

# Urban Forest Strategy Refresh

Results of Shaping Banyule Consultation on Draft Principles -  
February 2022



# Background

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Council is preparing an Urban Forest Strategy (UFS) in consultation with all relevant stakeholders. The UFS will establish guidelines, principles, and further plans and actions to preserve and enhance our urban forest. The UFS will also detail goals and actions for the next ten years.

In late 2021 Banyule Councillors, together with the appointed Community Reference Group (CRG), Banyule Environment and Climate Action Advisory Committee (BECAC), and the internal Project Working Group (PWG) participated in a series of workshops. The outcome of the workshops was a set of value statements and vision statements, which describe what a successful healthy, resilient and equitable urban forest looks like for Banyule.

With Mosaic Insights (the consultant) a framework of an Urban Forest Definition, Vision statement and draft set of Principles was developed, bringing together feedback from the workshops, Banyule's Community Vision 2041 and the current Strategic Plan.

Urban Forest Definition:

**Banyule's urban forest is the trees, and greening assets, that exist in an urban area, that are strategically planned, designed, and managed and the ecosystems, soils and water that support them.**

Vision:

**Banyule's urban forest is resilient. It is thriving and people are aware and value the role of the urban forest for health and wellbeing and in making Banyule a great place to live.**

**The urban forest is managed as an essential asset for Banyule and decisions about the urban forest are fit for place and purpose and space is provided to support greening and larger tree canopy.**

**People work with Council and are active in the protection, management and maintenance of the urban forest.**

The framework and draft principles for the Urban Forest Strategy Refresh were made available for wider public consultation on Shaping Banyule between 23 December 2021 and 4 February 2022. Two approaches were used: a formal survey and a social map.

The draft principles put to consultation:

- 1. We believe the urban forest is an essential asset for Banyule, shared by all people and environments crucial for the health and wellbeing of the community.**

This principle relates to the vital ecosystem services that the urban forest provides – fresh air, clean water, shade, cooling, habitat - to the community, while also emphasising that the urban forest needs to be managed as a resource and embedded in asset management processes and policies and accounted for across council.

- 2. We believe a healthy urban forest is result of strong partnerships between the Council and community.**

This principle refers to Council and community working side by side to plan for the design and management of greening and trees across both private and public lands.

- 3. We act today to leave a positive legacy for the future, and we act responsibly, using evidence-based practice in our leadership and management of the urban forest.**

This principle relates to the idea of sustainability and intergenerational equity. It is about using the best available information and the best governance structures and decision-making processes that deliver the vision for Banyule.

**4. We plan, design and deliver for the people and places of Banyule.**

This principle is about focusing the efforts of urban forest strategy on the diverse urban places and natural environments and their people across Banyule. It will make sure that decisions are evidence-based, specific to local character and places and their differing needs, are sensitive to natural environments, and that there is equity of urban forest access and environmental justice across Banyule. It is about making the urban forest fit for people and place now and into the future.

# Responding to the Survey Results

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The dominant themes from the Shaping Banyule feedback are the value that residents place on corridors and connections for fauna (53% of responses); and the importance of locally native species on both public and private land (42% of responses). The feedback comments demonstrated that residents could see value in the inclusion of locally native plants (indigenous) in street tree and verge plantings, as well as through incentives for private native planting, and in the protection of existing native vegetation from new development.

Some feedback reflected on a need to include local species within the principles themselves; “the prioritisation of indigenous species and the conservation of local biodiversity needs to be enshrined in the final urban forest principles”. Some extended this priority for indigenous species to include: “local species first and foremost [and] if/where that’s really not possible, we must look at native Australian species only”. Other strong, related themes were around climate change and forest protection: “an important strategy like this [needs to commit] to: a) address[ing] our diminishing native habitats and b) [taking] steps to mitigate climate change damage through planting strategies and species choices”.

92% of the 57 respondents strongly agreed that Banyule needs more urban forest. Alongside residents wanting increased indigenous planting there was strong awareness of the climate suitability of species in the urban forest.

The four draft principles were very strongly supported, with 70% strongly agreeing and 28% somewhat agreeing with them. This level of support allows Banyule to have confidence in the direction of the strategy and supports continuing to the next stage of developing strategic actions. However, the clear feedback on the importance of locally native species to the community has resulted in additional reference to the natural environment and an additional fifth principle being included:

- 1. We believe the urban forest is an essential asset for Banyule, shared by all and crucial for the health and wellbeing of the community and natural environment.**
- 2. We believe a healthy urban forest is the result of strong partnerships between Council and community.**
- 3. We act today to respond to the changing climate and to leave a positive legacy for the future community, and we act responsibly, using evidence-based practice in our leadership and management of the urban forest.**
- 4. We plan, design and deliver for the people, places and natural environments of Banyule including:**
  - **Climate change and reduction of urban heat island**
  - **Liveability, amenity and neighbourhood character**
  - **Banyule’s ecosystems and biodiversity**
- 5. We protect and enhance the Banyule’s natural environment to care for flora and fauna.**

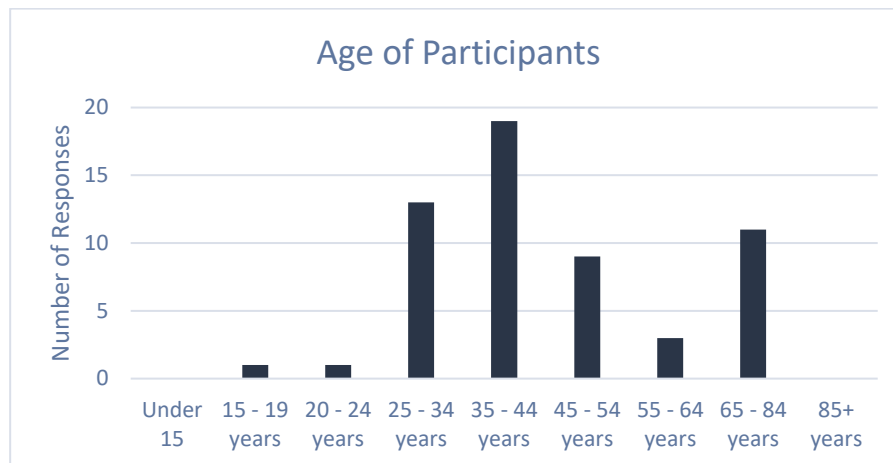
This additional principle calls for using appropriate indigenous and native planting to increase habitat area and connectivity for flora and fauna, strengthening conservation areas, and supporting planting design and strategy throughout the city that enhances and protects the natural environment. The strength of the community feedback on this issue gives a strong mandate for strategic objectives and actions focussed on guiding planting choices in designated native areas, increasing the wider use of local species and promoting habitat planting throughout Banyule on public and private land.

# Responses

## Survey Reach

The survey was completed by 57 people. The age of the participant was an optional question. The number of responses from people under 44 years of age was influenced by the social media pushed to increase engagement. Prior to January 10<sup>th</sup> there had been 17 responses with 13 of them aged over 45. In order to gain a broader representation in the responses a social media ad for the Shaping Banyule page was pushed to younger people living in Banyule. 40 responses were received after January 10<sup>th</sup>, 29 of them (72%) aged under 45.

This result will influence the methods for engaging in the next phase of the project.



The distribution of responses from across Banyule was acceptable. There was strong representation from Ivanhoe and Greensborough. No responses were received from Watsonia North, Yallambie or Eltham North.

Responses to Survey by Suburb



## Social Map Reach

The responses were in the form of “post-it notes” on a map of Banyule, allowing the comment to be place based.

118 comments were made by 67 users. Age profiling for these users were not recorded however 87% of the responses were received after the social media push so we can conclude that the responses are mostly from participants under 45.

The locations of the notes are spread across Banyule. It is notable that there are a greater proportion of comments made on places in Greensborough, Viewbank and Montmorency that the proportion of responses for the survey questions. There are two drivers for this result: the number of comments related to the bushland areas of Montmorency and Banyule Flats; the multiple comments made by a few users that relate to micro issues in those locations.

