

Healesville Structure Plan 2016: Actions

Update 2022

Residential

Structure Plan Action		Responsibility	Performance measure	Priority
1.1	Amend the planning scheme to allow the consideration of the subdivision of all land designated in Map 5 as Low Density Residential Zone (0.2ha) into lots with a minimum 0.2 hectares lot size provided reticulated sewerage is available to the site.	Strategic Planning	Planning scheme amended	High
1.2	Advocate for and facilitate proposals for residential aged care facilities in locations that are within the town urban boundary.	Community Services (lead), Strategic Planning, Planning and Building	Number of residential aged care places in Healesville increased	Ongoing

Business and Tourism

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2.1	Work with the RACV to review the appropriateness of the current planning controls for the Healesville Country Club and consider an alternative zone and/or provisions that better support future tourism and recreation uses on the site.	Strategic Planning	Planning scheme amended	High

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2.2	Continue to provide strategic support to the Yarra Valley railway as their planned expansion continues, including any further funding applications, and consider the implications for the railway precinct and town centre.	Strategic Planning (lead), Urban Design and Landscape Architecture (to create masterplan of railway precinct)	Support provided	Ongoing
2.3	Facilitate the redevelopment of key commercial sites that are identified in the town centre strategic framework plan (Map 4 p. 61).	Strategic Planning (lead), Economic Development, Planning and Building	Key development sites developed/redeveloped in a manner consistent with the Structure Plan objectives	Ongoing
2.4	Work with the landowners of 17-25 Maroondah Hwy, Healesville to establish a new development that achieves a built form outcome in keeping with the sensitive gateway site and the activities on the land do not undermine the role of the town centre.	Strategic Planning	An acceptable outcome is achieved	High
2.5	Work with the respective landowners of 140 Healesville-Yarra Glen Rd, 16 Airlie Rd and 11 Maroondah Highway, Healesville to review the appropriateness of the current planning provisions for each site. In doing so ensure that any new uses established are consistent with planning scheme and Structure Plan objectives and the rural location of the land. Also ensure that any future development properly considers the particular site's characteristics and values.	Strategic Planning	Preferred option determined	High

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2.6	Investigate the potential to rezone Green Wedge zoned land abutting Argoon Road and opposite the Council depot land to a Industrial 3 Zone.	Strategic Planning	Potential investigated and planning scheme amendment process commenced if warranted.	Medium
2.7	Continue to support key tourism attractions in Healesville, including the Healesville Sanctuary, TarraWarra Museum of Art, Healesville Amateur Racing Club and RACV Country Club.	Economic Development (lead), Strategic Planning, Planning and Building	Support provided.	Ongoing
2.8	Work with potential developers to increase shop diversity in Healesville	Economic Development (lead), Strategic Planning, Planning and Building	Discussions had with potential developers	Ongoing
2.9	Advocate for improvements to services infrastructure which supports local business, including phone, internet, power and water.	Economic Development	Advocacy to infrastructure providers undertaken	Ongoing
2.10	Continue to advocate to Yarra Valley Water to complete 'backlog' of unsewered sites in Healesville area, especially those adjacent to waterways.	Infrastructure Services (lead), Strategy and Transformation	Advocacy to infrastructure providers undertaken	Ongoing until
2.11	Work with town centre businesses and Healesville Sanctuary to foster improved business and economic linkages.	Economic Development	Improved linkages established	High

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2.12	Encourage eco-business including nature-based tourism in the district.	Economic Development (lead), Strategic Planning, Planning and Building	Strategic support provided	Ongoing
2.13	Support and showcase creative and cultural development activities.	Creative and Connected Communities	Strategic support provided	Ongoing
2.14	Encourage businesses and events which showcase Indigenous arts and culture and/or showcase Healesville's rich Aboriginal history and culture.	Community Wellbeing (lead), Creative and Connected Communities	Strategic support provided	Ongoing

