



IPWEA 2013

# COLLABORATION AND MEETING CHALLENGES

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# What is the IDM?

The IDM is the Infrastructure Design Manual and it documents a Council's requirements for the provision and design of infrastructure that becomes a council asset into the future

# History

- September 2004 – Campaspe Shire, Greater Shepparton City Council and Greater Bendigo City Council agree to work together to develop a common engineering manual documenting infrastructure standards across the three municipalities.
- December 2006 – Draft IDM launched

## History (continued)

- November 2006- Moira Shire expressed desire to join.
- October 2007 – IDM adopted by the municipalities and steps put in place to have it referenced in the planning scheme.
- Letters sent to adjoining municipalities inviting them to become members of the IDM Group.

## History (continued)

- City of Greater Geelong joins
- Gippsland Council's receive funding from DPCCD to develop their infrastructure standards.
- Gippsland Councils adopt IDM in principle early 2010.

## History (continued)

- Infrastructure Standards Committee setup.
- September 2010 v3 of IDM adopted and v1 of Standard Drawings adopted.
- 14 Councils formally adopted at this stage but many other attend meetings.

## History (continued)

- Later half of 2010 - Extensive rollout presentations to other Council's begin in the west and north of state.
- Councils continue to join

# Council Obligations

All Council's that adopt the IDM sign a MOU that requires:

- Payment of joining fee
- Payment of annual maintenance fee
- Attendance at meetings every 12 months or more as required by members
- Review of IDM from time to time as determined by members.
- Referencing of the IDM in the planning scheme



# Benefits of IDM

- Developing more consistency amongst design requirements for Consultants and Developers
- Provides a better defense at the Victorian Civil Appeals Tribunal (VCAT)
- Sharing of ideas and practices helps the municipalities to adopt the best practice of each.
- To clearly document participating Council's requirements for the design and development of infrastructure.

## Benefits of IDM (continued)

- Developers and consultants can commence planning developments without the need to wait for Council's to advise of their standards.
- Staff changing from municipality to municipality don't need to be retrained and are used to using standards.
- Contractors have uniform infrastructure standards across participating municipalities.
- Prepared and maintained by those who use the IDM.

# Formal Process



## Formal Process (continued)



# Formal Process (continued)



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# Accessibility

- The IDM has its own website
- Electronic format - makes document control easier (the latest version is the one available on the website.)
- Webpage has links and downloads that are useful to all as well as a forum for communication
- Has contact details of all participating municipalities.
- The IDM and Standard Drawings available on the website: [www.designmanual.com.au](http://www.designmanual.com.au)

This Infrastructure Design Manual was designed to clearly document and standardise Council requirements for the design and development of municipal infrastructure.

It aims to also expedite council engineering approvals and ensure that minimum design criteria are met in regard to the design and construction of municipal infrastructure regardless of whether it is constructed by Council or a developer.



[Download The IDM](#)

Version 3 — September 2010



## Get involved

If you want to join the IDM group or make comments to improve the IDM, email the [Development Coordinator](#), City of Greater Shepparton.

Engineering queries relating to individual development submissions, status of approvals or further technical direction regarding infrastructure design should be directed to the relevant municipality.

Since the preparation of the manual many other Councils have adopted the Infrastructure Design Manual (IDM).

[Learn more about the participating councils and how to get involved.](#)

## About the Infrastructure Design Manual (IDM)

This Infrastructure Design Manual was originally prepared by [Greater Bendigo City Council](#), [Greater Shepparton City Council](#) and [Campaspe Shire Council](#).

Their joint initiative was one which recognised the benefits of municipalities working together towards consistent requirements and standards for the design and development of infrastructure.

The first version of the IDM came into use in October 2007 when it was placed online.

## Benefits of a common Infrastructure Design Manual



### Accountability

Provides a better defence at the Victorian Civil Appeals Tribunal (VCAT) when the design requirements have been developed and adopted by a number of municipalities.



### Collaboration

Sharing financial and human resources to produce an Infrastructure Design Manual which will satisfy the requirements of each of the participating municipalities.



### Consistency

Developing more consistency amongst design requirements for Consultants and Developers working in the participating municipalities.



### Quality

Sharing of ideas and practices helps the municipalities to adopt the best practice of each.



### Documentation

To clearly document participating Council's requirements for the design and development of infrastructure.

# Current Status

- The IDM Group consists of two entities
  - The Board which deals with the governance
  - The Technical Group which considers alterations and updates to the manual



## Current Status (continued)

- The Board
  - Looking at creating an Incorporated Association
  - Through, DPCD incorporating the IDM into the Scheme
  - Providing training to member councils on the use of the IDM

## Current Status (continued)

- The Technical Group
  - Is currently considering the final amendments to V4 of the manual
  - Involved with Geelong in providing projects for Sustainable Infrastructure funding
  - Review GAA standards

# Challenges

- Incorporation (giving it more weight)
- Culture change for Municipalities
- Planning departments and their buy in