Responses to Social Map by Suburb



## Shaping Banyule Survey Questions

The responses to the survey and social map questions are analysed below. The raw data and coding of the comment responses is in the Appendix.

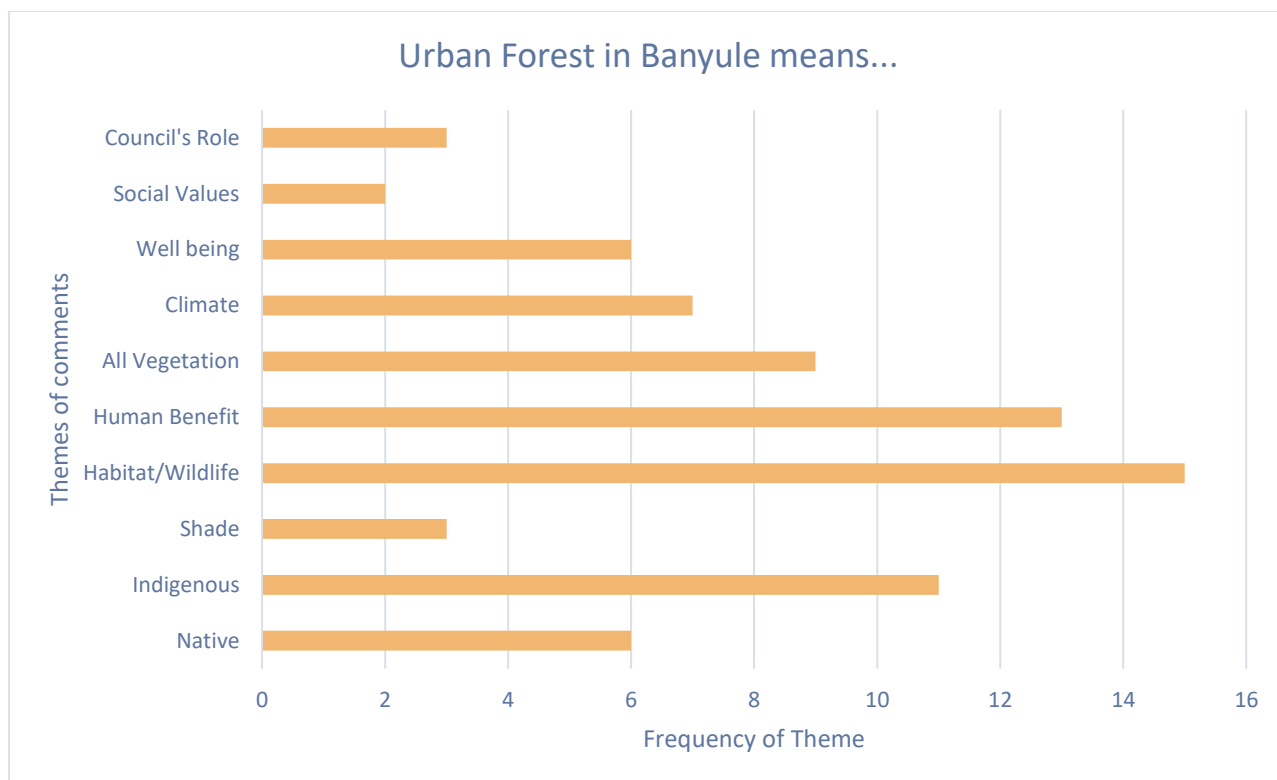
**Question 1: Complete this sentence: “Urban Forest in Banyule means...”**

53 responses received.

Commonly used words have been visualized as a Word Cloud, demonstrating the dominance of trees, indigenous, native and habitat.



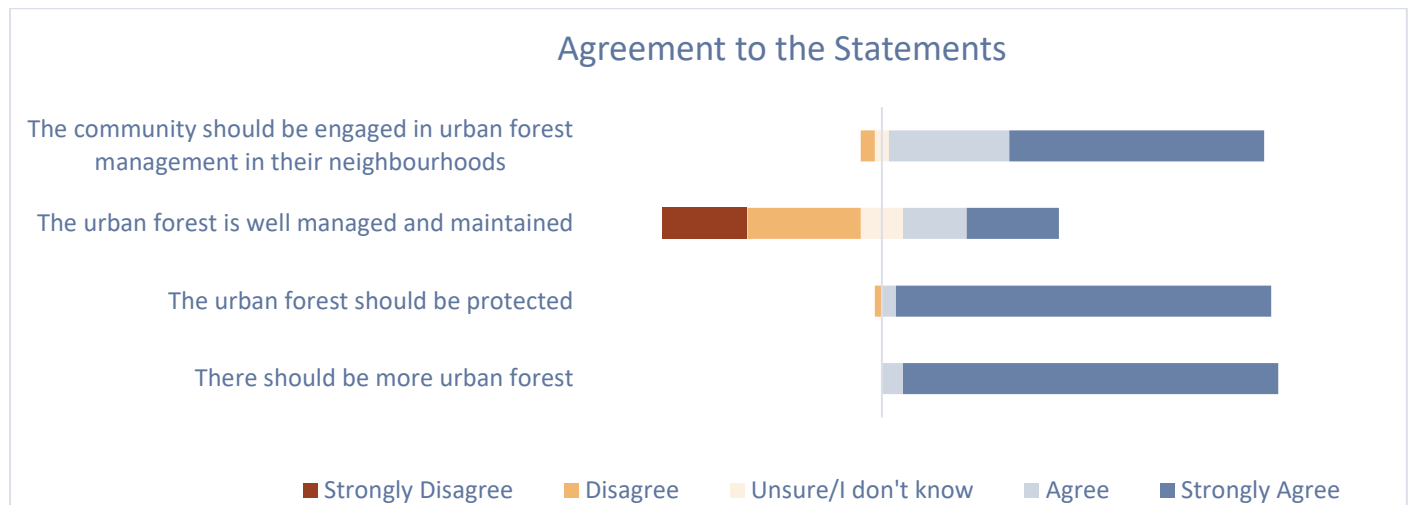
The comments were manually coded into reoccurring themes. The dominant theme was habitat and wildlife, then the importance of urban forest for human benefit. Indigenous species and looking at all vegetation, rather than just trees were the next two important themes.





### Q3: Statements on Urban Forestry

The survey asked for responses to four statements on a scale of Strongly Agree to Strongly Disagree. All responses agreed that there should be more urban forest. More responses were negative in their view (31) of whether the urban forest is well managed and maintained than were positive (25).



