



TIMBER TOWNS VICTORIA: STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2022 – 2025

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A Local Government Association

MISSION

Timber Towns Victoria (TTV) is the local government voice on timber related matters and their impact on local communities and local government infrastructure.

KEY OBJECTIVES

- To deliver leadership and advocacy for the interests of local government and their communities, particularly road and bridge infrastructure.
- To provide a forum for local government to share information and to address timber related issues
- To be a credible and respected stakeholder on timber issues, representing local government in working with the community, all levels of governments and the timber industry.
- To support and assist councils managing the impact of timber related issues
- To support sustainable communities and local government infrastructure.

KEY STRATEGIES

Government Relations:

1. Establish and maintain constructive relationships across all levels of government representatives and relevant agencies.
2. Keep abreast of changes to policies and strategies in relation to the forestry and timber sector and make submissions where appropriate.
3. Seek representation for TTV to be appointed to any Government review panels / committees where timber is the focus.

Transport and Infrastructure:

1. Seek funding commitments from the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments to maintain and upgrade local roads and bridge infrastructure.
2. Facilitate information and advice to members on freight, road science and other transport related knowledge sectors, for sustainable road management and capital works planning
3. Work with Department of Transport (DoT) and Regional Development Victoria (RDV) on the need for local data to assist with their budget modelling.
4. Review Timber Industry Road Evaluation Study (TIRES) Report 2022 - 2027
5. Keep abreast of new regional infrastructure plans and provide feedback as required.

Land Use Management and Planning Scheme:

1. Monitor timber related statutory obligations and government policies related to forestry on public and private land
2. Provide information and advice to members on planning requirements for plantation development and sustainable land use practices
3. Promote and encourage councils in the sharing of skills and knowledge on the implementation of the Code of Practice for Forestry.
4. Provide timely and well-informed input into the development of government policies related to the forestry industry
5. Work with member Councils to assist in the adaptation of planning schemes and land use management that reflects their desired relationship with the forestry industry.
6. Assist in the adoption of a Municipal Strategic Statement that identifies the importance of forestry to the local economy.
7. Work with government departments and Councils to progress initiatives and resolve issues.

TTV Communications:

1. Increase awareness of TTV through print media and social media platforms.
2. Ensure the TTV website provides relevant accessible information.
3. Maintain an active social media presence.
4. Maintain TTV representation on appropriate external committees and groups.
5. Consider representation at forestry forums and events.

TTV Membership and Services:

1. Deliver forums and other events for all Victorian councils to increase their knowledge and understanding of freight, transport, infrastructure and the impact of the forestry sector
2. Encourage TTV members to remain active participants and provide opportunities for them for relevant and timely information and to engage with state government and industry.
3. Encourage non-member councils to join TTV where the forest and wood products industry influences and impacts are significant to local government infrastructure, their community and local economy.
4. Develop a satisfaction survey for members
5. Assist Member Councils with funding opportunities.