

Draft Mitchell Shire Rural Roadside Environmental Management Plan

Appendix 7: Year 1 Action Plan

RREMP ACTION NUMBER	ACTION	COUNCIL DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITY			MEASURE
		LEAD	SUPPORT	TIMING	
Administrative and Advocacy Options					
1	Incorporate or reference the RREMP in relevant contract specifications and service standards.	Parks and Assets	Planning and Compliance, Engineering Services, Operations	June 2016	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	June 2016	Incorporated and reflected in all relevant Council documents.
3	Inform service authorities of the standards within the RREMP and RREOG	Parks and Assets	Engineering Services	March 2016	All local Service Authorities are aware of the Mitchell Shire RREMP.
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	December 2015	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		December 2016	Plan developed and implementation ongoing. Plan available to the general public.
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	June 2016	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	June 2016	A community education campaign is developed and implemented.
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	December 2016	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	June 2016	Map developed and distributed.
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.
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		January 2016 December 2017	Survey completed by 2017 subject to financial and resource constraints. Works are seasonal.
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	January 2016 December 2017	As species are identified.