



**Yarriambiack Shire
Council
Master Environment
Strategy
2024/25 Implementation
Plan**

Council's Role

<i>Role</i>	<i>Examples of Activities</i>
Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal and written lobbying • Letters of support • Provision of supporting information
Representation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participating in reference groups, steering committees, regional/State/Commonwealth organisations
Facilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convening meetings. • Establishing, supporting, and overseeing advisory committees and working groups. • Providing referrals and introductions. • Assisting in project development through terms of reference, briefs or calls for quotations.
Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying for grants and loans and entering into associated agreements. • Commissioning consultants, contractors, and other suppliers. • Managing project reference groups and steering committees. • Project reporting.
Delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertaking capital works and/or operational projects using in-house Council resources

1. Waste, Recycling and Resource Recovery

Initiative	Action area	Action	Council role
1.1	Kerbside services	Advocate to State Government for consideration of alternatives to mandatory FOGO fourth bin service for Council.	Advocacy
1.2		Investigate alternative glass collection methods other than bin collection, such as utilising the container deposit scheme.	Management
1.3	Rural	Focus on alternative options for rural waste collection e.g. community recycling hubs, hard rubbish and garden waste collections.	Management
1.4		Work with the agricultural industry to address difficult wastes. This includes helping them access existing solutions e.g. drumMuster, and exploring opportunities to deal with wastes for which solutions do not currently exist e.g. grain bags.	Representation
1.5	Resource recovery	Avoid FOGO going to landfill and work with neighbouring councils on options to process FOGO waste locally.	Delivery
1.6		Review operation of transfer stations to maximise efficiency and service value.	Management
1.7		Support the collection and recycling of difficult wastes such as tyres, hard rubbish, and electronic waste.	Representation
1.8	Education	Increase awareness of different recycling streams and recovery programs and provide resources to aid households separate at home.	Advocacy
1.9		Consider alternative communications to reach more residents, especially those with limited or no internet usage.	Advocacy
1.10	Litter and illegal dumping	Roll-out mobile transfer station collection for difficult to recycle or problematic waste streams.	Delivery
1.11		Investigate feasibility of free transfer station drop offs.	Management
1.12		Partner with EPA and land management organisations to coordinate action on illegal dumping.	Representation
1.13	Partnerships	Actively engage with state government through Recycling Victoria to support the delivery of the Strategy's waste actions.	Representation

1.14		Explore and encourage local initiatives with businesses and industries that seek to increase recycling and repurposing of materials that would otherwise end up in landfill	Facilitation
1.15	Council's waste	Avoid waste and use good waste management practices within Council's operations.	Management
1.16		Include requirements to address repairability and waste avoidance and management approaches in service and infrastructure contracts.	Management
1.17		Include requirements for repairability and to avoid, recycle and reuse waste in service and infrastructure project designs.	Management

2. Environment – Water, Land and Biodiversity

Initiative	Action area	Action	Council role
2.1	Pest plants and animals	Continue to collaborate with CMAs for projects that address the environmental impacts of weeds and pests.	Representation
2.2	Biodiversity	Increase involvement with Yarrilinks to ensure both organisations are aligned and supporting each other to achieve common goals.	Representation
2.3		Ensure recreational water entitlements are provided as high-security water shares, including under various climate futures.	Advocacy
2.4	Traditional Owner heritage values and culture	Continue to deepen the level of engagement and understanding with BGLC to preserve and protect Traditional Owner heritage values and culture through sensitive land management practices, community education and appreciation.	Representation
2.5	Sustainable water management	Enhance waterways and surrounding areas to create more opportunities for the community to connect with the natural environment.	Representation
2.6		Advocate for integrated water management initiatives that support more efficient and sustainable uses	Advocacy
2.7	Sustainable infrastructure	Carry out streetscape works targeted at reducing heat impacts in main street districts e.g. create more shaded areas and green spaces.	Delivery

2.8	Sustainable - urban trees	Develop a tree strategy for the Shire's towns to guide future plantings which considers species selection and tree placement to maximise the value of plantings and avoid adverse effects.	Management
2.9		Plant more public trees for amenity and to enhance biodiversity.	Delivery
2.10		Protect and enhance existing public trees through best practice tree management and update Tree Management Policy.	Management

3. Climate Action – Adaptation, Mitigation and Renewable Energy

Initiative	Action area	Action	Council role
3.1	Adaptation – emergency management	Update 2020-21 heatwave management plan.	Management
3.2	Adaptation – infrastructure	Maintain and further develop council's drainage to ensure it remains effective during floods.	Delivery
3.2	Mitigation – emissions reduction	Start measuring, tracking and reporting Council emissions.	Management
3.3	Mitigation - education	Support community to understand and access programs that will support climate change mitigation, including in relation to renewable energy.	Advocacy
3.4	Renewable energy - advocacy	Investigate how Council can capitalise on the energy transition.	Management
3.5	Renewable energy – Council transition	Pursue energy efficiency measures for council operations.	Delivery