

Draft Mitchell Shire Rural Roadside Environmental Management Plan

Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

Timeframes for actions are defined as follows:

Timeframe	Description
Ongoing	Action underway
Immediate	For action within six (6) months
Short Term	For action within 1 - 2 years
Medium Term	For action within 3 - 4 years
Long Term	For action within 5+ years

ACTION NUMBER	ACTION	COUNCIL DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITY			MEASURE
		LEAD	SUPPORT	TIMING	
Administrative and Advocacy Options					
1	Incorporate or reference the RREMP in the Mitchell Shire Planning Scheme, Local Laws, relevant contract specifications and service standards.	Parks and Assets	Planning and Compliance, Engineering Services, Operations	Short	Incorporated and reflected in all relevant Council documents.
2	Review all related application forms and processes to align with the newly adopted RREMP	Parks and Assets	Planning and Compliance, Engineering Services, Operations	Immediate	Incorporated and reflected in all relevant Council documents.

3	Inform service authorities of the standards within the RREMP.	Parks and Assets	Engineering Services	Immediate	All local Service Authorities are aware of the Mitchell Shire RREMP.
4	Collaborate with DELWP to include the Geographical Information System (GIS) layers of vegetation and habitat values and land tenure arrangements. Data bases include the Biodiversity Interactive Map, Wildlife Database and Crown Land Manager (for Unused Road Licences).	Parks and Assets	Business Transformation	Medium	Layer included in the Council's GIS.
5	Include the Registered Aboriginal Cultural heritage places from the Department of Victorian Communities (Aboriginal Affairs Victoria) as part of the Mitchell Shire Conservation Significance Map and consider implementing controls to ensure their protection through the Mitchell Shire planning scheme.	Parks and Assets	Business Transformation Planning and Compliance	Short	Layer included in the Council's GIS.
6	Advocate for state government funding for the implementation of the Rural Roadside Weed Action Plan.	Parks and Assets	Governance	Ongoing	Part of Councils advocacy framework.
7	Advocate for a decrease in speed limits where appropriate.	Parks and Assets, Engineering Services	Governance	Ongoing	Advocacy successful.

8	Develop a Roadside Weed Action Plan.	Parks and Assets		Short	Plan developed and implementation ongoing. Plan available to the general public.
9	Once the review of the Victorian Permitted Clearing Guidelines and subsequently the roadside vegetation maintenance agreement with DELWP are completed, incorporate into this plan and the Rural Roadside Environmental Operational Guidelines.	Parks and Assets, Planning and Compliance	Operations	Short	Reviewed legislation incorporated into the RREMP and RREOG.
10	Develop a template for Mitchell Shire - Site Environmental Management Plan.	Parks and Assets, Engineering Services	Operations	Medium	Template developed, distributed and used.
11	Continue to monitor research for implementable measures to mitigate the risks of accidents involving animals on the Council road network.	Parks and Assets, Engineering Services, Operations	Planning and Compliance	Ongoing	Measures to reduce accidents involving animals put in place.
Community Engagement Actions					
12	Liaise with environmental and other community groups to enhance native vegetation on and adjoining roadsides and promote biodiversity	Parks and Assets	Operations	Ongoing	No reduction in the number of kilometres of High Conservation Significance Roadsides

13	Promote the values of rural roadside vegetation and management techniques to protect these values to the Mitchell Shire community	Parks and Assets	Communications	Ongoing	Information about the natural values of Mitchell Shire's roadsides is disseminated through at least three extension mediums each year.
14	Develop Community fact sheets on the value and management of Rural Roadsides	Parks and Assets	Communications	Immediate	Fact sheets developed and made available.
15	Support community groups to participate in Clean Up Australia Day activities.	Operations	Communications	Ongoing	Increase in number of participants
16	Develop and implement a community education campaign that raises awareness of rubbish dumping across the shire	Operations	Parks and Assets, Communications	Immediate	A community education campaign is developed and implemented.
17	Partner with land management agencies to coordinate action on illegal dumping and promote compliance activity	Operations	Parks and Assets, Communications	Short	A local network with land management agencies is established and a community awareness campaign is developed

Training and Awareness Actions					
18	<p>Training of staff and contractors on the roadside issues to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain an understanding of High, Medium and Low Conservation Significance of roadsides. • Minimise damage to the roadside environment by using best management practices. • Identify weeds and native vegetation. • Apply procedures and guidelines for vehicle hygiene. • Understand the importance of Enviromark signs as pertain to vehicle hygiene. <p>Use of the Roadside Conservation Significance Maps as a tool to aid decision-making.</p>	Parks and Assets	Operations Department	Short	90% of relevant Council staff and contractors attended roadside management training and signed declarations that they understand the RMP and RRCOP practices
19	Develop and distribute a Conservation Significance Roadside Map to facilitate the management of roadsides for different key stakeholders. This map will include critical habitats, stack sites, significant roadside weed infestations, and roadside conservation values (high, medium and low).	Parks and Assets	Business Transformation	Immediate	Map developed and distributed
20	Develop and Distribute Rural Roadside Construction and Maintenance Environmental Management Handbook.	Parks and Assets	Communications	Medium	Booklet developed and distributed in hard copy and on line.

Monitoring and Evaluation Actions					
21	Ongoing monitoring of contractors and Mitchell Shire Council staff by Site Supervisors.	Planning and Compliance Engineering Services, Operations and Parks and Assets.		Ongoing	Compliance with the Mitchell Shire RREMP and RREOG
22	The condition of native vegetation and habitat on priority roadsides is enhanced.	Parks and Assets	Planning and Compliance, Engineering Services and Operations, Engineering Services	Ongoing	10% increase in vegetation condition on Council land and priority roadsides by 2019
Operational Actions					
23	Implementation of Enviromark signage system to identify significant noxious weed infestations.	Parks and Assets	Operations and Planning and Compliance	Ongoing	Enviromark system, including brush down points implemented by all staff and contractors.
24	Identify, rehabilitate and relocate old stockpiles in High and Medium Conservation Significance Roadside to Low Conservation Significance Roadside.	Parks and Assets and Operations		Medium	Map of stack sites and plan for any rehabilitation completed
25	Implementation of Councils roadside weed control program	Parks and Assets		Ongoing	Targeting at least 10 weed species and 150km roadside annually

26	Undertake revised roadside conservation surveys to validate the proposed Rural Roadside Environmental Management Plan and Operational Guidelines.	Parks and Assets		Short - Medium	Survey completed by 2017 subject to financial and resource constraints.
27	Appropriately mark and consider fencing out areas where appropriate with FFG Act and EPBC Act listed flora species. Record these sites on the Victorian Biodiversity Atlas.	Parks and Assets	Operations	Short - Medium	As species are identified