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NEW URBAN DESIGN GUIDELINES TO DRIVE SUSTAINABLE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Shire of Campaspe has adopted new Urban Design Guidelines (UDGs) that aim to improve the form and layout of future residential subdivisions in the Shire of Campaspe.

Strategy portfolio holder Cr Judith O'Farrell said the UDGs were developed in-house by Council's planning experts to provide a tool to illustrate and drive best practice in the future design and development of residential estates.

"The UDGs are underpinned by several key principles that provide a foundation for sustainable future urban development," Cr O'Farrell said.

"Adhering to these principles will help create a better environment while achieving a suitable design response for both the developer and end user, being individual lot owners."

The key principles are:

Connectivity

Encouraging walking and cycling in neighbourhoods by providing safe and continuous dual access paths which are well connected to a variety of destinations within the community.

Effective use of public open space

Creating better positioning and use of public open space and parks within the development which are both aesthetically pleasing and attractive leisure areas for a range of age brackets. For example placing seating at intervals along a walkway to assist users.

Landscaping

Appropriate landscaping can help frame and create a distinctive form while also allowing people to be influenced by their environment.

Water sensitive urban design

Increased development can result in greater hard surface area and changes to the volume, velocity and quality of stormwater drainage into waterways. Therefore, drainage requirements within a subdivision should be landscaped and formed to create an aesthetically pleasing feature. Storm water run-off should be effectively captured and reticulated for grey water use.

The UDGs will be incorporated into the Planning Scheme through a future planning scheme amendment implementing the Echuca Housing Strategy and the South East Industrial Strategy, among others.

Cr O'Farrell said that implementation of the UDGs' principles will also have a positive economic impact on the municipality as property owners could see increased property values.

Further information

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