

Vegetation Review Fact sheet

What you have told us....

At Maroondah Festival in 2017, community members shared their views on Maroondah's vegetation at Council's Café Consult marquee.

What did we ask?

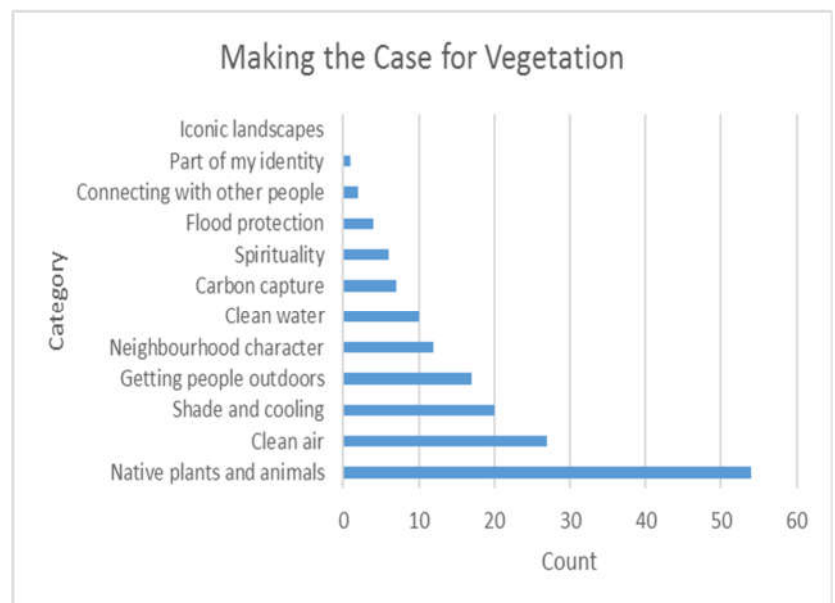
Community members were asked to respond to several questions, namely:

- "What do you think vegetation is most important for?"
- "What is your favourite species that calls Maroondah home?"
- "What are your:
 - Vegetation likes?"
 - Vegetation issues?"
 - Vegetation ideas?"

What do you think vegetation is most important for?

Consultation with our community during the development of the Council Plan; *Maroondah 2040: Our future together*, and our housing and sustainability strategies highlighted many reasons why people value vegetation.

We wanted to know exactly which of these values are the most important to our Maroondah community, so we asked them to vote. With 54 of all 160 votes, the importance of vegetation for "**Native plants and animals**" was the clear leader. "**Clean air**" and "**Shade and cooling**" were also significantly valued.



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What is your favourite species that calls Maroondah home?



Despite loss of bushland and other changes to Maroondah's environment since European settlement, native wildlife still shares in our urban space. We wanted to understand what indigenous Maroondah animals people feel strongly about. Birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians were represented by eight candidate animals, and visitors to 'Café Consult' nominated their favourites. More than 213 votes were cast. Mammals, **Koala** (42 votes) and **Echidna** (40 votes) were the most popular, closely followed by the owl-like **Tawny Frogmouth** (40 votes). Check out the Fact Sheets on Maroondah's plants and animals to discover more about how they are coping with Maroondah's changing environment.

Vegetation Likes, Issues and Ideas

Residents typically have closer connections to places they frequent, and can uniquely appreciate the qualities and opportunities of these areas. We asked people to provide their thoughts and insights on vegetation, connecting them to locations on a map of Maroondah.

Respondents added 256 comments to the map of Maroondah. **Trees and greenery, bushland and native vegetation, and walking trails/bike paths** were popular '*likes*', while '*issues*' of **development, rubbish, and tree impacts** were a common concern.

'*Ideas*' that support **more trees and vegetation** and **more/upgraded paths and trails** were the most common.



Want to know more?

Visit www.yoursay.maroondah.vic.gov.au/maroondah-vegetation-review to read more about the Maroondah Vegetation Review, including:

- Summary of community feedback - Maroondah Vegetation Review
- Transcript of community responses - Vegetation Likes, Issues and Ideas

Vegetation Review - where to from here?

Council is developing an evidence-based strategy for its vegetation and biodiversity.

An Issues and Options Paper will be released for public discussion and feedback from Monday 11 February until Friday 15 March.

During the second half of 2019 a draft strategy will be released for community review and feedback.

Stay informed on the project

To be notified of progress or find out about further engagement opportunities, please 'Register your interest' at www.yoursay.maroondah.vic.gov.au/maroondah-vegetation-review

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