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Red Alert To Residents – Have Your Say On The Settlement Strategy

Important decisions are about to be made about Macedon Ranges' future, and Macedon Ranges Residents' Association Inc [MRRA] is issuing a 'red alert' to all residents.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is holding meetings this week about the Shire's Settlement Strategy.

The Settlement Strategy, which will be the basis for all future planning in the Shire, will determine how much, and where, growth occurs over the next 20 – 30 years.

This is the document that will determine whether Macedon Ranges stays rural, or becomes a suburb of Melbourne.

MRRA Secretary Christine Pruneau says *"The Settlement Strategy is the most fundamental building block in where we go in future. It's absolutely critical that we get it right. MRRA knows most people in the Shire want this place to stay rural and be protected. Unfortunately there are also pressures coming from the State government and vested interests who want Macedon Ranges to cop the overflow of Melbourne's population explosion, even though that would ruin this place forever. Our urgent message to residents is 'YOU NEED TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS AND MAKE SURE THE SETTLEMENT STRATEGY KEEPS MACEDON RANGES RURAL' "*

Meetings will be held at:

Kyneton Town Hall, 129 Mollison Street, 7 – 9 pm, Wednesday 26 May

Gisborne Shire Offices, 40 Robertson Street, 7 – 9 pm, Thursday 27 May

Romsey Community Hub, 96 – 100 Main Street, 10 am – 12 noon, Saturday, 29 May

Woodend Community Centre, cnr Forest and High streets, 1.30 – 3.30 pm, Saturday 29 May

"We can't stress this enough - if you only attend one meeting this year, this is the one. Your future, and Macedon Ranges' future, depends on it. Make sure YOU have your say"

Christine Pruneau,
Secretary,
Macedon Ranges Residents' Association Inc.