Civic, Cultural and Community

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3.1	Continue to seek funding for the redevelopment of the Memorial Pool as an aquatic and community centre.	Recreation Projects and Parks (lead), Strategy and Transformation	Advocacy undertaken and funding obtained	High
3.2	Identify additional actions that can be taken to recognise Indigenous history in the Healesville town centre and district in consultation with local Elders, Indigenous organisations and stakeholders.	Community Wellbeing (lead), Creative and Connected Communities, Urban Design and Landscape Architecture.	Actions identified through a community engagement process	Medium

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3.3	Advocate for and provide strategic support to the Healesville Indigenous Community Services Association in the planning and establishment of an indigenous Belonging Place in Healesville.	Community Wellbeing (lead), Strategy and Transformation	Preferred option identified, funding sourced and Belonging Place established	High
3.4	Support the rejuvenation of the historic Coranderrk site through advocacy, advice, support for funding bids and facilitation for the aspirations of the local Traditional Owners to restore the land and engage the local community and visitors in a range of heritage and cultural activities on the site.	Community Wellbeing (lead), Parks and Bushland, Strategy and Transformation	Advocacy undertaken and support provided	Ongoing
3.5	Recognise the ongoing importance of the Galeena Beek properties in Healesville as Aboriginal land. Advocate to ensure the assets, or if required, the proceeds from the sale of any of the assets, remain under Aboriginal community control.	Community Wellbeing (lead), Strategy and Transformation	Advocacy undertaken and support provided	Ongoing until resolved
3.6	Identify opportunities for the further integration of community facilities such as pre-schools and maternal and child health centres as part of any reviews of community service provision/infrastructure upgrades in the Healesville District.	Social Infrastructure Planning (lead), Community Services	Opportunities identified	Ongoing
3.7	Continue to advocate for and facilitate proposals for public and affordable housing and specialised accommodation consistent with planning scheme strategic directions.	Community Wellbeing (lead), Strategic Planning, Strategy and Transformation	Advocacy and facilitation undertaken	Ongoing
3.8	Continue to advocate for a range of educational opportunities for Healesville residents.	Social Infrastructure Planning (lead), Strategy and Transformation	Advocacy and facilitation undertaken	Ongoing

Built form, Heritage, and Public Spaces

Structure Plan Action		Responsibility	Performance measure	Priority
4.1	<p>Undertake an Urban Design Framework for Healesville, in order to inform a future place-specific Design and Development Overlay to replace the generic DDO12, which will incorporate key features and characteristics of Healesville. This will apply to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the commercial parts of the town Healesville's four gateways, prioritising entrances along Maroondah Highway and Healesville-Kinglake Road and ensuring responsive design and landscaping as part of any future development, including a recommended approach to signage. Connections between the established commercial areas of the town and emerging precincts for the Lilydale Road and railway station areas, such as through paths and urban design strategies. 	Urban Design and Landscape Architecture (lead), Strategic Planning	Urban Design Framework completed, Planning Scheme amended.	Medium
4.2	Undertake a review of the town centre's public spaces with a view to enhancing public infrastructure, including street furniture, landscaping, bicycle facilities and way finding signage.	Urban Design and Landscape Architecture (lead), Infrastructure Services	Review undertaken, and if required, elements referred for consideration in Council's capital works program	Medium
4.3	Develop and formalise a Healesville landscaping/streetscape character, incorporating traditional European and indigenous species and ensuring the retention of the planting of European trees in the town centre streets that complement the heritage trees.	Urban Design and Landscape Architecture (lead), Strategic Planning	Planting regime established	Medium

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4.4	Identify the best option to support the retention of the significant town trees not currently protected by the Heritage Overlay and, if warranted, amend the planning scheme.	Strategic Planning (lead), Recreation Projects and Parks (arborist)	Best option identified and implemented	Medium
4.5	Investigate the feasibility of undergrounding the power lines in the main commercial strip of Nicholson Street.	Infrastructure Services	Investigations undertaken	Medium
4.6	In consultation with the community, relevant State government agencies and the Yarra Valley Railway, develop a precinct plan for the area around Railway Park and adjacent commercial land having regard to existing, planned and potential uses (refer Map 4 p. 61).	Urban Design and Landscape Architecture (lead), Strategic Planning	Precinct Plan developed	High
4.7	Assess the adequacy of footpaths in the town centre in regard to accessibility, safety and maintenance.	Infrastructure Services	Adequacy assessed, and if required, refer for budgetary allocation	Ongoing
4.8	Consult with young people when creating and upgrading public spaces in Healesville, and support young people to use these public spaces through strong youth participation activities and youth led programming.	Community Wellbeing (lead), Urban Design and Landscape Architecture	Consultation and supportive activities take place	Ongoing

