



Liveable Neighbourhoods

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Our vision for liveable neighbourhoods in Maroondah:

In 2031, Maroondah will be a network of liveable neighbourhoods with a range of opportunities to live, work and play locally.

We will work towards healthy lifestyles in Maroondah by prioritising:

- > **Social and Community Housing**
- > **Affordable Housing**
- > **20 minute neighbourhoods**
- > **Walkability / Bike-friendly**
- > **Transport network**
- > **Open spaces**
- > **Continuous learning**
- > **Employment pathways**

The research tells us

Liveable neighbourhoods can shape the way we live, feel, enjoy and experience our community and are important for health and wellbeing. Liveable neighbourhoods are safe, attractive, socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable. Key elements of a liveable neighbourhood include affordable and diverse housing, employment, education, public open space, local shops, health and community services, and leisure and cultural opportunities; via convenient public transport, walking and cycling infrastructure.

20-minute neighbourhoods are about 'living locally' - giving people the ability to meet most of their everyday needs within a 20-minute walk from home, with access to safe cycling and local public transport options. Local neighbourhood design influences physical activity, health outcomes, social connectedness and sustainability.

An estimated 49% of dwellings in Maroondah are located within 400m of regular public transport, compared to 38% in Knox and 13% in Yarra Ranges

Our community said...

Our community value the liveability of Maroondah and support development of 20-minute neighbourhoods. Facilities and community services, parks and playgrounds, shops and businesses, accessibility and amenities, open space and green space, public transport and walkability all contribute to liveability in Maroondah.

There is a desire to foster local community and create inviting places of belonging within neighbourhoods. Our community would like to see the creation and activation of local innovative spaces and places that provide the potential for passive recreation and social connections. There is a desire for stronger action to address climate change and community behaviour change to reduce environmental impact