## Q4: Draft Principles

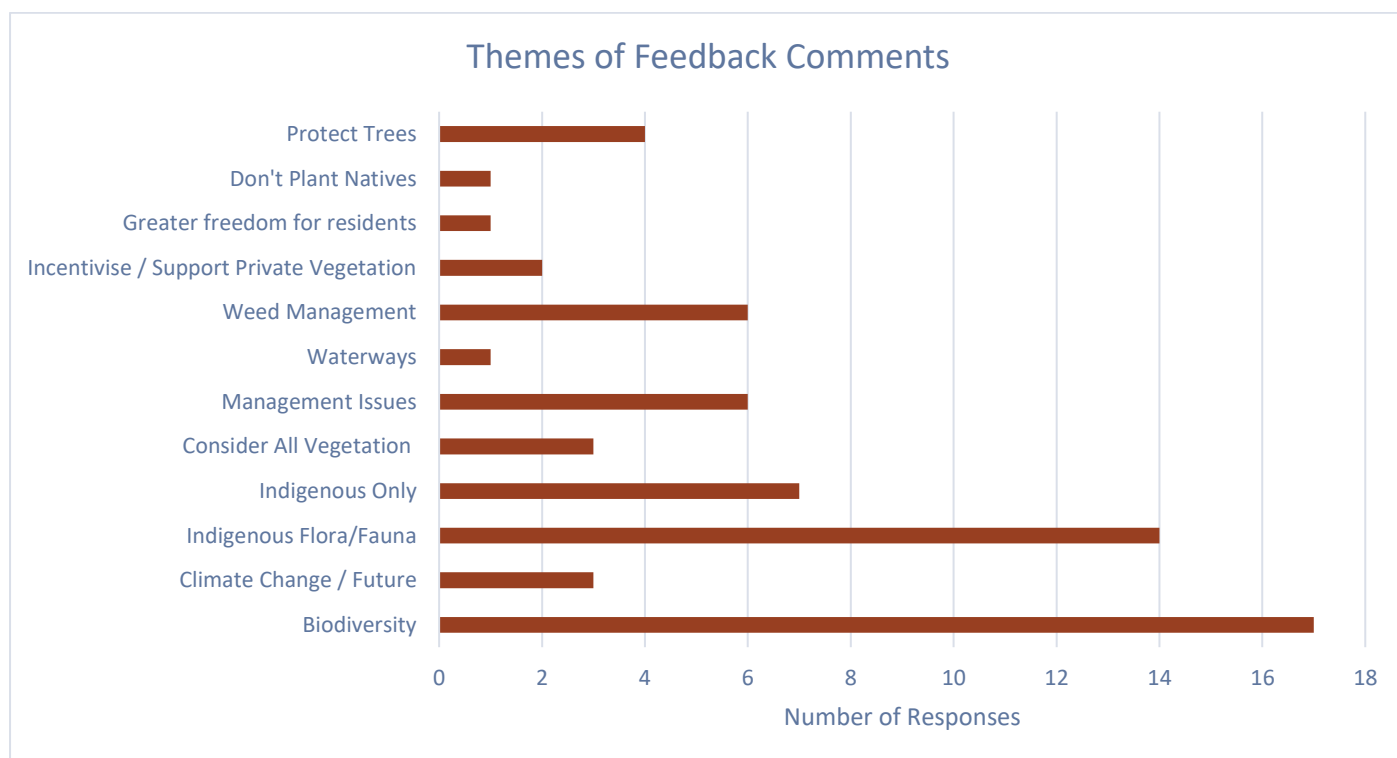
There were four draft principles developed through the initial consultation.

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2. We believe a healthy urban forest is result of strong partnerships between the Council and community.
3. We act today to leave a positive legacy for the future, and we act responsibly, using evidence-based practice in our leadership and management of the urban forest.
4. We plan, design and deliver for the people and places of Banyule.

These were presented and then the question asked whether the participant agreed with the principles. 70% agreed, 28% somewhat agreed and a single response disagreed.

Comments were allowed as to what else should be included. The responses were then manually coded to themes so that trends could be identified.

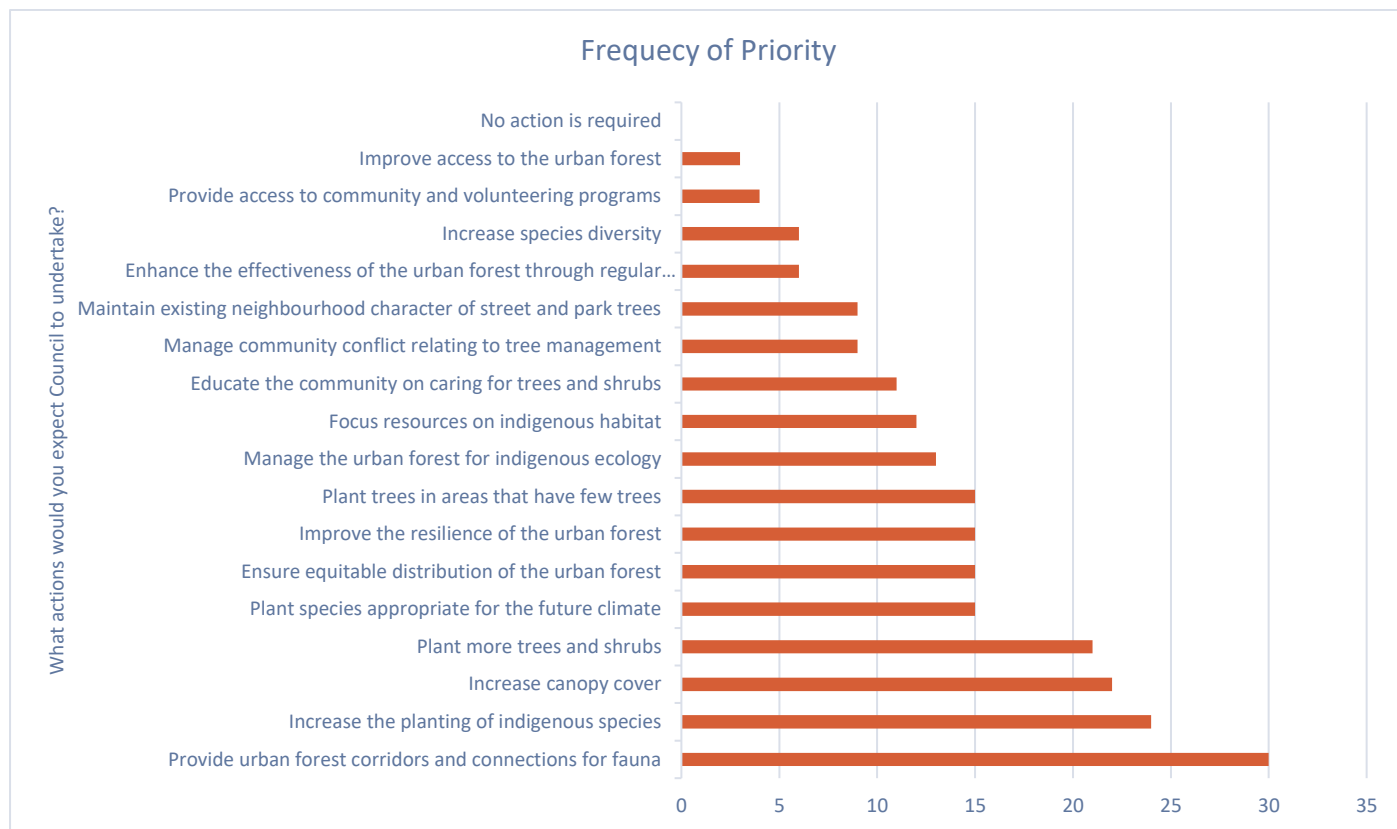
The strongest themes were the calling for principles that specifically mention the importance of a commitment to biodiversity and indigenous vegetation.



## Q5: Actions

18 potential strategic actions for the Urban Forest Strategy were listed and the participants asked to identify their top 5 priorities.

There was a clear call for action on habitat corridors being prioritised in 53% of responses; increasing the planting of indigenous species prioritised in 42%, increasing canopy cover (39%) and planting more trees and shrubs (37%).



