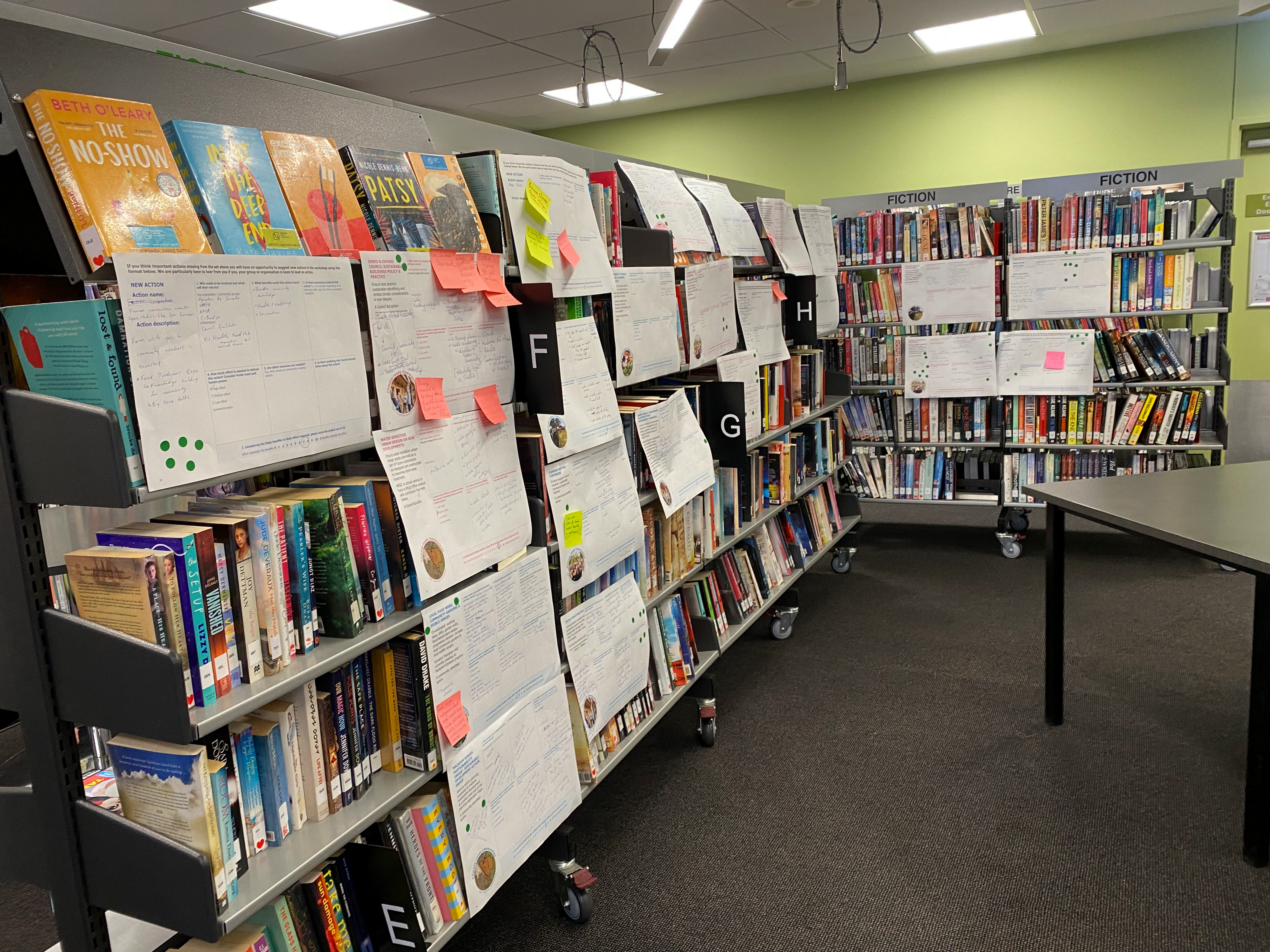




Appendices

Cool-ER Changes
workshop outcomes
report



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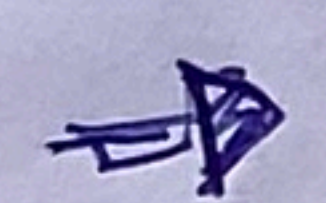
NEW ACTION

Action name:

hard town boundaries

Action description:

to protect farmland / countryside land.



1. Who needs to be involved and what will their role be?

Key organisation / community groups:

MKSC

Collaborators:

2. What benefits could this action have?

- smaller towns = more a free transport.
- more population = better public transport.

