

Five place pillars that will shape and guide Clarkefield's future:



A connected lifestyle

A walkable and self-sufficient settlement, providing daily needs and services for residents within 10 minutes of home, including Clarkefield Station.

Local living, fostering community interactions and bonds.



A peri-urban township

A way of living connected to the heritage of Clarkefield, the agricultural landscape, natural surrounds and region.

A vibrant, yet affordable destination integrating urban amenity with the unique qualities of the Macedon Ranges.



Sustainable place

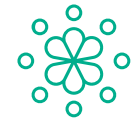
Integrated systems and energy efficient environments will enable the settlement to be a carbon neutral community, setting a benchmark for sustainable, affordable and self-sufficient living.



Tourism and local economy

A working village melding local living with experiences and attractions focused on arts, local heritage, indigenous celebration, nature and agriculture.

Economic vibrancy, locally and across the region, will be fostered through business and employment generation.



Natural and productive landscapes

Agricultural activities will be the foundation of the village enabling local and healthy living.

Biodiversity values will be enhanced within the settlement, responding to the surrounding natural and agricultural landscapes.

- Create an interconnected network of high amenity and walkable streets, including improved access to Clarkefield Station;
- Provide for a mix of uses and activities at the heart of Clarkefield, in proximity to the Station and along Station Street (including retail, commercial and community uses);
- Provide daily needs (including supermarket) within walking distance of all homes;
- Embed facilities, parks and farm within the community, providing gathering spaces and opportunities for social interaction.
- Establish Station Street as a mixed use main street - embodying the qualities of other villages in the Macedon Ranges;
- Reflect, in a contemporary manner, the character elements of the Macedon Ranges - through built form, street and open space design;
- Provide for a range of dwelling types (including affordable housing and compact dwellings), allowing choice and accommodating a range of household sizes/ compositions.
- Reduce potable water use and increase recycled water use (through wastewater treatment/ reuse and water efficient initiatives within homes);
- Irrigate public spaces and streets (and private properties) with recycled water;
- Mandate all-electric homes, incorporating passive solar design and high efficiency heat pumps for hot water and space conditioning;
- Adopt practical mechanisms ensuring homes are carbon neutral for energy supply, including minimum solar per lot requirements to be delivered on rooftops or a shared solar farm;
- Provide transit choice, including access to shared vehicles and bikes.
- Deliver the first stages of the Regional Rail Trails, connecting Clarkefield to the broader Macedon Ranges;
- Complement the Coach and Horses Inn with a mixed use main street and station precinct, allowing businesses and activities to grow and change over time commensurate with residents needs;
- Re-establish Clarkefield Reserve as the recreational heart of Clarkefield, enabled through facility upgrades and improved access.
- Select tree/ plant species that contribute to a resilient settlement (reducing heat island effect, enhancing species diversity and community awareness);
- Deliver a Community Farm providing a source of local and healthy food and opportunities for social interaction and lifelong learning;
- Celebrate the land's Indigenous and European history through landscape and character responses;
- Preserve and celebrate visual connections to the Ranges and surrounding agricultural lands.

