

21.06 MONITORING & REVIEW

A review of this planning scheme must be undertaken at least once every three years. An ongoing program of performance monitoring will be developed to evaluate the achievement of strategic policy directions and the operational effectiveness of the administration of the scheme. The monitoring programs will be reported on annually and will be used to inform the review of the MSS.

To evaluate the achievement of strategic policy directions, a performance monitoring program will be developed that focuses on the following key elements:

Key elements	Indicators	Target
To ensure development in the rural areas protects the associated agricultural activities and that land is protected from fragmentation inappropriate residential development.	Types of development applications within the rural areas and any amount of land lost to inappropriate and incompatible uses.	All 'high quality' agricultural land is not to be lost to non-agricultural developments and other less productive agricultural land is maintained in larger holdings to protect the future viability of this land.
To promote appropriate urban development within the township boundaries where infrastructure and services are available.	Analysis of applications for residential, commercial and industrial development within the township areas to determine demand, supply and provide the ability to forecast and predict the land needs of the future.	To ensure an adequate supply of land for a 10 year period and increase development within the key / preferred locations
To direct low density and rural living developments to those areas specified as preferred locations and that unplanned residential development is not encouraged within agriculturally designated areas.	Number of non-farm related residential type developments, excisions and crown allotment re arrangements within the rural areas.	Rural Residential development is contained within existing low density residential and rural living zones

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To protect the two catchments within the Shire from further degradation.	Water quality of the catchments, reservoirs, and streams, improvements to the land capability and the monitoring of the net gain/loss of the native vegetation.	All new development within the catchment areas must ensure compliance with the applicable state controls and guidelines, such as the EPA Septic tank Code of Practice, and that within areas affected by other environmental concerns such as erosion or salinity experience net gains in respect to vegetation.
To encourage the protection, restoration and preservation of the significant heritage assets, both built and natural, throughout the Shire	Improvements (preservation/conservation) made within the heritage precincts or to individual places, any additional listing of places within a defined register (local or state – heritage Victoria or National Trust) and the distribution of funds through the local heritage committees.	To enhance the local heritage throughout the Shire.

To evaluate the operational effectiveness of the administration of the scheme and the new system, a performance-monitoring program will be developed that focuses on the following key elements.

Key element	Indicator
Efficient decision making process	Number and nature of decisions (Planning recommendations - Council decisions) Time taken to process applications Customer satisfaction surveys
Efficient operation of the new system	Consistency of decisions (Planning Department/Council/Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal) based on strategic policy set out in the Municipal Strategic Statement and Local Policies Number of amendments Number of refusals