Central Goldfields Shire Corporate Plan 1998-2003

The Central Goldfields Shire Corporate Plan for 1998-2003 embodies statements of intent which reflect the attitudes of the community, and defines actions designed to achieve the aspirations of the community. The vision for the municipality as stated in the Corporate Plan is as follows:

“Central Goldfields Shire as a municipality of local government excellence, a region of economic and tourism growth, a highly desirable community in which to live, learn and work, and serviced by a Council organisation which delivers timely, relevant, quality services to the community at least possible cost.”

Council’s aspirations for the community are summarised in the design of Council’s logo which symbolises one community, progress and heritage.

The MSS relates to relevant goals of the Corporate Plan which reflect the priorities of Council for the period to 2003. The Corporate Goals are:

Goal 1 Finance and Governance
To maximise the financial performance of the Shire’s business, and to provide such governance as will provide a sound framework for the Shire and its corporate future.

Goal 2 Services
To enhance the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities by ensuring access to well-planned and equitable services, facilities and opportunities.

Goal 3 Infrastructure
To manage, maintain and develop the Shire’s physical assets for the social, economic and environmental benefit of the Shire.

Goal 4 Development
To facilitate the expansion of the local economy, whilst protecting and enhancing the Shire’s environmental, cultural and lifestyle values.

Goal 5 Community
To strengthen and develop the lifestyle of local communities, particularly in terms of environmental management and projects/programs which protect and enhance the natural and heritage values of the Shire, and/or safeguard the interests of the community.

Strategic Planning Themes

Land use planning and development issues in Central Goldfields Shire fall into eight broad themes. The objectives, strategies and implementation actions that respond to these issues are set out later sections of the MSS under the following strategic planning themes.

- Residential development
- Industrial development
- Agricultural productivity
- Protection of land and water resources
- Heritage
- Tourism
- Strengthening the regional role of Maryborough
- Enhancing the lifestyle qualities of townships
Strategic Land Use Framework Plan

The Strategic Land Use Framework Plan shows Council’s key strategic directions for land use planning and development in the shire over the next ten years.

The purpose of the Framework Plan is to:

- Indicate the location of major land use planning proposals
- Identify major land use and development opportunities
- Identify physical and environmental constraints to development
- Indicate a preferred settlement pattern based on the roles of urban centres.

Township structure plans have been prepared for each of the shire’s urban centres. These are included in Clauses 21.12 and 21.13.

Major strategic directions identified in the Strategic Framework Plan include:

- Roles associated with each urban centres in the municipality.
- Key locations for rural living.
- The “Golden Way“ Touring Route as a major tourism emphasis for Central Goldfields.
- Areas of high productive agriculture.
- Areas requiring environmental management such as erosion risk areas.
- Major watercourses requiring protection.
- Water catchment areas that need to be protected.
- Major scenic landscape areas that need to be protected.
CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS

Strategic Framework Plan

- Sub Regional Centre - Maryborough
- District Centre - Dunkley
- Local Community Centre - Talbot, Carisbrook
- Village - Balaclava, Tunstall, Majorca, Molongul
- Rural Living locations

- "Golden Way" Touring Route - linking major heritage towns and mining heritage sites
- High Agricultural Value for wheat, oats & chaff, lucerne and seed production
- Irrigated Agriculture Potential
- Agriculture associated with oats, chaff & specialised horsefeed
- Erosion Risk - Land capability to support development proposals
- Major Watercourses - Protect water quality of watercourses & maintain quantity of water in Golden catchment
- Protect Water Catchment Area of Talbot Reservoir
- Landscape Protection Area - Cairn Gorm Reservoir environs
- Irrigated Agriculture - Newmarket north of Carisbrook
- Declared Flood Levels - south of Dunkley, along Burnt Creek
- Sovereign Farm - Potential use of Weste Water for irrigation purposes
- Public Land
- Municipal boundary
Preferred Settlement Pattern

The Shire’s settlement pattern comprises a hierarchy of urban centres each with a role defined by levels of population and services and physical characteristics that provide the centre with its identity.

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<th>Urban Centre</th>
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<td>Maryborough</td>
<td>Sub regional centre</td>
<td>Major centre for employment, retailing, services and administration. Identity defined by forest setting, heritage and compact central area.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dunolly</td>
<td>District centre</td>
<td>Provides limited retail, business and community services for town and district population. Identity defined by strong heritage character.</td>
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<td>Carisbrook</td>
<td>Local community centre</td>
<td>Satellite town to Maryborough with town centre services providing day to day shopping needs. Deep Creek setting is a major feature.</td>
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<td>Talbot</td>
<td>Local community centre</td>
<td>Provides mainly day to day convenience shopping. Identity defined by town’s heritage character, particularly Scandinavian Crescent and Camp Street</td>
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<td>Moliagul</td>
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Urban development in the shire will be focussed at two levels. At one level, Maryborough’s role as a centre that provides services at the sub regional level and in some cases at the regional level needs to be consolidated. At another level, the network of smaller urban centres will be maintained to ensure reasonable access to jobs and services and lifestyle choices.