Open Space, Recreation and Environment

Structure Plan Action		Responsibility	Performance measure	Priority
5.1	Investigate the creation of a link between Queens Park and Coronation Park.	Urban Design and Landscape Architecture (lead), Recreation Projects and Parks	Options investigated and referral for consideration in Council's capital works program if needed	Medium

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5.2	Investigate the potential to create a trail on the northern side of the Grace Burn extending from Queens Park to the Council reserve at Silverleaf Place.	Recreation Projects and Parks	Investigation undertaken and reported to Council	Medium
5.3	Amend the planning scheme to introduce additional planning protection to identified waterways, biolinks and remnant vegetation within the Healesville district.	Strategic Planning	Planting priorities established and agency and community partnerships continued	High
5.4	Continue to seek funding for the development of the Yarra Valley Trail linking Lilydale to Warburton via Healesville.	Recreation Projects and Parks (lead), Strategy and Transformation	Advocacy undertaken	Ongoing
5.5	Advocate to Parks Victoria and Melbourne Water for improved maintenance and additional walking trails on public land in the Healesville district	Recreation Projects and Parks (lead), Strategy and Transformation	Advocacy undertaken until reasonable outcome achieved	Ongoing
5.6	Amend the planning scheme to encourage larger sized developments to incorporate sustainable design features.	Strategic Planning	Planning Scheme amended	High
5.7	Advocate in support of the Country Fire Authority's proposal to establish a new station in Healesville.	Community Wellbeing (lead), Strategy and Transformation	Advocacy undertaken until reasonable outcome achieved	Ongoing

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5.8	When planning a new community facility, consider whether it could be designed in a manner that allows it to also function as a community fire refuge.	Social Infrastructure Planning (lead), Community Wellbeing	Consideration given	Ongoing

Movement and Transport

Structure Plan Action		Responsibility	Performance measure	Priority
6.1	Construct footpaths in accordance with the Structure Plan priorities (see Map 6 p. 63).	Infrastructure Services	Footpaths constructed	Ongoing
6.2	Consider options, including an underpass, and then advocate for the preferred option to VicRoads for pedestrian and traffic turning improvements at the Maroondah Hwy/Wilson St/Badger Creek Road intersection.	Infrastructure Services (lead), Strategy and Transformation	Need investigated and advocacy to VicRoads undertaken	High
6.3	Investigate options for the construction of a pedestrian accessway on Don Road from Monda Ave to the Badger Creek Road/Badger Weir Rd intersection.	Infrastructure Services	Need investigated and referral for consideration in Council's capital works	High
6.4	Investigate the need for speed management treatments in Crowley Road in the vicinity of the schools.	Infrastructure Services	Need investigated and referral for consideration in Council's capital works	High

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6.5	Advocate to Department of Transport for traffic safety improvements at the River Street and Healesville-Kinglake Road intersection.	Infrastructure Services (lead), Strategy and Transformation	Advocacy undertaken	Medium
6.6	Establish a planning framework for consideration of parking dispensations for development within the town centre, including how night time activities are assessed. Also consider whether there is benefit in preparing a parking precinct plan.	Strategic Planning (lead), Infrastructure Services	Planning framework established	High
6.7	Continue to advocate for improved bus and taxi services and associated infrastructure for Healesville, with reference to the recommendations of earlier State Government Bus Review and the need for increased services on weekends, bus connections to Lilydale, services to the hospital and the Badger Creek kindergarten and more bus shelters.	Infrastructure Services (lead), Strategy and Transformation	Advocacy undertaken	Ongoing
6.8	Continue to advocate for improved parking at Lilydale Station and good bus connections from the station to Healesville.	Infrastructure Services (lead), Strategy and Transformation	Advocacy undertaken	Ongoing