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Talbot Urban Design Framework Draft Report and Objectives Invitation for Review and Comment



Central Goldfields Shire Council and the Department of Planning and Community Development over the past 4 months have been facilitating the preparation of the Talbot Urban Design Framework Study. The process has developed a vision and a range of strategies to guide future development and improve the appearance of the township.

An Urban Design Framework (UDF) is a broad plan that provides an integrated physical, economic and social vision and a way of achieving local strategies and objectives. The framework takes into account the community facilities, business infrastructure, heritage assets, open space and recreation, township entrances and the overall presentation of the township through planning and guideline strategies.

Council, the Community Advisory Group and the consultants Michael Smith & Associates have undertaken a community consultation program since February and have prepared the draft report and accompanying plans. The report sets a vision and objectives, then action strategies to achieve the objectives.

VISION AND STRATEGIES

Talbot is a rural township, which has a rich gold mining past. Talbot's proximity to Maryborough provides the township with the opportunities in an independent rural town setting. The community with the Shire's support and guidance, has in the past eight years activated significant rejuvenation of the core precinct of Scandinavian Crescent and Camp Street.

The resolution of effluent disposal balancing township character and growth with improvements in services and community facilities are important factors for Talbot's future growth.

To achieve the vision the broad objectives are to:

- Provide the community with initiatives that are achievable and that build on the community's enthusiasm and skills and the improvements made over the past several years.
- Build upon the township's lifestyle choice that is offered in terms of access to land, housing, community services, school, recreational opportunities and support from services located in Maryborough.
- Establish guidelines that control infill development and manage growth of the town.
- Improve the pedestrian / user and landscape amenity of Scandinavian Crescent and the immediate core township precinct.
- Promote the heritage and history of Talbot and the immediate district.
- Promote and develop sustainable and innovative water saving and water management principles and techniques to treat stormwater, effluent and recycle water.
- Develop a strong strategic maintenance program based on community volunteers' commitment, Council's commitment and potential funding sectors to determine the scope and scale of implementation of both physical and non-physical strategies recommended as part of the Urban Design Framework.
- Protect and enhance the environmental and landscape values of Back Creek.
- Encourage further business development in the core precinct of the township, particularly related to tourism and lifestyle choices.
- Improve the presentation of the three main township entrances from the Ballarat – Maryborough Road.

COMMUNITY COMMENT ON THE DRAFT URBAN DESIGN FRAMEWORK

The draft report is available to view at the Talbot Post Office and London House (Quinces Café) in Talbot and at the Shire office in Neill Street Maryborough from Friday 13th June to 11th July 2008.

Please forward your comments by Friday 11th July 2008 to:

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