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Planning permits are faster at Towong

Towong Shire Council's planning department continues to be among the most efficient in Victoria according to annual statistics recently released by the Victorian Government.

For the 2014/15 year, Council's planning team processed 96% of planning permit applications well within the 60 day time-frame set by legislation. This positive result continues to build the Council's reputation as one of the fastest planning authorities in Victoria with monthly statistics demonstrating consistently high results for the past three years.

"This is excellent news for land-owners and developers in our Shire," said Cr David Wortmann, Towong Shire Council Mayor. "In the majority of cases, Council's planning team are able to process planning permit applications within five weeks, comparing very favourably to the average for rural Victorian councils of 57 days," said Cr Wortmann.

A key factor contributing to Council's success is the pre-development discussions Council's planning team have with potential applicants.

"Our planning staff are available to discuss every proposed development before any application is submitted," advised Cr Wortmann. "A pre-application conversation will identify what Planning Scheme requirements will apply to the development and Council staff can also provide advice about what information will be needed to process the application,"

Towong Shire Council processed 118 planning permit applications during 2014/15.