3. Is there momentum behind this action? I.e. is it already happening or is planning under way? Are there successful examples?

missy:
 < gisborne romsey.
 FINISH THESE
 macedon / mt mear / riddells / No rezoning for bushy

4. How much effort is needed to deliver this action? Consider funds need and human power.

- ☒ High effort
- ☐ Medium effort
- ☐ Low effort

Comments/notes:

5. Are other resources are needed? E.g. land, access to community meeting spaces.

- focus on infill rather than sprawl.

6. Is there anything else Council should know about this action?

7. Considering the likely benefits vs likely effort required, please score the project out of 10.

Effort outweighs the benefits 😞 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 😊 Benefits outweigh the effort

URBAN COOLING STRATEGY

Develop an Urban Cooling Strategy that establishes targets for canopy cover and public plantings and which identifies actions to ensure appropriate protections are in place for significant trees across the shire.

A Council led action.

SHADY STREETS
ARE HAPPY
STREETS.

More ready Com.
More street trees
are great, but
needs to be the
right trees -
indigenous -
provides habitat for
fauna - evergreen, so
produce oxygen all
year round

1. Who needs to be involved and what will their role be?

Lead organisation and team:
Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Collaborators:

Downcare / water / gas
CFA
services
residents.
state govt.

4. How much effort is needed to deliver this action? Consider funds need and human power.

- ☐ High effort
☒ Medium effort
☐ Low effort

Comments/notes:

streetscaping.

2. What benefits could this action have?

→ urban cooling
→ green space for mental health.
→ increased walking togeth = ↑ wellbeing / physical health.

3. Is there momentum behind this action? I.e. is it already happening or is planning under way? Are there successful examples?

• ahead a forerunner action.
• lots of community interest.

5. Are other resources are needed? E.g. land, access to community meeting spaces.

need to put community aside to see value of increased canopy.
collaborated!

need to consider bushfire risk.

6. Is there anything else Council should know about this action?

• street trees are being removed by people residents who don't see value.
• there is state govt work → exploring bushfire risk.

7. Considering the likely benefits vs likely effort required, please score the project out of 10.

Effort outweighs the benefits 😞 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 😊 Benefits outweigh the effort

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

Develop a Storm Water Management Strategy.

A Council led action.

improve function.
existing assets
→ identify places
to ~~install~~
install



1. Who needs to be involved and what will their role be?

Lead organisation and team:
Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Collaborators:

Melb. water.
council

2. What benefits could this action have?

- Similar to WSUD benefits.
- many resource.
- flood mitigation
↳ slow the flow.
- co-benefit -
biodiverse corridor.
-

3. Is there momentum behind this action? I.e. is it already happening or is planning under way? Are there successful examples?

- An action in a plan.
- WSUD officer position.

4. How much effort is needed to deliver this action? Consider funds need and human power.

- ☐ High effort
- ☒ Medium effort
- ☐ Low effort

Comments/notes:

5. Are other resources are needed? E.g. land, access to community meeting spaces.

- \$ to implement the strategy.
- collaboration w/
other agencies.
- new modelling for
new weather/
extreme weather.
- require robust + improved
flood + watering modelling.

6. Is there anything else Council should know about this action?

- consider
- Value of doing this
well from the
start.

7. Considering the likely benefits vs likely effort required, please score the project out of 10.

Effort outweighs the benefits 😞 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 😊 Benefits outweigh the effort

CONSERVATION BUFFER ZONES FOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Advocate to and work with Council to ensure housing estate developers create significant (at least 100m wide) conservation corridor buffers around new developments.

A community identified action.

Include waterways + wildlife corridors

shh has 30m minimum standard



1. Who needs to be involved and what will their role be?

Key organisation / community groups:

MRSC

Collaborators:

Landscape friends?
Murb. water?
CFA!!
shh govt
to DECA

2. What benefits could this action have?

improve biodiversity
improve water quality

3. Is there momentum behind this action? I.e. is it already happening or is planning under way? Are there successful examples?

canal could up open space contribution
to = 5%

open space shh by
suggested to 10%
to depend on need

4. How much effort is needed to deliver this action? Consider funds need and human power.

- ☒ High effort
☐ Medium effort
☐ Low effort

Comments/notes:

5. Are other resources are needed? E.g. land, access to community meeting spaces.

You could implement a local policy to encourage improved conservation outcomes.
Need to consider resourcing on-going maintenance of public space

6. Is there anything else Council should know about this action?

- you could have wildlife corridors.
- be more strategic - identify areas that require protection first.

