the wider community engagement program.

July 2018

The Community Panel recruitment process commenced with 10,000 invitations sent to Nillumbik businesses and households seeking expressions of interest.

August to November 2018

The Community Panel sat for six days. The Panel presented their recommendations to the Mayor and Councillors at the final Panel session.

December 2018 to June 2019

The draft GWMP was prepared considering feedback from wider community engagement, Council's response to the community panel's recommendations, a minority panel report and Council's draft Bushfire Mitigation Strategy.

July to August 2019

Council will seek community feedback on the draft GWMP between 1 July and 11 August.

December 2018

Council formally responded to the Panel recommendations. Council's response to each recommendation was support, support-in-principle or not support, and reasons were provided.

June 2019

Council considered the draft GWMP for release for community consultation.

Late 2019

Council will consider feedback in preparing the final GWMP. The final Plan will be presented to Council for adoption.

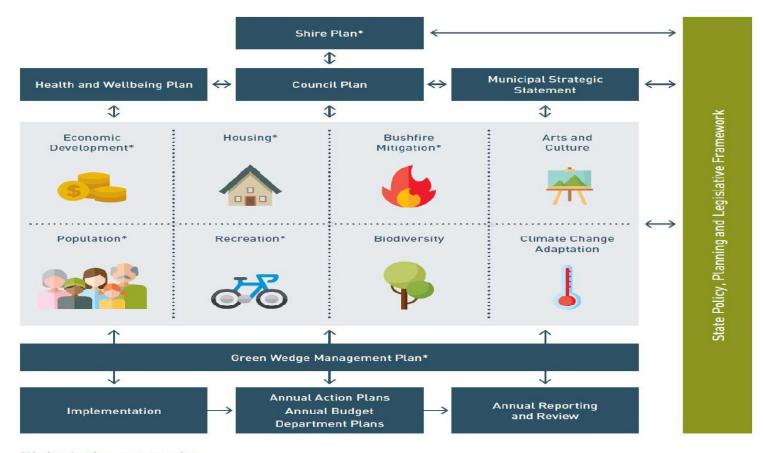


Key Inputs

- The Victorian Government's planning framework for green wedges.
- Nillumbik Green Wedge Management Plan Community Engagement Report, Wayfarer Consulting, August 2018 and the Community Engagement Verbatim Report.
- Council's response to the recommendations of the Community Panel majority report, Dec 2018.
- Recommendations of a minority report by five community panel members, April 2019.
- Other relevant Council policies (e.g. Council Plan, Draft Bushfire Mitigation Strategy, Invasive Species Action Plan 2015, Domestic Wastewater Management Plan 2019, etc.).
- Objectives, strategies and remaining actions from the existing Green Wedge Management Plan 2010-2025.



How will it be implemented?



*Under development or review



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The plan will provide direction over 10 years with priorities determined every four years through the Council Plan and the four-yearly review of the Planning Scheme.

Annual implementation plans will be prepared and reported on through Council's annual planning, budgeting and reporting.

It will inform future versions of the Council Plan, Nillumbik Health and Wellbeing Plan, Municipal Strategic Statement and shire-wide strategies.



What's in the draft?

Vision

Management of the Nillumbik Green Wedge will lead the way in supporting a vibrant, resilient, connected and diverse community, living in the landscape to enhance the environmental, social and economic sustainability of the Shire.

Principles

- Leadership
- Aboriginal voice
- A whole of Shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne
- Manage change for future benefit
- Collaboration and connectedness

- Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape
- Social equity
- Safety, wellbeing and resilience
- Conserve and enhance our heritage
- Sustainability and the precautionary principle.



What's in the draft? (cont.)

Five Goals



Engaged, connected communities



Active and creative people



Safe and healthy environments



A prosperous economy



Responsible leadership

Five key moves

A comprehensive landowner's information and support service

A whole of organisation approach to community resilience

A Green Wedge Conversations program

A comprehensive planning and place management service for the townships

Stocktakes of environmental assets and agricultural practices

34 objectives and 45 other key actions



Submissions are welcome

- The draft plan is available on the Participate Nillumbik web-site.
- Feedback is welcome between Monday 1 July and Sunday 11 August 2019.
- Written submissions can be lodged on the Participate Nillumbik web-site.
- Hard copy submission forms are available and can be dropped off at Hurstbridge Community Hub, Eltham Community and Reception Centre, or at Council's offices
- Green Wedge information is available at different locations throughout the Shire
- Submissions will be considered at a Future Nillumbik Committee meeting scheduled for 10 September 2019.
- Verbal submissions can also be registered for this meeting by 3 September 2019.

https://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/



Questions and Clarifications

