



4.5.13 Interpretive Facility Code

Purpose

The purpose of this Code is to:

- facilitate the development of Interpretive Facilities that provide information and educational experiences relating specifically to the unique natural features of the Shire; and
- ensure that Interpretive Facilities are low-impact, small-scale and complementary to the surrounding environment and locality in which they are located, in terms of design, materials and signage.

Applicability

This Code applies to assessable development for Material Change of Use for an Interpretive Facility.

Elements of the Code

Location

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA		ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS	
P1	The Interpretive Facility provides information and educational experiences appropriate to the locality.	A1.1	The purpose and theme of the facility is relevant to and complements the natural environment and surrounding uses in the locality.



Amenity and Landscaping

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA		ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS	
P2	The design and siting of the Interpretive Facility is complementary to the surrounding environment and locality.	A2.1	Buildings are compatible in scale, design and colour with the surrounding natural and built environment.
		A2.2	Signage is minimal and complies with all the relevant requirements of the Design and Siting of Advertising Devices Code.
		A2.3	Landscaping of the Site is appropriate to the facility and existing locality, with the retention of existing native vegetation and the inclusion of additional vegetation with species identified in the Plant Species Schedule in Planning Scheme Policy No 7 – Landscaping.

Ancillary Facilities

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA		ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS	
P3	Any ancillary facilities or uses are complementary and relevant to the theme of the Interpretive Facility.	A3.1	Any ancillary facilities or uses are limited to small-scale retail areas, café/Restaurant or display areas.
P4	Any ancillary Buildings are appropriate in terms of scale and design to the main Interpretive Facility Building and weather protection and connectivity are provided between Buildings for patrons and staff.	A4.1	Any ancillary Buildings are compatible in scale, design and colour with the main Interpretive Facility Building and the surrounding environment and locality.
		A4.2	Any ancillary Buildings are connected to the main Interpretive Facility Building with covered walkways with a minimum width of 1.2 metres footspace.