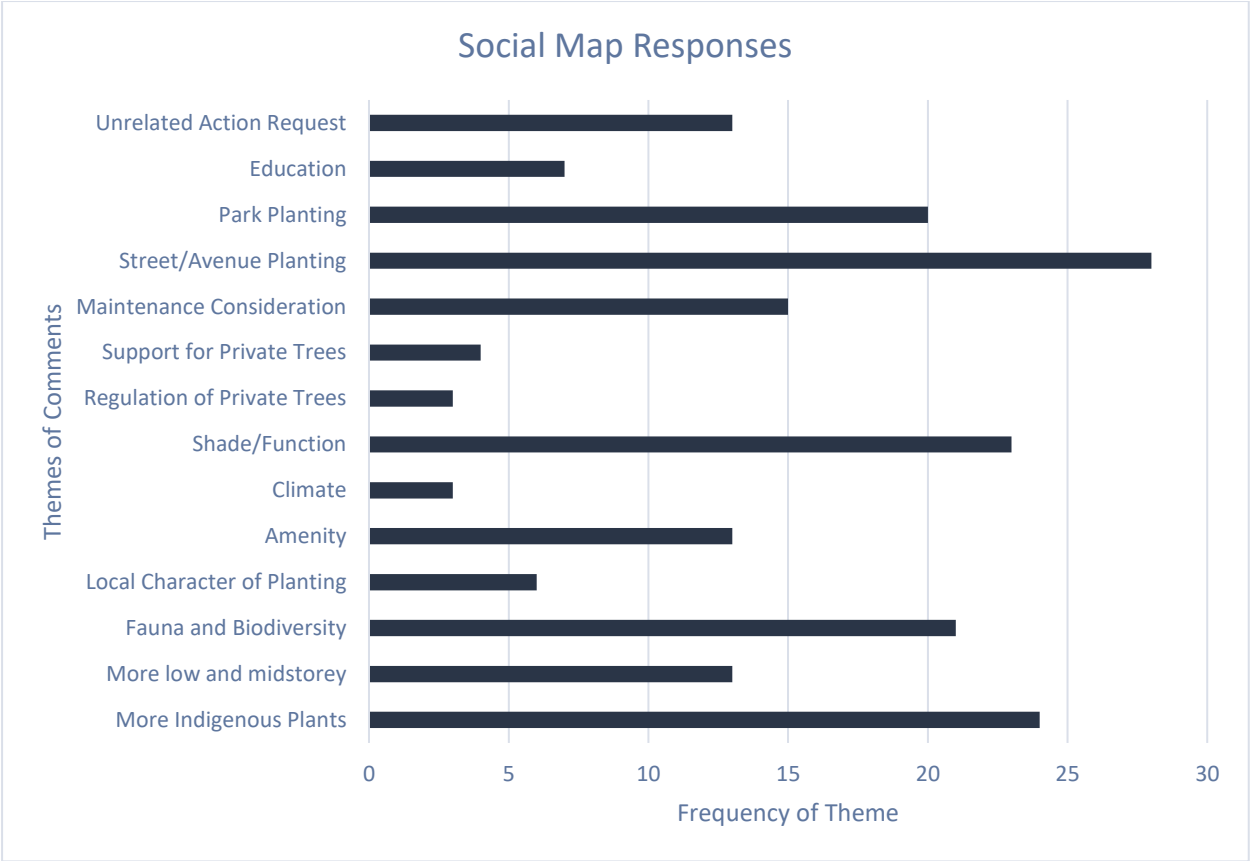
# Social Map Responses

The Social Map asked the questions:

What actions should Council undertake to manage Banyule’s urban forest?

What do you like about Banyule's urban forest?

Participants were asked to place a pin on a map of Banyule and make their comment. Comments have been manually classified into common themes for analysis. Requests for street or avenue planting were most frequent, with shade function and provision for fauna being the most common reasoning.



# Appendix

The text responses and manual coding that was performed to allow analysis is provided.

## Q1 Data

ID	Urban forest in Banyule means...	Manual Coding of Responses									
		Native	Indigenous	Shade/Function	Habitat/Wildlife	Human Benefit	All Vegetation	Climate	Well being	Social Values	Council's Role
14415	shade, connection to nature and improved sustainability			x	x			x			
14416	More trees and under-storey plants for native habitat and well-being.	x			x						
14425	Not planting trees in the nature strip that blocks bin collection.						x				
14426	Native trees: evergreen, cool, native habitat, address climate change	x			x			x			
14427	Indigenous plants thickly planted for birds, insects & wildlife		x		x						
14428	Protecting local biodiversity & habitat for native animals		x		x						
14429	greenspace to offset carbon emissions and diverse native flora/fauna.				x		x	x			
14430	Indigenous Native Plants obtained from specialist Nurseries		x								
14433	moving towards predominantly indigenous vegetation		x				x				
14435	I would like it to mean growing species that originally grew here		x				x				
14436	Habitat for birds, insects and animals, clean air, wellbeing for people				x	x			x		
14443	I have no idea what an urban forest is										
14446	The totality of the Vegetation in Banyule, public and private						x				
14447	Protecting, preserving and encouraging local native plants in urban	x									
14448	returning habitat as much as possible to the land		x								
14451	Many diverse trees and bushes creating inter-supporting glades.						x				
14455	Use of indigenous species for street trees and park trees		x								
14462	All human and wild residents of Banyule have the benefits from trees.				x	x					
14499	Habitat and oxygen				x						
14503	A diversity of trees which contribute to social and environment values									x	
14518	Backyards with space for gum trees	x									
14521	Varying levels of tree cover and a diverse mix of native flora.						x				
14528	diversity of local indigenous species		x				x				
14530	A reduction in Suburban Heat spots - tree street cooling effect					x		x			
14532	Our home is beautiful for us, for the local wildlife & for the planet				x	x		x			
14535	(blank)										
14541	Being more sustainable and eco-friendly										
14545	An area in the suburbs allocated to conservation of local flora.				x						
14557	More green space, cleaner air, more shade, tree therapy.			x		x					
14558	Cooling our suburbs, capturing carbon, loving our native wildlife			x							
14562	Seeing more green than grey.					x					
14564	Prioritising/increasing local indigenous tree species, adding midstorey		x				x				
14568	living in a healthy and beautiful environment.					x					
14569	Alot more green area										
14571	More trees fresher air more wildlife				x						
14572	Balance of nature and urban living.										

14574	An environment where humans, animals and plants can share together					x					
14580	Roads and streets interspersed with pockets of nature										
14585	Maintaining levels of greenery										
14596	Council taking responsibility for the areas needs										x
14626	A vast interconnected green space for people and wildlife to enjoy.				x	x					
14629	green inner urban perspective that is good for the heart and soul.										
14677	trees and trees only										
14681	Trees shall be very well maintained by council										x
14683	(blank)										
14692	see emailed submission ( not enough word space)										
14708	A cool climate and healthy neighbourhood for humans and animals.				x	x		x			
14714	Humans and animals can have better lives				x	x			x		
14716	Improving urban heat island affect and urban stream syndrome.							x	x		
14718	(blank)										
14720	Reconnecting to the natural world					x			x		
14723	More a natural forest/bushland rather than a European style garden.	x	x								
14736	Keep native trees.STOP planting environmental weeds as street trees!	x	x								
14739	seeing and smelling the trees from the streets								x		
14742	that this community values urban forest as it provides so much									x	
14743	appropriate trees planted to grow in a populated suburban context										x
14751	(blank)										

## Q2 Data

ID	I like having trees around me because...	Manual Coding of Responses					
		Shade/Cooling/Function	Wellbeing	Fauna	Amenity	Biodiversity/Habitat	Native
14415	It's calming, cooling and good for the environment	x	x				
14416	I like a natural environment and biodiversity.					x	
14425	The canopy cools the air and makes for a better environment.	x					
14426	Native trees attract native fauna, not water-thirsty, hardy, beautiful			x			x
14427	Indigenous are beautiful, attract wildlife, drought tolerant & cooling	x		x			
14428	Of the quietude, connection and importance they have on my well-being.		x				
14429	Of birdwatching, privacy, serenity and improves quality of life.		x	x			
14430	They cheer my soul and are uplifting, they support wildlife & habitat		x	x			
14433	they give life to the indigenous and non indigenous wildlife			x			
14435	They provide cooling, habitat, store carbon & make Banyule liveable	x			x	x	
14436	they are important for the whole ecosystem					x	
14443	It makes me feel better about the environment and the area looks nicer		x		x		
14446	They should support the remnant plant and Fauna in area.			x			x
14447	Trees provide oxygen, shade, scenery, for us; homes& food for animals	x		x			
14448	indigenous native trees and understorey essential for habitat and life			x		x	x
14451	Trees soften the urban landscape, attract wildlife and please the eye.			x	x		

