

Maroondah Neighbourhood Character Study Review

Maroondah City Council is currently undertaking a review of their Neighbourhood Character Study, which was prepared in 2004.

The review will assess the landscape and built form character of the residential areas of Maroondah, and will make recommendations about how that character can be protected and improved through the Maroondah Planning Scheme.

What is neighbourhood character?

Neighbourhood character is shaped by the way buildings, vegetation and topography, both in public and private areas, relate to each other. It is the way these distinctive components of an area's character combine to produce a particular visual 'sense of place' that makes one neighbourhood different from another. Some elements may be more important than others in creating this special character.

Within Maroondah, the natural landscape and vegetation coverage are integral to residential character. And while neighbourhoods may vary in relation to the layout of streets or the era of dwellings, it is the undulating topography, native tree canopy cover and views to the iconic Dandenong Ranges that unifies the community's connection to place.



Study process

The study process comprises 5 stages (outlined below) and will be finalised in June 2019.

Stage 1: Inception

Stage 2: Residential Character Assessment

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Stage 3: Identification of Community Values

Stage 4: Implementation Recommendations

Stage 5: Final Report & Road Map

The study team has recently completed Stage 2, the Residential Character Assessment, and a draft report is available on Council's website for the community to read and comment on.

From now until the end of December, the project team will be identifying what the community values most about the character of its residential areas.

Have your say

Please take the time to answer the questions on the back of this Community Bulletin. Your feedback will help to shape the outcomes of this study and the future of your residential neighbourhoods.

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For ongoing updates on the project visit
www.maroondah.vic.gov.au



If known, please indicate in which Neighbourhood Area you live.

To identify the Neighbourhood Area you are interested in please visit
<http://www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/DevelopmentPlanning/Planning-Framework/Neighbourhood-character-study/Neighbourhood-Character-Study-Map>

What features define the landscape character of the area in which you live? What do you value most about the landscape? Any suggestions as to how landscape character can be protected & enhanced?

What 'rules' would you impose on new development in Maroondah? Are there any special residential areas that require closer scrutiny as part of this study?

Describe your favourite view within Maroondah. What are the qualities of that view, which make it significant to you? How should cherished views be protected?

Can you think of any areas that have undergone positive character change? What can be done to further encourage this? Have any areas or streets undergone negative character change in your opinion?