7. Considering the likely benefits vs likely effort required, please score the project out of 10.

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NEW ACTION

Action name:

Cool Spaces

Action description:

where do the
vulnerable go
when it's
too hot?

1. Who needs to be involved and what will their role be?

Key organisation / community groups:

MSC.

Collaborators:

Neighborhood
house.

2. What benefits could this action have?

3. Is there momentum behind this action? I.e. is it already happening or is planning under way? Are there successful examples?

Yes
↳ libraries already
do this.

4. How much effort is needed to deliver this action? Consider funds need and human power.

- ☐ High effort
☐ Medium effort
☒ Low effort

Comments/notes:

5. Are other resources are needed? E.g. land, access to community meeting spaces.

We need a place in
~~each~~ each town.

6. Is there anything else Council should know about this action?

places you can
buy gear etc.

7. Considering the likely benefits vs likely effort required, please score the project out of 10.

Effort outweighs the benefits 😞 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 😊 Benefits outweigh the effort

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NEW ACTION

Action name:

Healthy Landscapes
2026

Action description:

* New to area - promotion
of the program

* Landless Farmers

* Young people access

* Add financial element

* Cont. educational offerings
↳ Webinars + farm visits

* Champions in different areas
as the like minded members

* Train the Trainer.
↳ Peer to Peer

* More PLCO

1. Who needs to be involved and what will their role be?

Key organisation / community groups:

Collaborators:

2. What benefits could this action have?

3. Is there momentum behind this action? I.e. is it already happening or is planning under way? Are there successful examples?

4. How much effort is needed to deliver this action? Consider funds need and human power.

- ☐ High effort
☐ Medium effort
☐ Low effort

Comments/notes:

5. Are other resources are needed? E.g. land, access to community meeting spaces.

6. Is there anything else Council should know about this action?

7. Considering the likely benefits vs likely effort required, please score the project out of 10.

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NEW ACTION

Action name:

~~Farmer connection~~

Farmer connection events
Open studios-like for farmers

Action description:

Farm visits open to
community members in
township

* Food Producers Expo
↳ Knowledge building
for community.
↳ Big Issue talks

1. Who needs to be involved and what will their role be?

Key organisation / community groups:

Kyneton Ag Society

VPAFA

AFSA

Co Beoligo

Collaborators:

Council facilitate

Vic Health Food Hub
momentum
behind them. ↩

2. What benefits could this action have?

→ Broaden community
knowledge.

→ Health & Wellbeing

→ Connection

3. Is there momentum behind this action? I.e. is it already happening or is planning under way? Are there successful examples?

4. How much effort is needed to deliver this action? Consider funds need and human power.

☒ High effort

☐ Medium effort

☐ Low effort

Comments/notes:

5. Are other resources are needed?

E.g. land, access to community meeting spaces.

6. Is there anything else Council should know about this action?

7. Considering the likely benefits vs likely effort required, please score the project out of 10.

Effort outweighs the benefits 😞 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 😊 Benefits outweigh the effort

CONNECTING TO LOCAL PRODUCER AND GROWERS

Produce an information booklet and web resource on what our local farmers produce and how it can be accessed.

Web resource completed by Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group.

A community identified action.

Climate-ready Communities



Topic: Local Food Webs

1. Who needs to be involved and what will their role be?

Key organisation / community groups:

council
state gov.
tourism vic

Collaborators:

industry peak bodies
open food network
Sweet + trader
VFMA
DMR DMT
agricultural show.

4. How much effort is needed to deliver this action? Consider funds need and human power.

- ☐ High effort
- ☐ Medium effort
- ☐ Low effort

Comments/notes:

2. What benefits could this action have?

local farmers create markets
for consumers - fresher, local produce.
tourism - buy other goods, visit cafes
planet - less food miles
resilience through local food economies
community engagement
health

5. Are other resources are needed?

E.g. land, access to community meeting spaces.

promotional marketing materials

3. Is there momentum behind this action? I.e. is it already happening or is planning under way? Are there successful examples?

A web resource completed by Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group.

Vic health food hubs grants
agri, business forum - not successful.

6. Is there anything else Council should know about this action?

query create Macedon Ranges brand or trail.

don't reinvent the wheel
open food network already doing a good job
- promote this.

