## **Planning Information**



## **Pre-Application Meetings**

We appreciate that the planning permit application process is complex.

To assist you with the process, we offer pre-application meetings to people considering development in Murrindindi Shire.

Pre-application meetings are an opportunity for an applicant to discuss their ideas with a planning officer before embarking on the process of applying for a planning permit.

A planning officer will be able to determine if a planning permit is required and can advise what information you will need to provide with your planning application. We encourage you to phone the planning unit to have an initial discussion with officers, who can provide guidance on whether a pre-application meeting is of value, having regard for the proposed development.

Pre-application meetings are encouraged as they allow the applicant an opportunity to discuss their proposal with staff and receive professional advice on planning related considerations. You can make an appointment to meet one of our officers in Alexandra, Yea, or Kinglake; or we can come and meet you on site, if required.

At a pre-application meeting, a planning officer will be able to help you understand what information needs to be provided to support your proposal and to assist in assessing your application. Possible referrals to other authorities, such as the CFA, VicRoads, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, or Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority can be discussed.

Importantly, a planning officer can help with you with your application and may also be able to identify any potential concerns with your proposal and assist with alternative solutions.

If you have any prepared documents, plans or drawings, it is recommended that you bring these along for your meeting. Alternatively, you can email any documents through to <a href="mailto:planning@murrindindi.vic.gov.au">planning@murrindindi.vic.gov.au</a>. The more information that you can provide will help us to provide a detailed response to your enquiry.

We encourage people considering development in Murrindindi Shire to contact us on (03) 5772 0317 or <a href="mailto:planning@murrindindi.vic.gov.au">planning@murrindindi.vic.gov.au</a> and make an appointment to discuss your ideas with a planning officer.

This advice sheet is to be used as a general guide only. Council has made all reasonable effort to ensure the information provided in this is true and accurate. However, we recommend that you seek professional advice before acting or making decisions on the basis of this information. For any questions or clarification, please contact Council's Planning Unit on (03) 5772 0317.