

Local Area Planning

Local Area Planning (LAP) is Surf Coast Shire's approach to Community Planning. It is an ongoing, place based approach to planning that encourages community members to become involved in issues that affect them. LAP is about 'turning talk into community action' by acknowledging that communities have the skills, experience, knowledge and willingness to contribute to meeting their own collective needs. Local Area Planning also enables communities to contribute to the Council Planning process which determines priorities and values, and informs the setting of long term objectives. Local Area Planning can take the form of meetings, open space forums, speak outs, online communication and informal get-togethers, and these initiatives are supported by Council's Community Engagement Facilitator. As of late 2008, Local Area Planning is currently underway in Aireys Inlet, Anglesea, Deans Marsh, Moriac and Winchelsea, and in Lorne is supported through a DPCD funded Community Building Initiative auspiced by the CFA until 2010. Details about Local Area Planning meetings and outcomes can be found at http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/community_lpa.htm.

WHAT IS LOCAL AREA PLANNING?

Participatory decision making to achieve dynamic & resilient communities

Community connections that improve decision making

Citizens affecting decision about their lives

Better decisions, Better governance

Connects people, place and planning

Where I can be inclusive & influential

Community ownership

People involved in place