

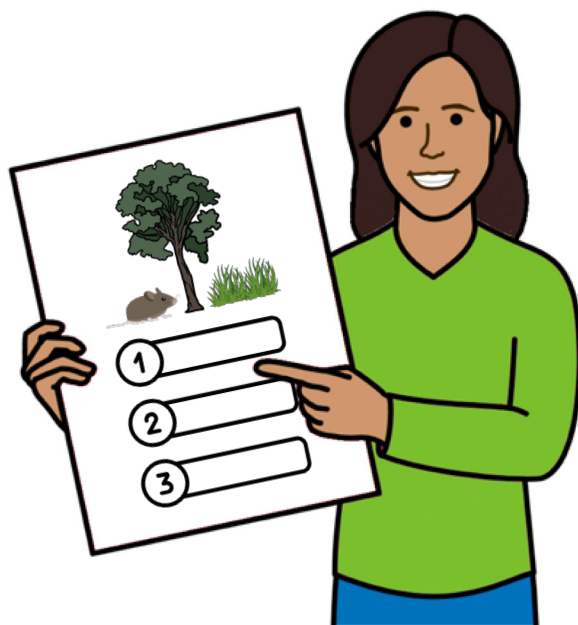
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Maribyrnong Nature Plan

2025 to 2035



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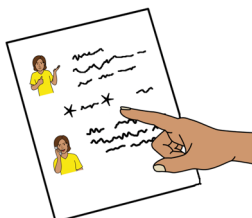
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This book is written in a way that is easy to understand.



You can read more information about this on our [website](http://yourcityyourvoice.com.au/nature-plan)
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We add a star before and after ***hard words***.
Then we explain what the words mean.



You can ask someone to help you read and understand this book.

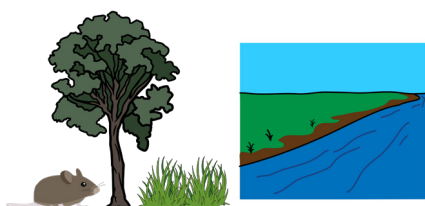


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About our Nature Plan

This book is about our Nature Plan.



The Nature Plan says how we want to make the City of Maribyrnong better for

- plants, animals and rivers

and



- people when they enjoy nature.

We call it **the Plan** in this book.

Why we made a Nature Plan



Nature gives us everything we need to live.
For example, food, water and shelter.



People in Maribyrnong love nature because it
makes them healthy.



We want everyone to enjoy nature so they can
be healthy.



We want plants and animals to be healthy.

Nature in the past



Before there were buildings, most of Maribyrnong was grass and wildflowers.

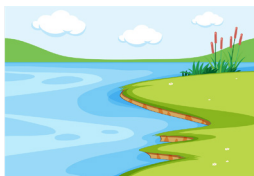


Animals like the ***Fat-tailed Dunnart*** lived here.

A Fat-tailed Dunnart is like a little mouse.



There were some trees next to the creeks and rivers.

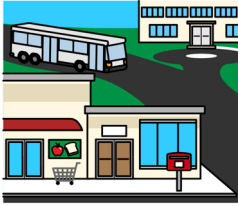


The Maribyrnong River used to be much wider and flatter.



Aboriginal people used the grasses to make nets, baskets and bags.

Nature now



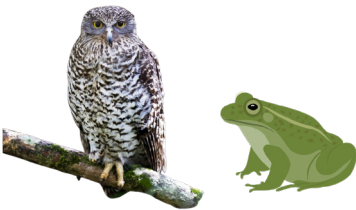
Nearly all of the grass and wildflowers are gone.

Factories, shops and houses are there instead.



There are some small areas that still have
native plants.

Native means they have always grown or
lived here.



Native animals still use these areas.

For example, birds, reptiles, frogs and fish.



Some of the native plants and animals
are ***threatened***.



Threatened means there are not many
of these plants and animals left in nature.



Stony Creek, Maribyrnong River, and the land next to them are important for native animals.



Animals that live near the river are

- the Growling Grass Frog



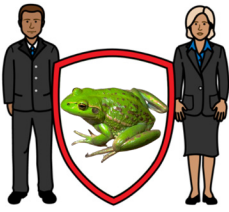
- the Grey-headed Flying-fox.



People love to use the areas around Stony Creek and Maribyrnong River.

For example, to ride bikes and walk dogs.

Challenges for nature



Native plants and animals need protection.



Some people destroy native plants.



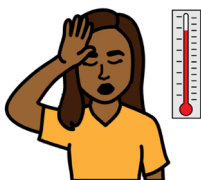
Bright lights at night, loud noises and rubbish in water are dangerous for native animals.



Animals like foxes, cats and dogs hurt and kill native animals.



We need to find out more about our native animals so we can protect them.



Climate change hurts plants and animals because

- it is hotter

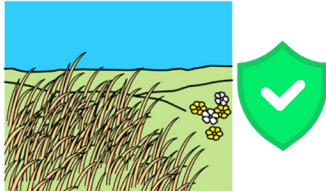


- there are more floods.

What we will do



We will protect nature by doing the work written in the Plan.



We will find out how healthy our natural areas are.



We will find out if our natural areas are good for native animals.



We will make a plan to take care of natural areas.



We will remove weeds from natural areas.



We will remove animals that hurt native animals from natural areas.



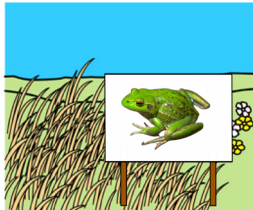
We will tell people how to grow a garden for native animals.



We will help people connect to nature.



We will tell people about nature on our website.



We will work with people to make signs about nature.



We will work with Aboriginal people.



We will ask for help from governments to take care of nature in our area.



We will ask for support from other organisations to help us protect nature.



We will record information about nature the same way every time.



We will find out which trees are best for native animals, and plant these where we can.



We will make sure lights in natural areas do not hurt native animals.



We will remove concrete where possible.



We will think about nature when we work on building projects.

We want everyone to have a say



We want to know what you think about the Plan.



You can tell us on our website from
11 August to 14 September 2025.



Website

yourcityyourvoice.com.au/nature-plan

We will do what the Plan says



We will make sure

- we do what the Plan says



- our staff understand the Plan.



We will write a report every year about
how the Plan is going.



More information



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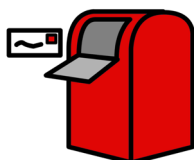
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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong peoples of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Custodians and true sovereigns of these lands. We acknowledge and respect the contribution of all First Nations people who live, work and play within the City of Maribyrnong.

We pay our respects to ancestors and Elders, past and present, and acknowledge their continued custodianship of Country. We honour their unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, sky, water and sea.

We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture as the oldest continuous living culture in the world.

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