ID	I like having trees around me because...	Manual Coding of Responses					
		Shade/Cooling/Function	Wellbeing	Fauna	Amenity	Biodiversity/Habitat	Native
14455	They are habitat for birds and invertebrates, cool the air and soil	x		x			
14462	They bring beauty, bounty and environmental benefits into our world.				x		
14499	They help me to feel calm and happy, and bring birdlife to my yard.		x	x			
14503	They contribute to the environment and amenity of our area	x			x		
14518	They provide shade, birdlife and the sound of the breeze						
14521	They provide shade, are bird attracting and make me feel healthy	x	x	x			
14528	They reflect the natural environment, providing habitat for wildlife			x			
14530	Health mental & environmental wellness		x	x			
14532	it makes me feel safe, calm and protected.						
14535	Increase in birds and other wildlife						
14541	It provides shade, it looks great and it's better for the environment	x			x		
14545	They're beautiful, they improve air quality and their great for CC.		x				
14557	They are calming for a frantic world.		x				
14558	They relax me, they provide shade, food and home for animals	x	x	x			
14562	They improve my mood.		x				
14564	They are attractive, provide habitat for wildlife and reduce heat	x		x			
14568	they make me happy.		x				
14569	It's better than concrete						
14571	Birds, wildlife , shade and beauty	x		x	x		
14572	It improves my own wellbeing		x				
14574	Air quality, calm, habitat for animals, passive design and cooling	x	x	x			
14580	They provide shade, play areas, wildlife homes, keep environment clean	x		x			
14585	They support wildlife, make me feel healthy, beautify the suburb,	x	x	x			
14596	Healthy living and environmental responsibility.						
14626	Trees provide shade, relaxing ambience, habitat and are beautiful	x	x	x	x		
14629	They settle my mind and give me perspective on the modern world.		x				
14677	they support urban ecology & can reduce urban heat effects	x		x		x	
14681	Trees offer beauty and shade	x			x		
14683	Because they provide a livable habitat for me and my community.	x					
14692	see emailed submission ( not enough word space)						
14708	I enjoy their cool breeze and the wildlife that lives in our trees.	x		x			
14714	it is good for: my wellbeing, the soil, animals, the air and climate.	x	x	x			
14716	It's green, cool, and calming to see wildlife and enjoy.				x		
14718	(blank)						
14720	They provide habitat for wildlife			x			
14723	They make the city more livable by providing shade and habitat.	x	x				
14736	Indigenous trees bring in the native birds and offset human emissions.						x
14739	I feel calm		x				
14742	they provide important habitat, define our suburb and bring enjoyment	x	x		x		
14743	provide shade, take away heat and pollution.Tall dangerous trees - no	x					

## Q3 Data

ID	There should be more urban forest	The urban forest should be protected	The urban forest is well managed and maintained	The community should be engaged in urban forest management in their neighbourhoods
14415	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	Agree	Strongly agree
14416	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	Strongly agree
14425	Agree	Disagree	Disagree	Disagree
14426	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	Strongly disagree	Agree
14427	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	Unsure/I don't know	Agree
14428	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	Agree	Strongly agree
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14742	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	Agree	Strongly agree
14743	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	Strongly agree
14751	Strongly agree	Strongly agree	Disagree	Strongly agree

## Q4 Data

ID	Is there anything else you would like to include or change?	Manual Coding of Responses											
		Biodiversity	Climate Change / Future	Indigenous Flora/Fauna	Indigenous Only	Consider All Vegetation	Management Issues	Waterways	Weed Management	Support Private Vegetation	Greater freedom for residents	Don't Plant Natives	Protect Trees
14415	(blank)												
14416	We conserve exisiting areas, as well as increasing the urban forest.												x
14425	<p>The Principals only focus on a single point of view.</p> <p>5. The nature strip isn't just for trees and the use of these areas for Urban Forest establishment must complement and be sympathetic to other uses including critical infrastructure such as (NBN - communications), Underground Power, Water, Sewerage, Storm Water), Household waste collections, and transport (footpaths and cycleways).</p> <p>6. Tree/ Vegetation selection must reflect operational costs to maintain (pruning, street sweeping, easy from which to remove liter, damage by roots to infrastructure (drains, footpaths, damage to private vehicles ) alongside features such as whether the tree is endemic, provides shade, water consumption, aesthetic value, and can be used to filter and clean water (waterways).</p> <p>6. Vegetation on private land contributes to the overall Urban forestry landscape.</p>					x							
14426	Yes - there are glaring omissions of words like 'biodiversity' and 'indigenous'. I would have hoped that at the heart of an important strategy like this would have been commitment to: a) address our diminishing native habitats and b) steps to mitigate climate change damage through planting strategies and species choices. There are at least 800+ indigenous tree and shrub species to choose from key plant families. We are way behind more progressive Councils like Darebin and MelbCC opting to bolster native habitats through urban greening strategies. This draft document contains non-committal language and motherhood statements, which don't really say much. Disappointing for a member of BEAC like myself who was present at the last meeting when the draft UFS statements were presented. Many BEAC members voiced their concerns around the lack of commitment to biodiversity in particular, as was reflected in both their spoken words and the share document into which many of us added comments. The overwhelming tone of BEAC's response to the draft UFS document was around a need for biodiversity commitments. None of those are reflected in the present revised document despite the assurances of the 2 responsible Council Officers present at that meeting that these suggestions would be taken on board. There is so much about 'us' in this document, nothing about giving to the environment. I'm quite disheartened, and see that despite multiple so-called 'consultations' this document really lacks any genuine commitment to our wonderful native habitats, and in doing so misses a great opportunity. What a pity	x		x		x							
14427	Indigenous urban forests Not sure if your principles are based on indigenous species but they need to be.			x									
14428	Planting urban forests should be in line with keeping indigenous flora at the forefront of tree and plant choices. This assists the unique biodiversity we have in Banyule and in this corner of Victoria.	x		x									

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14518	Development is becoming an issue, we are losing so many trees as backyards disappear. With them we lose bords and create heat sinks in summer, something we need to avoid as heatwaves become more common. We need strong policy on maintaining current levels of tree cover and increasing it so we maintain the look of our suburbs	x	x											
14521	Urban forests are critical habitat and should be encouraged. Large gums that risk breaking due to extreme changes is whether should be avoided with preference given the adaptable trees that can adapt.	x												
14528	Banyule has incredible parkland areas and streets to work with. It would be really great if Banyule could continue to plant more indigenous species rather than NSW and other native species that our environment doesn't benefit greatly from. We have many local flora species that are well suited for our areas (of course, being indidenous to the area!). Banyule Flats needs to be better maintained (and better weed management) as it's eroding greatly in many areas, especially now due to higher foot/bike traffic flow.	x		x	x									
14530	Do something today - start planting today and don't choose tree species like Gum or ugly paperbark trees that will fall over during a storm and potentially hurt someone												x	
14532	We need stronger protection to stop people cutting down trees. I would also like to be involved in urban forest management, and I would like to see children have the opportunity to learn about this and have a voice in this discussion as well.													
14535	Street trees in my area seem to be planted half end up dying and no replacements are made. There are so many properties when you walk around bundoorra that don't have a street tree. It is wasted space and council should be proactively ensuring most if not all properties have trees on nature strip's						x							
14541	There should be more encouragement for residential addresses to create "verge" gardens on their nature strips. Grass is completely pointless and wasted opportunity for native gardens and pollination plants.	x												
14545	(blank)													
14557	(blank)													
14558	(blank)													
14562	The health of the environment is the most important. This has a flow on effect to its inhabitants, both people and wildlife.	x												
14564	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment.</p> <p>There needs to be a greater focus on ecosystems and local biodiversity. There is not just a climate crisis - there is a biodiversity crisis, and one cannot be addressed without the other. Making considered INDIGENOUS plant choices supports both faunal biodiversity and flora biodiversity, and increases the ability of local populations to withstand the effects of climate change by increasing genetic diversity. Tree choices also need to support food webs for local fauna, not just look attractive and be suited to a site.</p> <p>None of the draft urban forest principles refer to anything other than urban forest as a physical asset for "community" or "people". It is so much more than that. It forms part of an ecosystem, of which humans are merely part. Exotic trees cannot perform these ecosystem "services" and so the prioritisation of indigenous species and the conservation of local biodiversity needs to be enshrined in the final urban forest principles.</p> <p>The urban forest principles also need to recognise and integrate with other Council initiatives which recognise the importance of indigenous species, including the Gardens for Wildlife program which complements street tree plantings. They also need to recognise and respect our precious natural heritage and the heritage of indigenous people.</p> <p>Some of the recent appalling street tree planting choices (not even Australian natives let alone local indigenous species) make it clear that these principles are not valued highly. This needs to change and the urban forest strategy presents such an opportunity.</p>	1		1	1									
14568	Protecting existing trees should become a main priority. You can't replace the value of a tree that is hundreds of years old.													

