

## A planned approach for town growth

Council adopted the Mirboo North Structure Plan Refresh 2017 at its meeting this week, ensuring a planned approach to land use and development as the town grows.

Since the previous Mirboo North Structure Plan (2004) was prepared, there had been changes to planning controls and State Government requirements. The existing plan has been 'refreshed' to respond to these changes, incorporate other Council work that has been undertaken and improve policy for decision-making.

“Growth and development in Mirboo North is subject to fire risk, erosion risk and uncertainties regarding infrastructure provision and potable water catchment planning,” explained Director Development Services, Bryan Sword.

“These elements needed to be considered in future planning and as a result, a plan ‘refresh’ was required. The new Plan seeks to address these issues by directing growth away from fire risk areas, avoiding development on steep slopes and taking measures to avoid impacts on the water catchment area.”

The refreshed Structure Plan also focuses town growth within the centre of the township.

“Economic analysis was undertaken to confirm the supply and demand for residential, commercial and industrial land in the town, and this confirmed that no further extension of the settlement boundary is needed for future growth,” Mr Sword concluded.

The Plan will be implemented by amending the South Gippsland Planning Scheme. The community will be notified of the changes. During this time there will be an opportunity for community submissions.

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