



Theme 4: Neighbourhood Character and Heritage

Strategic objective: Protect the heritage and respect the character of Boroondara, while facilitating appropriate, well-designed development.

Strategies

Council's Role

	Plan	Deliver	Partner	Advocate
4.1 Boroondara's heritage places are protected through ongoing implementation of heritage protection controls in the Boroondara Planning Scheme.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
4.2 The history of Boroondara's heritage places is respected and celebrated through community education.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4.3 Development does not adversely impact heritage places through the application of controls and policies set out in the Boroondara Planning Scheme.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
4.4 New development positively contributes to amenity and liveability through design excellence.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
4.5 Better development outcomes are achieved through advocacy to State Government and industry bodies for changes to planning controls and policies.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Strategic indicators

- number of heritage planning scheme amendments considered by Council
- average number of days to process a planning application
- percentage of 'demolition consents' under section 29A of the Building Act by Building Services checked within 15 business days
- percentage of Council planning decisions upheld and decisions successfully mediated at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT).

Services

SERVICE CATEGORY

SERVICE DESCRIPTION

Asset Protection

- protect public assets under the control of Council to minimise the impact of works by others on the community.

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<p>Building Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encourage desirable building design outcomes for amenity protection and to maintain consistent streetscapes through the Report and Consent process • assess building permit applications, conduct mandatory inspections and issue occupancy permits/final certificates for buildings and structures • provide property hazard and building permit history information to designers, solicitors, private building surveyors and ratepayers • conduct fire safety inspections and audits on public and/or high-risk buildings to ensure safety of occupants and the public • maintain a register of swimming pools and spas located within the municipality and conduct safety barrier compliance inspections when required to ensure a safer built environment • administer and enforce the <i>Building Act 1993</i> and Building Regulations, including investigation of illegal and dangerous buildings to ensure public and occupant safety • provide building regulatory and technical advice to residents and ratepayers in relation to local planning policy • assess section 29A demolition requests in accordance with the <i>Building Act 1993</i>.
<p>Strategic and Statutory Planning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • process and assess planning applications in accordance with the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987</i>, the Boroondara Planning Scheme and Council policies • provide advice about development and land use proposals, as well as information to assist the community in its understanding of these proposals • investigate non-compliances with planning permits and the Boroondara Planning Scheme and take appropriate enforcement action when necessary • assess applications to subdivide land or buildings under the <i>Subdivision Act 1988</i> • defend Council planning decisions at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) • advocate for and prepare land-use policy and standards within the context of Victorian State policy • promote sustainable design and development and heritage conservation • manage the Municipal Strategic Statement • develop policies and plans to guide land use and development • assess traffic, parking and drainage implications of planning permit applications.