

PLEASE ATTEND TOWN MEETING TO HELP DECIDE WOODEND'S FUTURE

THIS WEDNESDAY JULY 13th, 7.30 - 9.00pm
St Ambrose Hall, 14 - 17 Templeton Street, Woodend

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has been developing a "Settlement Strategy" which will guide the level and location of Woodend's population growth out to 2036.

A draft presented last October recommended:

- a low growth strategy consistent with the volume of growth Woodend has experienced over the past 15 years
- no further land should be rezoned for residential purposes out to 2036 = NO expansion outside of our current town boundaries.

This draft was changed in May **doubling the recommended population growth** and noting that **further land may be required to be rezoned** for residential purposes.

This potentially leaves the door open for the proposed **Villawood Properties Davies Hill development of 650+ home sites.**

In response to community concern council deferred consideration of the adoption of the revised Settlement Strategy until the end of July pending:

- council meeting with the State Planning Minister, Hon. Matthew Guy, to seek his advice.
- a forum to be convened by council in Woodend to inform the community on outcomes from the above meeting and to outline the Settlement Strategy recommendations that will be presented for adoption by council on July 27th.

The Planning Minister, Hon. Matthew Guy has advised council that:

- Statement of Planning Policy #8 will be reintroduced later this year.
 - (Adoption of the initial October draft recommendations for Woodend would reflect the objectives of SPP8).
- It is up to Council – and the community – to decide Woodend's future

Support the adoption of the initial draft recommendations by attending this vital meeting to ensure that council are fully aware of what growth strategy our community really wants.

Woodend needs your active support now to prevent a level of growth & expansion that would forever change our town!

For more information or if you can't attend and wish to register your support for an adoption of the October draft strategy recommendations, please email one of the following:

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