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| Vicmap Product Development |
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Vicmap Admin – Ward boundaries

## What is happening

From 20 November 2017, WARD\_2017 is being added to Vicmap Admin.

WARD\_2017 has been created for two reasons:

* To reflect changes to the Greater Geelong City Council structure as gazetted on 29 June 2017. Ward boundaries for all other councils remain unchanged from the WARD\_2016 file.
* To add a new column ‘GAZETTAL\_DATE’ (Date) to WARD\_2017. The ‘GAZETTAL\_DATE’ is the date when ward boundaries are published in the Government Gazette.

From 1 March 2018, WARD\_2016 will be removed from Vicmap Admin.

## Why this change is occurring

The two changes are explained in more detail below:

* The City of Greater Geelong has undergone significant changes in its electoral structure. The previous council, which was elected in 2012, was dismissed in 2016 and the directly elected mayor position was removed. During this time, Greater Geelong had overlapping objects in the WARD\_2016 dataset. There were individual ward objects, and a separate LGA-sized ‘Mayor at Large’ object. Elections for Greater Geelong, including a new mayor, were held in October 2017 and these new boundaries are represented in WARD\_2017.
* The ‘GAZETTAL\_DATE’ field is the date when ward boundaries are published in the Government Gazette. Previous versions of ward data have not included this field.

## Who it will affect

This change will affect all users of Vicmap Admin. Incremental Update Format (IUF) customers will not be affected as part of this change.

## When the change will occur

WARD\_2017 will be added to Vicmap Admin on 20 November 2017 and WARD\_2016 will be removed from Vicmap Admin on 1 March 2018.

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