14569	Need more trees along the train line.														
14571	Protect trees we have in neighbourhoods instead of allowing development to destroy them														1
14572	(blank)														
14574	WOuld be nice to see the word sustainability and design in there														
14580	(blank)														
14585	Urban forests take time and we must act to support future generations.		1												
14596	This is an expectation of service we should receive from the council, without the need for surveys.  We pay substantial rates and expect our neighbourhood to be maintained. This work should be prioritised and actioned. Surveys delay any work commencing.									1					
14626	We need to create and protect habitat by having areas that are off limits to humans as they would be at risk to falling hollowed out branches etc.	1							1						
14629	(blank)														
14677	the focus should change from simply trees to biodiversity. Any "forest" is much more than trees it is about the full range of floral species, wildlife, fungi, invertebrates, micro-organisms, etc.	1						1							
14681	Home owners need to be empowered and compelled to take responsibility for their own trees, especially large trees and trees that overhang or impact on neighbouring properties. Home owners need unrestricted ability to prune trees without permit for fire protection, safety, or to minimise impacts of the tree.								1				1		
14683	The development of urban infrastructure has eliminated our opportunity to live in harmony with the flora and fauna around us. It is important to our community that this is restored through regenerative practices and intentional growth. Bring back the trees.	1		1			1								1
14692	No thats good														
14708	(blank)														
14714	(blank)														
14716	(blank)														
14718	where people have protected trees on private property in relatively small gardens for example in the Springthorpe estate I think a public tree fund could help to have these trees retained. I worry that the expense at keeping the trees in good condition might be too much for some and they come to resent having the tree. So sharing the cost of looking after the trees seems like a good idea.												1		
14720	(blank)														
14723	The urban forest principles are described using very general statements. It is difficult to understand how they will be applied without more detail and practical examples of potential outcomes (eg. will tree controls on removal be stricter?).  Details of the principles guiding tree species selection should be explained, particularly with respect to their indigenous, native or exotic status.														
14736	Stronger emphasis on choice of native and indigenous trees. Especially those from this region. Thoughtful management if urban forest spaces, including removal and management of environmental weeds. Some species should be completely removed as options. Please stop planting environmental weeds as street trees. Please take care of new plantings in the heat.						1					1			
14739	(blank)														
14742	5. Something that mentions those non-humans that gain their livelihood and protection from the forest	1													



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14462		4				3			2	1			5					
14499	4			1	2			5	3									
14503	3						4		5				2					1
14518					5			2	3	4								1
14521	1			2		3		4									5	
14528		2		1							3			5	4			
14530					5	1		2	4			3						
14532		4						1						5			3	2
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14545				1					2		3			4		5		
14557	1	2		3	4					5								
14558	4				5	1			2							3		
14562					1		2	3		4			5					
14564				2			5		4		3				1			
14568		1		3	4			2	5									
14569	4				1		5			2								3
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14585	3					4	1		2								5	
14596	3	4			2	5		1										
14626	5					1			3	2	4							
14629	1			2	3			4	5									
14677				2					4		3			5	1			
14681				3	4	5				2						1		
14683	2				1	3		5	4									
14692								1	5				2				3	4
14708				2	3	1	4		5									
14714					1		2		3			4				5		
14716				4	5		1	3	2									
14718			3			2		1	4			5						
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14742			2	1				4		3		5						
14743																		
14751			1				3	2		4		5						

## Social Map Data

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14431	Please consider developing the eastern section of Malahang Reserve into urban forest with understorey. Addition of understorey would greatly increase biodiversity, and add to the quality of experience walking through the area. The current state of this area seems to favour dominance of noisy miners and Indian mynahs at the expense of small birds, reptiles, and other life forms. With an understorey we may even see native mammals establishing themselves. There need be no negative impact on the active recreation facilities at the western end of the reserve.  I imagine that the Malahang urban forest could then be linked to Darebin Creek Forest Park and Shelley Park via appropriate plantings along Southern Road.	x	x	x									x		
14434	I'd love to see far more native, preferably indigenous trees planted as street trees. There are plenty of local eucalypts, wattles, banksias, sheoaks etc that would make fabulous street trees and would support local ecosystems under extreme pressure. More Studley Park Gums (to further supplement those that are being lost because of NE Link works) would be a great start.	x						x							
14437	Formalise parking along Kingsbury Parade to restrict parking where trees should go														x
14438	Support residents with significant trees with pruning, watering etc. Rate rebates?									x					
14439	Have a design and reasoning for tree species per street.				x						x	x			
14440	The maintenance of trees needs to be considered in species choices planted and retained.										x				

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14441	Plan for replacement screening trees, factoring climate and character				x		x								
14442	Need to provide canopy all year round as climate change requires large shade						x	x							
14449	This forum is about trying to maintain and improve the tree canopy in the whole of Banyule - and yet 4 eucalyptus trees were removed from a part of Seddon Reserve that fronts onto Livingstone street - as soon as you cross Darebin Creek, on the left. Nothing has been replanted - and now it is a weed wasteland? Who approved this removal - and why did it happen?														
14450	Support residents with significant trees - with pruning and advice. Also provide correct councils guidelines and regulations to neighbours whose property may be impacted by significant trees that are not located within their fence line.							x	x					x	
14452	Use the principles of vegetating wildlife corridors using INDIGENOUS plants to plant streetsides and the small reserves on the VC Estate mindful of the objectives of its Planning Overlay ESO2 Macleod Red Gum Area. An urban Forest extends from the ground up!	x	x												
14457	Increased canopy cover plantings (local eucs/species) within Viewbank. Very little shade and would help to reflect the beautiful surrounds of Banyule Flats :)	x				x									
14458	Native street tree plantings to link up isolated Viewbank reserves to each other and nearby Yarra Valley Parklands														
14459	established plantings along lower plenty road, centre median strip and roadside vergers are great. They are uniform, dense plantings which provide canopy and character to the area. The use of native species considers our need to adapt to climate change, whilst also factoring in local biodiversity	x		x	x							x			
14460	Planting plan for main arterial roads, factoring in uniformity, density, adjoining reserves/vegetation, neighbourhood character, canopy tree opportunity.				x			x				x			
14461	Encourage residents to register significant trees on their properties for protection from development								x	x				x	
14496	The Hurstbridge rail upgrade has demolished the tree canopy along Para road from the intersection of Flintoff st along through to Sherbourne road. It would be lovely to see a tree canopy along this strip of road on both sides if possible.														
14497	No trees on this part of the nature strip											x			
14498	Kalparrin Gardens, especially on the hillside prone to soil creep erosion. There's a heap of birdlife and other wildlife here and they're going to need some trees to age and create new nesting hollows in the future.			x									x		
14500	Kalparrin gardens												x		
14501	Main road lower plenty looks old, dated, messy n dirty! Also know as regular dumping ground for anyone driving through. It can be embarrassing to say I live where I do due to the high rubbish dumping. I and my family walk to the park n shops regularly, I want that walk to be much more pleasant. I would like to see beautiful Native Trees along all of the main road lower plenty et al suburbs. On both low n high side of the street.	x										x			
14502	This reservation is beautiful but with lots of room for improvement					x							x		

