

## Melbourne Green Wedges Forum

With a range of competing issues, the management of Melbourne's Green Wedge values continues to be a challenge. This event is designed to engage the Green Wedges councils to progress the development and implementation of Green Wedge Management Plans. A provocative panel discussion on important Green Wedge aspects including the economics, social perspectives and environmental sustainability will inform two afternoon workshops which will investigate key Green Wedge management themes. The forum will draw upon local government experiences and provide an opportunity to network with peers and representatives from key agencies and authorities.

**WHEN:** Friday 21 August 2009

**TIME:** 9am - 4pm (Registrations from 8.30am)

**WHERE:** Eltham Community and Reception Centre, 801 Main Road, Eltham (enter via Pitt St)

**COST:** \$50 incl. GST or 9 pre-paid credit points

**RSVP:** Go to [www.mav.asn.au/environment](http://www.mav.asn.au/environment) by Friday 14 August

### OBJECTIVES:

To reinvigorate discussions and engage Green Wedge councils in progressing the development and implementation of Green Wedge Management Plans. Discussions will include:

- the Green Wedge Management Plans to protect values and manage change;
- the exchange of ideas between councils, councils and state agencies and authorities with an interest in Green Wedge management; and
- the building of relationships to progress Green Wedge management.

### PROGRAM:

- The forum will be opened by Planning Minister Justin Madden;
- A keynote address by Dr Ian McPhail on findings of the State of the Environment Report relevant to Green Wedge management;
- A panel discussion with experts covering various perspectives on Green Wedge management including economics and environmental sustainability;
- Workshops to cover key Green Wedge management themes including biodiversity, resilient communities, land use and development, and economic aspects;
- Networking drinks at close of forum

### Who Should Attend:

Councillors, senior managers and council officers with an interest in Green Wedge management

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