

Council Plan

Our detailed plan below describes the strategic objectives, strategies and major initiatives we are aiming to deliver over the next 4 years in response to the Community Vision.

Theme 1: An environmentally proactive Moreland

Strategic Objective

1. To strive for maximum protection of people's health, plants and animals through leading an urgent response to the climate emergency and a regeneration of our natural environment

Strategies

- 1.1. Lead by example and partner with others to accelerate the shift to zero carbon emissions in energy, transport and waste in ways that are efficient, financially responsible, healthy and socially fair 🍏🌐
- 1.2. Protect existing trees and plant more trees through development controls on private land and plant and nurture canopy trees on public land where needed most 🍏🌐
- 1.3. Use open space in ways that protect and enhance biodiversity and tree canopy, creating spaces for nature to thrive and gives the community fair access to a wide range of passive and active recreational opportunities 🍏🌐
- 1.4. Strategically increase accessible and inclusive open spaces based on local needs and other priorities for parks, playgrounds, dog parks, sporting facilities, community gardens, eating, toilets, etc 🍏🌐
- 1.5. Invest in an integrated approach to water management in public spaces and private developments to improve water usage and water quality entering our local waterways and respond to flash flooding and the urban heat island effect 🍏🌐
- 1.6. Strive for zero waste to landfill with best practice municipal waste minimisation through reform of kerbside services, community education and innovation 🌐
- 1.7. Foster a more circular economy through implementing kerbside waste reform, supporting community initiatives and businesses, minimising waste generated by Council activities and using collaboration to influence markets and advocate for greater commitment of state and/or federal governments 🌐
- 1.8. Develop a healthy, accessible, affordable local food system that strengthens social cohesion, food security and community resilience to support residents to eat nutritious food 🍏🌐

Major Initiatives and Priorities

1. Implement Zero Carbon Moreland including 2030 targets review, transition off fossil gas and innovative partnerships for efficient and distributed renewable energy
2. Finalise and implement Kerbside Waste Reform (including Policy)
3. Review and implement the Moreland Open Space Strategy, integrating it with plans for nature, water and tree planting as well as articulating a framework for use of open space that helps prioritise investment in new land and upgraded park facilities, playgrounds, dog parks, BMX and skate parks, fitness facilities, community and memorial gardens and nature walks
4. Urban forest strategy – tree planting regime
5. Implementation of the Integrated Water Management Strategy
6. Establishment of a Northern Food Hub
7. Investigate Municipal battery storage

Strategic Indicators

Indicator	Target or desired trend
Council greenhouse gas emissions	% reduction (from baseline year)
Community greenhouse gas emissions	% reduction (from baseline year)
Juvenile tree retention on public land (1-3-year-old trees) in the municipality	85% per year
Number of trees planted on public land in the municipality	10,000 over the 4-year period plus replacement of trees removed in this period
Tonnes of kerbside waste and recycling collected	% reduction
Municipal waste diverted from landfill	% increase (by year)
Capacity of water harvesting systems for re-use/irrigation	increase
Area of catchment treated by water sensitive urban design approaches	increase

Related strategies and plans

- Food Systems Strategy (under review)
- Urban Heat Island Effect Action Plan
- Waste and Litter Strategy (for 2023 refresh)
- Zero Carbon 2040 Framework
- Zero Carbon Moreland - Climate Emergency Action Plan
- Open Space Strategy (for 2022 refresh) including integration with:
 - Urban Forest Strategy
 - Moreland Nature Plan
 - Park Close to Home Framework
 - Moreland Play Strategy (to become part of the Open Space Strategy)
 - Public Toilet Strategy
 - Integrated Water Management Strategy 2040 – Towards a Water Sensitive City
 - Cooling the Upfield Corridor - Action Plan