7. Considering the likely benefits vs likely effort required, please score the project out of 10.

Effort outweighs the benefits 😞 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 😊 Benefits outweigh the effort

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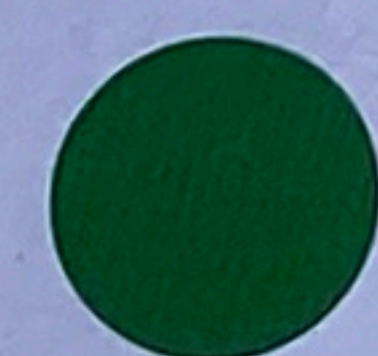
Investigate alternative methods for product to plate

Action description:

Community Supported Agriculture.

REKO rings

Southern Harvest
(Aggregate CSA model)



* Helena Norberg-Hodge.
Local Future

1. Who needs to be involved and what will their role be?

Key organisation / community groups:

MASG - Regen Ag

Collaborators:

MASC - Healthy Landscape

C.O.B

Slow Food

2. What benefits could this action have?

→ Resilience (farmer + residents)
→ ~~Benefit~~ Benefit local economy.
→ Health + WB

3. Is there momentum behind this action? I.e. is it already happening or is planning under way? Are there successful examples?

Low

4. How much effort is needed to deliver this action? Consider funds need and human power.

- ☒ High effort
☐ Medium effort
☐ Low effort

Comments/notes:

5. Are other resources are needed?

E.g. land, access to community meeting spaces.

6. Is there anything else Council should know about this action?

Peoples Food Plan
(AFSA)

7. Considering the likely benefits vs likely effort required, please score the project out of 10.

Effort outweighs the benefits 😞 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 😊 Benefits outweigh the effort

COMMUNITY PRODUCE SWAPS & FARMERS MARKETS

Support all communities to introduce a local produce swap and be present at the local farmers market.

Currently happening in Malmsbury, Kyneton, Woodend and Macedon, can it be expanded?

A community identified action.



1. Who needs to be involved and what will their role be?

Key organisation / community groups:

Local Farmers Markets

Collaborators:

2. What benefits could this action have?

3. Is there momentum behind this action? I.e. is it already happening or is planning under way? Are there successful examples?

Currently happening in Malmsbury, Kyneton, Woodend and Macedon.

Identify villages that don't have them, and implement them

4. How much effort is needed to deliver this action? Consider funds need and human power.

- ☐ High effort
- ☐ Medium effort
- ☒ Low effort

Comments/notes:

5. Are other resources are needed? E.g. land, access to community meeting spaces.

6. Is there anything else Council should know about this action?

7. Considering the likely benefits vs likely effort required, please score the project out of 10.

Effort outweighs the benefits 😞 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 😊 Benefits outweigh the effort

MACEDON RANGES SUSTAINABILITY GROUP - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ACTION GROUP

Aims to reform planning processes to institute sustainable development at a policy level and at the planning application stage.

A community identified action.

Advocacy action - high win, high reward



1. Who needs to be involved and what will their role be?

Key organisation / community groups:

MRSA

Collaborators:

MRSC
DEVELOPERS-STATE GOVT
STATE LAND- MRAA
social / community w/ low impact
other councils peri-urban

2. What benefits could this action have?

- more sustainable subdivisions
- adoption of new technologies + practices

3. Is there momentum behind this action? I.e. is it already happening or is planning under way? Are there successful examples?

Yes, via MRSC

- CUGA - council could join this.
CASBE - sustainable subdivision
• Most mab councils have good examples for lower sub development

4. How much effort is needed to deliver this action? Consider funds need and human power.

- ☒ High effort
- ☐ Medium effort
- ☐ Low effort

Comments/notes:

5. Are other resources are needed? E.g. land, access to community meeting spaces.

council would need more planners w/ skills to better assess applications eg sustainability planner + would try for more permits

6. Is there anything else Council should know about this action?

• housing affordability - impacts
• real change comes through the building regulations.
• requires state govt approval

7. Considering the likely benefits vs likely effort required, please score the project out of 10.

Effort outweighs the benefits 😞 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 😊 Benefits outweigh the effort

LOCAL FOOD WEBS, COMMUNITY GARDENS & EDIBLE VERGES

Co-ordinated working bees, talks, garden visits, food/seeds/plant swaps, progressive dinners. Increase local community gardens & local edible verges.

Kyneton Transition Hub currently creating an Backyard Growers program.

A community identified action.

+ Traditional
Owners

Food verges:
indigenous food
verges would also
provide pollinator
habitats + wildlife
corridors + natural
process

Topic: Local Food Webs

1. Who needs to be involved and what will their role be?

Key organisation / community groups:

No current comm. gardens on council land - consider this.

