



## Theme 3: The Environment

**Strategic objective: The environment is considered in all decision making.**

### Strategies

### Council's Role

	Plan	Deliver	Partner	Advocate
<b>3.1 Community resilience and capacity to live sustainably</b> is increased through advocacy, education and resources.	●	○	●	●
<b>3.2 The environmental impact of Council facilities and assets is further reduced</b> through implementing sustainable practices.	●	●	○	○
<b>3.3 Municipal and household waste is reduced</b> through initiatives to prevent, reduce, reuse and recycle.	○	●	●	○
<b>3.4 Trees and vegetation on private land are valued</b> through promoting and encouraging our community to retain and enhance greenery.	○	○	●	●
<b>3.5 Our leafy streetscapes are maintained and improved</b> through advocating for careful project planning by government regulatory and project authorities, supported by the increased planting of resilient species.	●	●	○	●
<b>3.6 Our biodiversity is conserved and maintained</b> through improving the way we manage our diverse plants, animals and natural spaces.	●	●	●	●

### Strategic indicators

- satisfaction with environmental sustainability
- satisfaction with waste management
- percentage reduction of community emissions compared with 2020 emissions
- percentage reduction of Council CO2 emissions compared with 2007–08 emissions
- volume of harvested water (rain and stormwater) re-used within Council buildings and open space irrigation
- kerbside collection waste diverted from landfill (percentage of garbage, recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins that is diverted from landfill)
- area of land actively managed for biodiversity.

## Services

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### SERVICE CATEGORY

### SERVICE DESCRIPTION

#### **Environmental Sustainability**

- help the Boroondara community live more sustainably in response to emerging environmental challenges (e.g. climate change, water shortage, biodiversity conservation)
- promote sustainability within built and natural environments in Boroondara
- develop and implement policies and strategies that set direction in environmental management, public space improvements, conservation of natural resources and sustainable development
- build the capacity of Council to integrate environmentally sustainable approaches into our building and public space improvements, daily operations and decision-making processes.

#### **Open Space**

- maintain and manage the City's biodiversity
- maintain and manage all trees on Council managed land, including tree planting/establishment, maintenance and renewal programs.

#### **Strategic and Statutory Planning**

- administer Council's Tree Protection Local Law and assess applications for tree removal.

#### **Waste and Recycling**

- manage waste services, including kerbside bin-based waste, green, food and recycling collections, bundled green waste, and Christmas tree and hard waste collection service
- operate the Boroondara Recycling and Waste Centre
- provide street sweeping services in the municipality and a bulk leaf fall collection program over autumn months.