

## Home Based Business

A home based business (referred to in the Murrindindi Planning Scheme as a 'Home Occupation') is a small business run from a dwelling, or on the land surrounding a dwelling, by a resident of the dwelling.

We strongly encourage economic development within the Shire, including home based businesses, but we need to ensure that these businesses comply with the 'Home Occupation' provisions of our planning scheme. The controls in these provisions are consistent statewide.

The aim of controls is to ensure that the business does not have an adverse effect on other residents in the area. Certain types of businesses, such as motor mechanic workshops, timber yards, storage depots and manufacturing activities, are not suitable home based businesses.

We know the planning controls on home based businesses are very complex so please contact us to discuss the 'Home Occupation' provisions before you establish a business. You can contact us on (03) 5772 0317 or [planning@murrindindi.vic.gov.au](mailto:planning@murrindindi.vic.gov.au).

The home based business provisions are contained in clause 52.11. You can contact us for details or go to <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/schemes/murrindindi> and check for yourself.

### What requirements must be met

A planning permit is not required to conduct a home occupation from an existing dwelling, provided that certain requirements are met. Please see section 52.11-1 in the planning scheme for details.

.It is up to you to comply with these planning requirements, and failure to do so may result in penalties, so please check with our Planning Unit if you are unsure or require advice.

### When a permit is required

In some instances a permit is required. Please see section 52.11-2 in the planning scheme for details.

If your home based business cannot meet these requirements you will not be able to run the business from your home, so please check with us if you are unsure or require advice.

### Signage

One sign is allowed without a planning permit for each premises occupied by a home based business in rural and residential areas. The advertisement area of this sign cannot exceed 0.2 square metres. For any other form or size of signage you will need to obtain a permit.

*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.*