Council
Neighbourhood Houses
Churches
Collaborators: ~~Local~~ Hall committees

Schools + kindergartens

Aged-care homes

Friends Of... groups
(eg. Botanical Gardens)

Lions / Rotary Club (service)

Wholefoods Co-Ops/collectives

Scouts

Sports Clubs

4. How much effort is needed to deliver this action? Consider funds need and human power.

- ☐ High effort
☒ Medium effort
☐ Low effort

Comments/notes:

People driven
Good feeling towards it
Set up funds (infrastructure initially) running costs low.

2. What benefits could this action have?

- Fresher / cleaner food (spray free)
- Community engagement, esp. intergenerational
- Reduce cost of living
- Beautifying space
- Educational
- Environmental benefits (less mowing, pollinations, water infiltration)
- Improving biodiversity
- Mental + physical health (eg. garden visits)
- Getting to know your comm.

5. Are other resources are needed?

E.g. land, access to community meeting spaces.

Land
Water

Infrastructure

⊗ Broader community involvement (expertise)
council-led; people power.

3. Is there momentum behind this action? I.e. is it already happening or is planning under way? Are there successful examples? Yes!

Kyneton Transition Hub currently creating an Backyard Growers program.

Romsey Produce Swap

Tylden PS. SAKAF

Riddles Creek - talks about veggies / growing

Kyneton PS. Food Forest

Macedon House; permaculture courses

+ Castlemaine Community House [good example in neighbouring shire]

6. Is there anything else Council should know about this action?

Current verge policy says
↳ check out Foster
- (SM appsl.)

7. Considering the likely benefits vs likely effort required, please score the project out of 10.

Effort outweighs the benefits 😞 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 😊 Benefits outweigh the effort

MACEDON RANGES SUSTAINABILITY GROUP - REGENERATIVE FARMERS ACTION GROUP

Peer-to-peer group for farmers to develop their regenerative farming practice, promote the human, environmental and economic benefits to the community of regenerative agriculture; and advocate for regenerative farmers in the Macedon Ranges.

A community identified action.



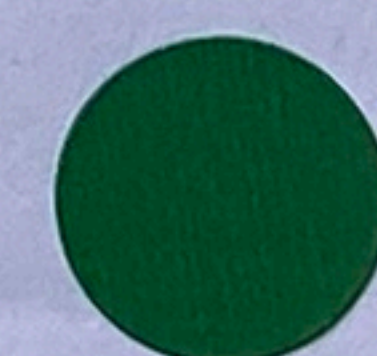
1. Who needs to be involved and what will their role be?

Key organisation / community groups:



Collaborators:

Needs a passionate person



4. How much effort is needed to deliver this action? Consider funds need and human power.

- ☐ High effort
- ☐ Medium effort
- ☐ Low effort

Comments/notes:

2. What benefits could this action have?

- Do stuff that council can't do!
- continue momentum.
- local groups are important
 - ↳ on the ground
 - ↳ doing stuff
- localised information

3. Is there momentum behind this action? I.e. is it already happening or is planning under way? Are there successful examples?

Yes, via MRSC

little bit - not enough

5. Are other resources are needed?

E.g. land, access to community meeting spaces.

- needs a funded support person.
- needs a meeting place
 - ↳ council hall.
- help the groups to ~~supply~~ apply for funding.
- needs promotion of the group.

6. Is there anything else Council should know about this action?

- More research into how MRRF.
- Clear Purpose.

7. Considering the likely benefits vs likely effort required, please score the project out of 10.

Effort outweighs the benefits 😞 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 (8) 9 10 😊 Benefits outweigh the effort

A bit of effort.

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NEW ACTION

Action name:

MORE PLCO

Action description:

1. Who needs to be involved and what will their role be?

Key organisation / community groups:

Collaborators:

2. What benefits could this action have?

* More info & education
* look into biodiversity/Carbon credits → aggregate
* more return visits

3. Is there momentum behind this action? I.e. is it already happening or is planning under way? Are there successful examples?

4. How much effort is needed to deliver this action? Consider funds need and human power.

- ☐ High effort
- ☐ Medium effort
- ☐ Low effort

Comments/notes:

5. Are other resources are needed? E.g. land, access to community meeting spaces.

- Leaving productive farmland for farming purposes, not housing

6. Is there anything else Council should know about this action?

7. Considering the likely benefits vs likely effort required, please score the project out of 10.

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GROUND WATER
Weeds - Gorse
Paddocks of it!

If farming has to
increase "trees"
so does developers!