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14504	Melbourne Yellow-gum Eucalyptus leucoxylon subsp. connata is an iconic species of the Greenhills area. It is considered endangered in Victoria and is important for a range of fauna species including endangered Swift Parrots (seen in 2021 in local trees). Bsnyule should: Map the distribution of this endangered species across the area. Collect seed and grow plants from this population for street tree plantings and in reserves including in Yandell Reserve. Offer incentives to protect remaining trees on private land and for people to plant this species. Ensure the planning scheme is adequate to protect this species from development proposals Educate the local community about this species and the habitat it provides Only use local indigenous Yellow Gums in plantings to avoid hybrids from crossing with planted Yelllow Gum forms Ensure contractors and staff are aware of significance of Yellow Gums and measures in place to protect them during hazard reduction or utility works.	x		x						x	x				
14510	There is very limited shade in Alexandra Street. A lot of people park outside the same houses everyday to commute on the train. The trees that are on the nature strip currently are pretty but will never get big enough to give a street lined feel or the necessary shade. To compete with more prestigious suburbs, we need large trees that will add symmetry, cohesion and be more appropriate for an established neighbours with 100 year old homes.							x				x			
14519	Tree cover along Larool Avenue is really limited. Would be wonderful to have some Silver Princess (Eucalyptus caesia) trees planted along the Avenue. Bird attracting, low maintenance and beautiful			x		x									
14520	Thanks														
14522	along Kingsbury Drive there are trees and overgrown grasses on north side. Would be great to plant a tonne of Natives along here in amongst the grasses.	x	x												
14523	More medium story trees and shrubs needed to provide plant diversity for wildlife and to stop the soil erosion. Will also provide a nicer environment for people to enjoy		x	x				x							
14524	More medium story trees and shrubs needed to provide plant diversity for wildlife and to stop the soil erosion. Will also provide a nicer environment for people to enjoy		x	x				x							
14525	Revegetating with indigenous species instead of replacing with new non-native pines. Revegetating Price park is really needed. Medium story and canopy indigenous trees will make it more plant diverse for wildlife and minimise erosion of the earth. Will improve quality of the park aesthetically too	x	x	x		x		x							
14526	This corner has a large patch of grass which is wasted and needs to be constantly mown. This area would benefit from having indigenous trees planted out. Duff Parade is lacking in good street trees and shade. The White Cedar's and whatever the other trees are don't do much for shade or providing habitat for local wildlife.	x		x											
14527	Elder Street is used by many residents on foot to access Watsonia Road shops as well as the train station. It is the first					x		x				x			

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	impression visitors have of the eastern section of Watsonia. Having increased canopy would improve the amenity of the street and provide much needed shade for pedestrians.														
14529	Replace / Replant all the dying & dead or storm damaged oak, silver birch and elm trees along the boulevard in eaglemont. - No new plantings are occurring to replace the older trees. Replant the whole Boulevard in Eaglemont/Ivanhoe East to provide more shade and habitat for all the birds/animals that are found along the Yarra Trail park land.			x		x		x			x	x			
14531	Please plant more trees along the Panorama, as there are empty spaces.											x			
14533	Lots of trees growth are hindered by power lines above the trees. If trees are not trimmed annually, it can also lead to branches falling on power lines and disrupting the power services. Therefore the best way to move forward is to put the power lines underground. It will help existing trees grow well and also won't affect power disruptions.										x				
14534	Kalparrin gardens. No shade on the boardwalk.							x					x		
14536	Winsor reserve grass area surrounding all sides of the cricket ground.												x		
14537	Milton Pde bundoorra has little to no trees											x			
14538	Shelley ave, David street, luton way											x			
14539	Grimshaw street between plenty rd and greensborough highway. Main road that has barely any trees and would benefit greatly from street appeal. Main road into banyule from the west and its baron.											x			
14540	Yulong reserve could do with additional trees around the oval and additional planting												x		
14542	Warrawee Park particularly around the play ground facilities would benefit from additional trees														
14543	More trees on Cameron parade please											x			
14544	This big open green paddock behind the smaller oval at Banyule would be great for urban reforestation especially due to the resident Wombat that lives around here and the abundance of birds and reptiles, as well as its proximity to the river and easy public access for everyone to enjoy.			x									x		
14546	The powerline easement has a popular shared trail but no shade due to the HV powerlines. There are small pockets of shrubs but they are old and poorly maintained.  Options for increased plantings including shaded stops away from the powerlines in nearby reserves or use of appropriate species under powerlines would make the space more useable.  Also consider how the east - west linear reserve could be used to plant indigenous species as a habitat corridor connecting Plenty River/Simpson Barracks with Greswell Forest/Darebin Creek. Consider low shrubs/herbs/grasses for species such as small birds and insects. A large grassland wildflower meadow continuously along the strip would reduce mowing costs and bring some great social and amenity benefits. With well placed trees and large shrubs where possible.	x	x	x									x		
14548	The Plenty River is a regionally important habitat corridor. Trees are an important component for aquatic and terrestrial animals, providing shading, banks stability and food sources,												x		

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	<p>amongst other habitat requirements. The trees also provide shade for users of the shared trail and urban cooling for local residents. As well as contributing to the character of the area.</p> <p>With recent storms, there has been a large number of large old trees lost. Under climate change, storms and changed flow in the water way are likely to stress and contribute to the death of trees.</p> <p>Council should work on strategy with Melbourne Water and community to increase tree planting along the Plenty River and its tributaries to ensure there is a cohort of trees to replace the older trees once they senesce or fall. To ensure there is adequate cover and continuous recruitment of new canopy and mid storey species.</p> <p>Melb Waters Healthy Waterways Strategy, should be a reference for the urban tree strategy.</p>														
14549	A replacement street tree for the one recently removed due to storm damage would be nice.											x			
14550	Abandoned tree guards														x
14551	Pine Tree branches, no grass maintenance														x
14552	Felled trees														x
14553	Dead trees														x
14554	Neglected and obsolete fence														x
14555	Neglected fence														x
14556	More trees on hill and around boardwalk area for shade							x							
14559	<p>The. nationally critically endangered Swift Parrots are regularly seen in autumns in the canopy trees in this section of Montmorency.</p> <p>Banyule should protect canopy eucalyptus such as Yellow Box and Candlebarks. Also plant indigenous trees in road reserves and parks to add to the tree canopy. Planted natives which are Swift Parrot feed sources, such as Spotted Gum and Sydney Blue-gum should also be protected.</p> <p>Noisy Miner are also a problem, harassing Swift Parrot and chasing them from trees. Noisy Miner do well in urban environs with scattered trees and open understory. Council should look at a strategy to improve vegetation structure to make the area less favourable to Noisy Miner.</p>	x		x											
14560	Adequate shades for kids in the playground							x					x		
14561	I would love to see a tall tree in the middle of this roundabout					x									
14563	Tom														
14565	Satya														
14566	Satya														
14567	This may be VicTrack rather than Council land but is already partly vegetated with indigenous species and very popular with corellas, Common Bronzewing, Eastern Rosellas, Grey Butcherbirds, Crested Pigeons (and of course Noisy Minors). The large grassy area could present a great opportunity for a replanting/reforestation project.	x	x	x											
14570	More trees along the train line.											x			
14573	<p>COOK st</p> <p>Our street has pretty much been rebuilt. Some thought design</p>					x						x			

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	into consistent consistent design for trees would be great. The current situation Is embarrassing. Poor shrub like trees were planted our thenfront of our place years ago and need to be replaced														
14575	Trees keep us all cool!							x							
14576	The trees at AK Lines reserve are well established, provide shade for residents as well as much needed shelter for local wildlife in an area with lots of major roads around it. Please prioritise keeping these trees when the truck depot for north-east link is built. They will take years to replace if removed.							x					x		
14578	Please continue to build the tree-scape at Malahang Reserve												x		
14579	We have lost 2 trees on our nature strip in the last five years. These have not yet been replaced. The addition of more trees in our court would mean more shade, more homes/food/shelter for wildlife and would be aesthetically more appealing.			x		x		x							
14581	Huge tree recently fallen from this park and no other trees on the site at all to provide shade for the swings or grassy area. Would benefit from a lot of improvements in vegetation and entice locals to use it.							x					x		
14582	Combine education from nature amd the library													x	
14583	The war memorial Park has a seemingly mixed planting policy. There are some magnificent old gum which help support a large number of native Bird life near the playground but then other areas have non natives which don't seem to be particularly thriving.  With the oval regularly used for weekend sport, the sculpture garden and the community Centre, a revised landscape and tree plan could support continued users.					x						x	x		
14584	This carpark is a tree desert.							x							
14586	Car park area, facing to the back of the train line is a perfect spot to get some much needed shade in here. There is enough dirt to plant some trees in here as well.							x							
14587	Lots of room for more trees in the entire industrial estate, there's a lot of dirt areas in which more trees could be planted.														
14588	This nature strip near the park could do with more trees, in fact, there's a lot of nature strips on this road where there's no trees.														
14589	Simon														
14590	Trees need to be replanted on Poulter Ave (especially southern end) . This section of the Plenty River trail is very empty at the minute											x			
14592	There's a fair few nature strips here without trees on them, generally speaking, why can't every sature strip have a tree, understand some can't due to road safety etc.											x			
14593	Dilapidated signs														x
14594	Now that all the trees in Borlase reserve have been cut down, this park opposite needs some trees to help mop up the pollution from lower plenty road. There is opportunity to plant more trees along river gum walk too.							x					x		
14595	Position lacks any thorough thoughts and would benefit from substantial planning and action.										x				
14617	Lack of shade trees within this carpark. Opportunity to establish character, habitat, biodiversity and shared							x							
14619	The trees here by the station are beautiful. Yarra Street though is a dead zone with the Catholic church providing the only garden or green area to walk through. Would love to see more														

