

PLANNING FACT SHEET

Dependent Person's Unit



What is a Dependent Person's Unit (DPU)?

The Murrindindi Planning Scheme defines a DPU as 'a moveable building on the same lot as an existing dwelling that is used to provide accommodation for a person dependent on a resident of the existing dwelling'.

In Murrindindi Shire a moveable building is considered to be 'a structure, other than a tent, caravan or vehicle, which is designed to be moved from place to place on more than one occasion'.

Do I need a planning permit to locate a DPU on my property?

In most cases a planning permit will not be required for a Dependent Person's Unit, provided it's the only DPU on the property.

However, if the proposed building does not fit the definitions above, it may be regarded as a second dwelling on the property and will require a planning permit.

A planning permit will be required if the property is in a Rural Conservation Zone or within an overlay control (under the Murrindindi Planning Scheme). Please contact our Planning Unit via email at planning@murrindindi.vic.gov.au or phone (03) 5772 0333 for more information.

Do I need a building permit for a DPU?

A building permit is required for a DPU. Please contact our Building Unit on (03) 5772 0333 or your nominated building surveyor to find out the requirements for a building permit.

If reticulated sewerage is not available to the proposed site of the DPU, a septic tank permit will also be required from our Environmental Health Unit, who can be contacted on (03) 5772 0333.

Will I need a planning permit to remove vegetation to locate a DPU on my land?

A planning permit may be required to remove vegetation in order to site a DPU on your property.

Please discuss this with our Planning Unit and obtain any necessary permits before you remove, prune or lop any vegetation. This precaution will avoid the substantial penalties that may apply for removal of vegetation without 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 0333.

