



# Draft Green Wedge Management Plan for public consultation

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## A Message from the Mayor

Managing our Green Wedge is one of the most important responsibilities Nillumbik Shire Council has.

The Victorian State Government expects each of metropolitan Melbourne's green wedge councils to prepare a Green Wedge Management Plan (GWMP) and review it on a regular basis.

Council made a commitment to review the 2010-2025 Nillumbik GWMP when it was elected in 2016. This is our opportunity to prepare a plan that is relevant to our unique circumstances and to guide our Shire's future.

A new Green Wedge Management Plan will guide the future of our iconic rural areas, the 'Green Wedge', which covers some 91 percent of the Shire.

Over the last year, many of you have shared your ideas and knowledge to help us understand - **What is the best way for us to manage Nillumbik's Green Wedge, now and in the future?**

Throughout the development of the plan, Council has sought to find a balance between high level objectives, tangible practical initiatives and a strong level of community involvement to inform and shape the plan.

We've now prepared a Draft Green Wedge Management Plan and want the community's feedback.

I encourage you to visit [participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/gwmp](https://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/gwmp) to provide your feedback on this important plan.



Cr Karen Egan  
Mayor

## Information Sessions

We will be holding public information sessions to talk through the draft Plan and promote opportunities to provide feedback:

### Session 1:

Wednesday 24 July 2019 –  
5pm to 6pm at Hurstbridge  
Community Hub – 50  
Graysharps Rd, Hurstbridge

### Session 2:

Wednesday 24 July 2019 –  
6.30-7.30pm at Hurstbridge  
Community Hub – 50  
Graysharps Rd, Hurstbridge

### Session 3:

Thursday 25 July - 5pm to  
6pm at Nillumbik Shire  
Council Offices Council  
Chambers – Civic Drive,  
Greensborough (enter via  
after hours ramp)

### Session 4:

Thursday 25 July– 6.30-  
7.30pm at Nillumbik Shire  
Council Offices Council  
Chambers – Civic Drive,  
Greensborough (enter via  
after hours ramp)

To register, visit:

[participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/gwmp](http://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/gwmp)

email:

[gwmp@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:gwmp@nillumbik.vic.gov.au)

or call: **9433 3134**

## How you can participate

Members of the community are invited to give their feedback on the draft Plan between Monday 1 July and Sunday 11 August 2019. The Draft Green Wedge Management Plan can be downloaded online at [participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/gwmp](http://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/gwmp). There are also hard copies available to view at the Hurstbridge Community Hub, Eltham Community and Reception Centre, Diamond Valley and Eltham Library or at Council's offices.

## Submissions

Written submissions can be made until **11.59pm on Sunday 11 August 2019**, and will be considered by Council to September, prior to finalisation and adoption.

Submissions can be made:

- via the electronic form available online at [participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/gwmp](http://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/gwmp)
- lodged in person at one of Council's staffed community facilities:
  - Council offices, Civic Drive, Greensborough
  - Hurstbridge Community Hub, 50 - Graysharps road, Hurstbridge
  - Eltham Community and Reception Centre, 801 Main Road, Eltham
- or mailed to PO Box 476, Greensborough VIC 3088
- you will have an opportunity to speak to your submission at a Future Nillumbik Committee meeting on Tuesday 10 September 2019. To register to speak, you will need to complete the **online form** at or call **9433 3271**

## Next steps

25 June

Ordinary Council Meeting on Draft GWMP for public consultation

1 July

Public consultation on the Draft GWMP (6 weeks) from 1 July - 11 August 2019

10 Sept

Future Nillumbik Committee to consider community feedback

29 Oct

Ordinary Council Meeting to endorse GWMP

## Summary of the process to date

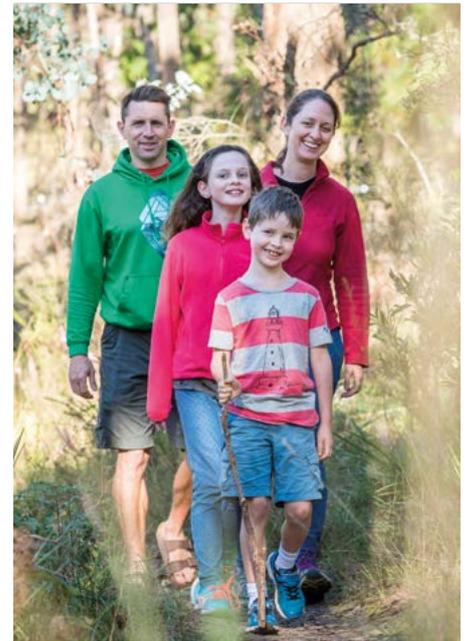
There was a four staged engagement process for the review of the Green Wedge Management Plan (GWMP). We worked with the community to design an external community engagement program (Stage 1) which was implemented for 6 weeks in mid-2018.

More than 1,000 contributions were received ranging from drawings by school children, workshop attendances, surveys, submitted stories and photographs, feedback at coffee and chat sessions with project team members and an artwork from Nillumbik Youth Theatre (Stage 2).

In the third stage, community feedback was presented to the community panel. 10,000 invitations to be part of the panel were sent out and 176 nominations received. 40 randomly selected members from the community were appointed. The panel sat for 6 days from 18 August 17 to November, 2018. The panel's task was to recommend to Council a vision, objectives and key actions.

Council's remit was "What is the best way for us to manage Nillumbik's green wedge, now and in the future". The panel's majority report recommended a vision, principles and actions which Council formally responded to. Council also later received a minority report from five members of the panel and has also been considered in the development of the draft plan.

The project's fourth and final stage will include wide community consultation on the Draft GWMP scheduled for 1 July to 11 August 2019. Feedback will inform the final plan for Council's consideration.



### Inputs into the GWMP

The Draft Green Wedge Management Plan has been shaped by various inputs including community feedback received through last year's wider engagement process, and the GWMP Community Panel's recommendations and Council's response to those recommendations. The Draft also gives consideration to the (April 2019) Minority Report and the Draft Bushfire Mitigation Strategy.

## The process to date

### STAGE ONE Complete

#### Designing the broader community engagement plan

Council worked with community stakeholders to help design the community engagement and activities to maximise community interest and involvement.

### STAGE TWO Complete

#### Implementing the broader community Engagement Plan until 13 July 2018

There were a range of ways the community could get involved and share their ideas and experiences.

### STAGE THREE Complete

#### Community Panel (August - November 2018)

Everything we heard through the community engagement phase was summarised in a report that was shared publicly and presented to a special community panel of 40 participants from across the Shire, selected by a third party independent of Council. The panel sat for six days to listen to and consider the community's views covering economic, social and environmental values and impacts. The panel heard evidence and made recommendations to Council on ways to ensure the Green Wedge is nurtured and managed for future generations.

Council considered and responded to the Community Panel's recommendations and responded to these publicly.

### STAGE FOUR Now

#### Preparation of the Green Wedge Management Plan (November 2018 - October 2019)

Council has prepared a draft Green Wedge Management Plan. The draft Plan will be released for wider community consultation for 6 weeks from 1 July to 11 August 2019. Council will hear submissions at the 10 September 2019 Future Nillumbik Committee meeting.

The GWMP will be finalised for Council's consideration and adoption at the Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled for 29 October 2019.

### Need more information?

Participate Nillumbik is the one-stop-shop for the Green Wedge Management Plan review. You can provide input, and access information and key dates and register to keep up to date with the project at [participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/gwmp](https://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/gwmp). For further details about the project or to opt out email [gwmp@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:gwmp@nillumbik.vic.gov.au) or call 9433 3134.



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The Green Wedge Shire