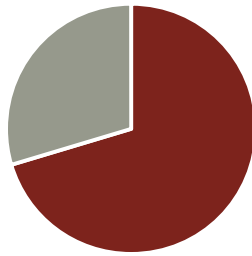


Rural Conservation Zone Community Survey

Do you own rural land in the Macedon Ranges Shire?

- Yes
- No



What are all the aspects you value about the land in the Rural Conservation Zone in the Macedon Ranges Shire, and the activities occurring there?

Other (please specify)

The employment created by farms and other business.

The open landscape and the break it creates between settlements.

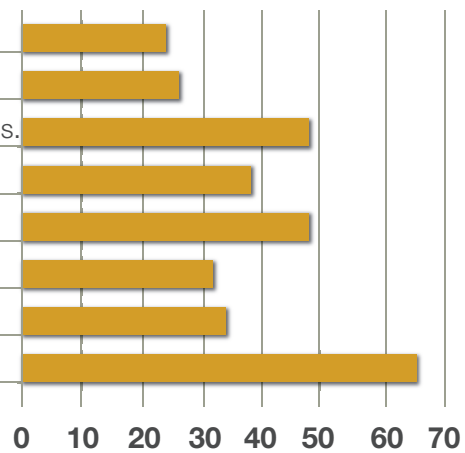
The agricultural production and what it produces.

Biodiversity and ecological values.

The leisure opportunities.

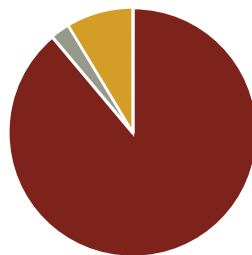
The productivity of the soils.

Its country feel.



Are there places that should be protected for environmental conservation within Macedon Ranges Shire?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

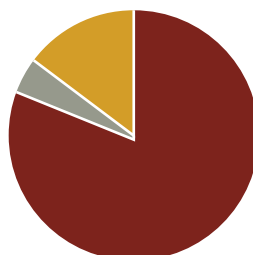


What are the areas that should be protected for environmental conservation, and why?

- Water catchment areas
- Areas of biodiversity value
- Areas with high landscape value (Mt Macedon, Hanging Rock, Mt Gisborne, Black Hill, Jackson's Creek escarpment)
- Land outside settlement boundaries
- Fertile agricultural soils in Romsey and Lancefield

Are there places that should be protected for farming within Macedon Ranges Shire ?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know



What are the areas that should be protected for farming, and why?

- Land with fertile agricultural soils especially in locations like Romsey and Lancefield
- Land zoned for farming should be used for farming
- Too many existing small allotments
- Land outside settlement boundaries

Rural Conservation Zone Community Survey

What issues do you see for the rural areas within Macedon Ranges Shire?

- Land use Planning
- Loss/management of biodiversity, impacts of climate change, increased risk of wildfire
- Population growth
- Future of farming

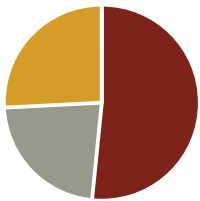
What opportunities do you see for rural land within Macedon Ranges Shire?

- Food production
- Protection of open space/farmland
- Tourism opportunities such as accommodation, wineries etc..
- Protection of biodiversity

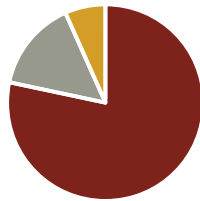
Please rate your agreement with the following statements about the Rural Conservation Zone:

Agree
 Disagree
 Neutral

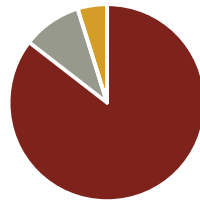
I am familiar with the controls in the Rural Conservation Zone in the planning scheme.



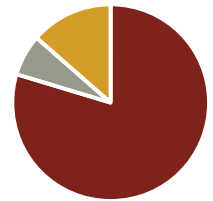
Dwellings should only be allowed if they don't prejudice the environmental values of the land.



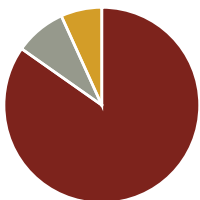
The rural landscape should be protected as one of the defining visual characteristics of the Shire.



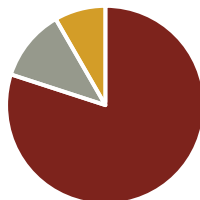
New developments on rural land should minimise visual impact, particularly from key landscape vantage points.



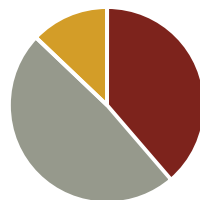
New development on rural land should minimise impacts on biodiversity and environmental values.



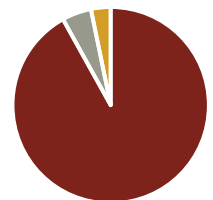
New development on rural land should result in improved biodiversity and environmental values.



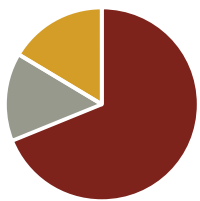
Property owners should be free to manage their land as they see fit.



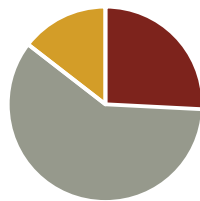
Owners of land in the Rural Conservation Zone should be encouraged to undertake land management activities including fencing of waterways, revegetation of degraded areas and weed control.



I support rural land being used for innovative uses or niche production activities.



It is inappropriate to use land in Rural Conservation Zones for tourism activities?



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