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C13**MONITORING AND REVIEW**

The Municipal Strategic Statement identifies the key land use and development issues facing the Loddon Shire and Councils strategic response to these issues. Loddon's vision encompasses the concept of a sustainable and productive natural resource base with improved residential environments to provide for population growth and economic prosperity.

The Planning Scheme is to be reviewed at least once every three years in accordance with State Government requirements. Council will develop an ongoing program of performance monitoring which will evaluate the achievement of strategic directions and the operational effectiveness of the Planning Scheme in achieving these directions.

Objective	Indicators	Targets
<p>Community and Settlement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To provide attractive and functional places to live. ▪ To provide for growth and development, consistent with the needs of the community. ▪ To provide for sustainable rural living 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Population numbers ▪ New businesses and services in the Shire ▪ New residential development within the townships ▪ Urban improvement works undertaken 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increase resident population ▪ Implementation of Streetscape Plans and Community Plans. ▪ Attraction of new services and businesses to commercial centres of the townships. ▪ Residential development of vacant lots within township boundaries and minimal expansion of the existing urban zone. ▪ Well presented development for industrial uses within identified industrial areas and located so as not to compromise residential amenity. ▪ Rural living development around urban centres.

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<p>Heritage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support the protection of significant heritage places and items. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Restored heritage buildings ▪ Compatible development in heritage precincts ▪ Improved documentation and protocols relating to Aboriginal cultural heritage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No heritage buildings demolished ▪ Heritage buildings restored and used ▪ Improved management of Aboriginal cultural heritage places
<p>Land Management and Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To protect and enhance the condition of the natural resources of the Shire to provide for the environmental and economic health of the Shire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Water quality of the Loddon and Avoca Rivers, Bet Bet, McCallum and Bul a Bul Creeks ▪ Increase in native vegetation cover ▪ Health of the Loddon and Avoca Catchments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Decrease in the level of the water table in the northern areas of the Shire; ▪ Increase in the amount of native vegetation through strategic replanting of gullies, hill tops and habitat links; ▪ Decrease in the amount of land affected by salinity and / or erosion. ▪ All mining activity is environmentally sustainable and does not compromise the amenity of the significant forest areas of the Shire; ▪ Improvement in the water quality of the Loddon and Avoca Rivers ▪ Reduction in salinity levels of the Bet Bet, McCallum and Bul a Bul Creeks ▪ Implementation of the Domestic Wastewater Management Plan.

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<p>Economic Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Encourage and support a diverse and environmentally sustainable economy in the Shire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agricultural \$ value; ▪ Area of land engaged in agricultural production; ▪ Successful new businesses established in the Shire; ▪ Tourism \$ value; ▪ Visitor numbers; ▪ Income levels; ▪ Employment levels ▪ Amount of tourist accommodation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increase in the value of agricultural productivity in the Shire; ▪ No inappropriate fragmentation of farmland; ▪ Good quality land not used for non agricultural or non soil based uses; ▪ Increase in the number of new businesses in the Shire; ▪ Protection and enhancement of key tourism assets from inappropriate development; ▪ Increase in visitor numbers to the Shire; ▪ Increase in the number of industries based on value adding to local product; ▪ Decrease in the unemployment levels; ▪ Increase in tourist accommodation.
<p>Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To provide a comprehensive and efficient range of infrastructure to provide for the needs of business and the community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ongoing maintenance and improvement in the infrastructure provision in the Shire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop Municipal Waste Management Plan; ▪ Ongoing improvement in the level of services and infrastructure provided to the communities of the Shire ▪ Protection and enhancement of irrigation infrastructure

In addition, in order to evaluate the operational effectiveness of the administration of the Scheme in accordance with State Government requirements, the Program will include the assessment of the planning decision making process under the new Scheme. The following Objectives and Indicators will form the basis of the assessment process. This aspect of the Program will be further developed in line with any future Best Practice Guidelines.

Key Policy Objective	Indicator
Efficient decision making process	Time taken for decisions Cost of decision-making processes
Decision making process that meets with needs of stakeholders	Customer satisfaction (applicant and community)
Efficient operation of the system	Number of amendments Consistency of decisions (delegate, Council, Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal) with strategic policy objectives

The analysis of results will be used to provide feedback to the state government on the operation of the new system and in the planned review of the MSS.