

## CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

To be responsible custodians, by managing and enhancing our environment, minimising the impacts of development, waste, natural disasters and climate change.

Strategy 7.1: Protect and enhance Mitchell Shire's rural landscape and natural assets.

Develop a Street Tree policy

Progress the Pound (cat) refurbishment and implement related new services

Initiate a New Pound feasibility study

Strategy 7.2: Empower the community through partnerships and education.

This now forms part of "Business as Usual"

Strategy 7.3: Investigate and initiate practices in key aspects of environmental management.

Implement the Cat Curfew and increase education around responsible cat ownership

Plan for future Resource Recovery Centre (RRC) services for Kilmore and Broadford

Develop a Southern Region Waste Resource Recovery Education Strategy for Mitchell, Strathbogie and Murrindindi

Strategy 7.4: Be prepared and proactive in responding to the effects of climate change on the community.

Develop an Environmental Sustainability Policy addressing a range of subjects/issues including:

- > climate change adaptation/mitigation/resilience
- > built environment and environmentally sustainable design (ESD)
- > biodiversity management
- > energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions reductions
- > water sensitive management
- > waste management
- > urban ecology

Strategy 7.5: Provide opportunities for the community to experience nature in their everyday lives.

Develop a feasibility study into establishing a Southern Regional Park based on the Old Herne's Swamp, and accompanying advocacy material

Strategy 7.6: Improve compliance with fire hazard removal, weed management and appropriate waste.

Campaign to reduce illegal dumping (media, monitoring, enforcement)

Design and construct the new Seymour Resource Recovery Centre at Hilldene

Upgrade the Wallan Resource Recovery Centre