

A clean, green and sustainable community





Our vision

In 2040, Maroondah will be a resilient community committed to sustainable living, enhancing our natural environment, and providing leadership in responding to climate change.

Our community said

We value our unique leafy environment with a diverse range of vegetation, bushlands, wetlands and wildlife. There is a strong desire to enhance our neighbourhoods and open space areas to ensure that the semi-rural feel of Maroondah is retained. The community want to see leadership in minimising consumption of resources and environmentally sustainable choices in response to the impacts of climate change.

The path ahead

As a community we will continue to enhance and protect the unique natural features of Maroondah's landscape. We will work together to reduce Maroondah's greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change. Everyone will be encouraged to make more sustainable choices, reduce waste and respect our limited natural resources.

“My wish for Maroondah is to see more community gardens that promote local food production.”

Key directions

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- 4.1 Create and foster a culture within our community that is committed to the sustainable use of natural resources
- 4.2 Provide leadership and build community capacity to reuse, recycle and repurpose resources to minimise consumption and waste
- 4.3 Work in partnership to ensure the long-term protection and renaturalisation of Maroondah's creeks and wetlands to improve water quality; streamflow; habitat connectivity and function; and adjacent surroundings

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- 4.4 Create and foster a culture within our community that is committed to protecting and enhancing the unique features of Maroondah's landscape, including our ridgelines, waterways, canopy vegetation, green open space and bushland reserves
- 4.5 Preserve and enhance Maroondah's parklands, bushlands, gardens, canopy vegetation and open spaces
- 4.6 Work in partnership to protect and restore biodiversity and habitat corridors for local plants and animals
- 4.7 Plan for increased vegetation and green spaces within activity centres and major development sites to link the built environment to the natural landscape and better connect people to nature

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- 4.8 Mitigate and adapt to the risk, effects and impacts of climate change and be responsive and adaptive to new environmental opportunities and threats as they occur
- 4.9 Strive to become a carbon neutral council and build the capacity of our community to make more sustainable choices
- 4.10 Work in partnership to reduce Maroondah's greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality
- 4.11 Work in partnership to promote a regionally-sourced healthy food system by encouraging thriving volunteer led community gardens and sustainably grown local produce

Community indicators of progress

Clean	Waste	Percent of garbage, recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins in Maroondah that is diverted from landfill
Green	Tree canopy cover	Maroondah's tree canopy cover
	Natural habitat	Total area of natural habitat in Maroondah
Sustainable	Carbon emissions	Council's greenhouse gas emissions
	Environmental leadership	Community perception of Council's performance in relation to environmental sustainability