

# Healthy by Design

## CASE STUDY

# Macedon Ranges Shire Council Guidelines for Residential Subdivisions in the Macedon Ranges: Designing in Health and Wellbeing



The purpose of the Designing in Health and Wellbeing project has been to prepare guidelines to assist with the design of residential development proposals, specifically to address subdivision designs to 'build in' healthy lifestyle, safety, protection of the environment and conservation of resources.

The project aims to enhance the health of the community by providing a policy base, principles and criteria that require planning applications to address physical activity, shade, community connectivity, housing affordability and sustainable environmental design.

The implementation of the Designing in Health and Wellbeing project involved the adoption as a policy of the guidelines by

Macedon Ranges Shire Council on the 22nd June 2005. The Council is now working towards incorporating the guidelines into their planning scheme.

Some of the barriers and issues identified and addressed in the development of the guidelines were balancing competing and sometimes conflicting community expectations and the capacity of developers to meet all requirements.

The project has already raised awareness within Council and among developers and is used as a basis in assessing applications. So while the adoption of the guidelines in itself is a significant achievement of the project, the long-term health and wellbeing benefits for residents will be an even greater outcome.

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