

## Amendment C84 update

**Amendment C84 places the Macedon Ranges Settlement Strategy into the planning scheme, updating Council's local policies to reflect our vision for future growth and development in the shire to 2036.**

In the last *Shire Life*, we stated that Council adopted all the panel's recommendations. We wish to clarify that Council adopted the amendment document attached to the Panel's report, but it was not practical to adopt some of the additional recommendations for reasons included in the Council report of 28 May 2014.

In further discussions since May, Council has sought some other changes to the adopted document to further improve the clauses that we will use to assess planning applications into the future.

The latest draft under consideration by the Minister for planning can be viewed on our website at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/AmendmentC84](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/AmendmentC84)

## Waste Management Strategy

Council has recently completed a review of its 2007 Waste Management Strategy, and is currently developing a new strategy for the next five years.

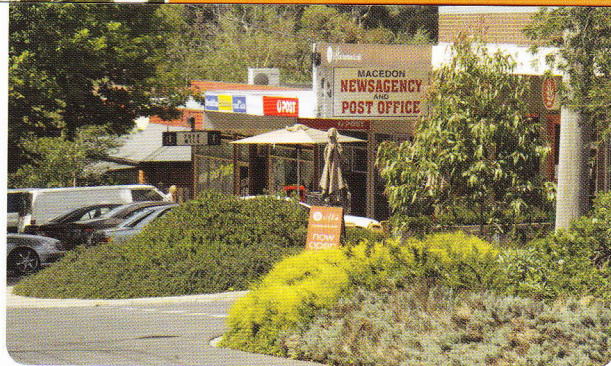
The review identified that the extension of Council's bin collection service to rural areas and the introduction of a garden waste collection have allowed residents to better separate their waste, thereby increasing recycling rates.

However, the total volume of waste going to landfill from the shire is still increasing and includes many materials which could be re-used or recycled.

High rates of contamination, where the wrong type of material is put in each bin, also mean that lots of recyclable materials or garden waste cannot be accepted for processing, further contributing to landfill.

The challenge for the future is to reduce the amount of waste we generate, and increase the proportion of materials we recover for re-use or recycling.

Once completed, the new draft Waste Management Strategy will be released for community comment in October.



## Macedon and Mount Macedon Village Centre Studies

**Council has exhibited draft village centre studies for public comment and is currently reviewing the submissions received. The studies will guide how new development can positively contribute to the character of each village.**

The draft studies contain a vision for the future of both commercial centres, and a framework plan with actions to guide future use and development.

The studies examined the amount of commercial development required to meet future needs and provide directions for managing bushfire risk.

The Mount Macedon study also examined four potential options for the zoning of the village centre including retaining the existing zone.