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	trees planted on Yarra Street and Burgundy Street for shade cover and beauty.														
14620	AMY														
14621	Would be great to see the use of species such as Banksia marginata in road reserve street plantings/under powerlines. Small - medium tree, which maintains a straight, compact growth form and uses minimal water for growth and establishment. Also a rare plant in the shire :)	x													
14622	Additional indigenous overstory plantings to increase and connect the canopy cover. Would compliment recent plantings along the creek.	x											x		
14623	Crepe myrtles recently planted in the shire which make nice garden specimens seems to be slow growing and may miss the mark in terms of climate, shade and habitat considerations.										x				
14624	Big complex of units with not much space for trees. A tree on the green strip would add much value.								x			x			
14625	Carwarp street needs more trees, especially on the macleod.college strip.											x			
14627	Some trees planted in nature strips have died and need to be replaced promptly. Replacement takes too long to happen. Some nature strip trees in Monty have been planted under powerlines- please plant suitable trees that will not touch powerlines- or just avoid powerlines when planting. Encourage residents to grow understorey shrubs and plants to add to biodiversity. Wide verges like along Grand Boulevard and parts of Main Road should be planted out with indigenous species- to protect ground surface from weeds and erosion of bare ground. Get residents involved in care of vegetation- by watering in summer, and educate residents in the care of existing native trees.	x									x	x		x	
14628	A lot of the pines have died and fallen in the paddocks here. We need to replace and rejuvenate them. This is a beautiful urban country setting and it would be a shame if it is not maintained.					x					x				
14678	Please could more bins be placed along the trails and parklands? There are not many currently, and I think adding bins would encourage people to pick up dog poo and throw away other rubbish responsibly. It would also be great to include dog poo disposal bags in the same area and at Price Park too.														x
14679	More dog off lead trails and areas in this area would be beneficial for the enjoyment of local dog owners.														x
14689	big wide verges. Could we get some canopy tree species here please. (Eucs, yellow gum)							x							
14690	A study by Richard Fuller showed that the more biodiversity and abundance of vegetation there is in a green space/park, the greater the benefits for the visitors to it. The War Memorial Park should be full of life and greenery. Instead of only having the big trees with grass/weeds that need mowing regularly and encourage only big birds, how about planting out the under-storey, with twisting pathways through the greenery to 'discover' the sculptures, and lined with bricks/tiles made by local school children. Perhaps there could even be hidden poems, messages and information about the plants that encourage a treasure hunt through nature. Further, some shelter of some kind could turn it into an outdoor		x			x							x	x	

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	classroom space, where teachers could bring kids to learn about the sculptures and the plants. This would make the space more enticing to all ages and stages of life, while providing more habitat for the small birds we have pushed out of our cities.														
14691	One of the trees here would love to be replaced with a new, more alive version. Would also love to see the grass in this park being looked after with water added in summer months and struggling trees watered as needed.										x				
14693	There is a dividing strip between the two levels of road. There is space to plane trees and plants there, just like there are plants in the dividing strip on Mount St											x			
14707	There are currently no street trees along Lyon Rd on the footpath adjacent to Price Park. The soil is poor, baked by the sun, and there is space to create an urban with ground cover and a canopy.											x			
14709	Any trees near the new freeway will make it fit in more seamlessly														x
14710	The open area at the North-East corner of Price Park is not very usable. Might be a great place to add some dense native growth.	x	x										x		
14711	There is 1km of unplanted nature strip surrounding Price Park.											x			
14713	More trees required along coral st. There are some small trees/plants. But nothing that provides enough shade							x				x			
14715	Oriel Road can be very hot to walk or drive along due to the lack of shade. Please consider more trees not only for Oriel Road, but also for the shopping complex.							x				x			
14717	In the Jennings estate of Bundoora historically the private gardens were seen as part of the estate. Now of course houses are getting knocked down and replaced with two to four on a block depending on size. Very little vegetation kept and no understorey kept at all. Where do the thornbils and spinebills go? If the gardens all go then there should be other areas that shouldn't be built on; for example the Strathallen golf course should be kept as open space.		x	x	x										
14719	Trees, native vegetation patches and free standing community vegetables gardens could be set up along the walking track to provide more support for wildlife disrupted from the north west link			x											x
14721	Non-indigenous street trees have recently been planted on Martin's lane. Consider indigenous species for any new nature strip plantings.	x										x			
14722	Most gardens in this area are full of exotic species, including weeds that can make their way into nearby bushland reserves. Education and incentives may help resident choose indigenous species that are more value as wildlife habitat and less of a weed threat.	x												x	
14724	small pockets of remnant vegetation like this are often poorly managed and can be at risk of weeds from neighboring properties. I would like to see BCC create management plans for all remnant areas no matter how big or small and involve the local community in their care.			x							x				

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14725	It would be great for community access if Rattray Reserve had a path connecting it Petri Park. This would improve the awareness of the local community in the special features of this reserve. The local kinder program would also have safe access to a bush kinder space														x
14726	Parts of Calrossie Ave has a beautiful wide verge unencumbered by power lines on the eastern side and yet council has decided to plant small non-indigenous trees here? with limited suitability for large indigenous gums council should create policies that always preference local eucalyptus where space and height allows. We are losing too many canopy gums from the development and sub-division of residential blocks for council to not play a part in ensuring replacement of equal habitat value where it possibly can.	x		x											
14727	Council missed a valuable opportunity to plant an indigenous bush garden in this space with the redevelopment. A garden that could have supported local biodiversity. This would also have offered a valuable teaching resource in the indigenous plants across Banyule and the different habitat types. Instead the garden is a "landscape designed" monoculture.	x	x	x										x	
14728	<p>There is so little greenery within Greensborough centre! The council buildings and sports reserves (throughout Banyule) are the worst examples of this.</p> <p>I am also glad the UFS will be updated, could you please never again use pictures of council workers piling mulch halfway up a newly planted tree. It is no wonder your street trees have a low success rate if this is what is being taught to workers. see page 34 <a href="https://www.banyule.vic.gov.au/About/Strategies/Urban-forest-plan?_ga=2.104021896.941504662.1643494138-524737239.1618639715">https://www.banyule.vic.gov.au/About/Strategies/Urban-forest-plan?_ga=2.104021896.941504662.1643494138-524737239.1618639715</a></p> <p>I hope that with the update council will use local references within the strategy instead of those from the US (in the existing UFS). I would also like to detailed reporting of progress against actions/plans developed under the UFS, particularly with respect to the actions on improving the selection and use of indigenous species.</p>					x				x					
14729	Would be great to get some extra local native trees planted in this reserve. Big open space!	x											x		
14730	Big wide nature strips would be good to to plant with local eucalypts to connect to adjoining reserve. We see sugar gliders in nearby eucalypts :)	x													
14731	Could be beneficial to place two stakes and tree ties on newly planted trees. Current trees planted with their original nursery stake up against the main stem can hinder long term tree stability and growth.										x				
14732	Elm trees planted whilst keeping with previous historical plantings, have potential further and future management issues in terms of invasive root systems and continual suckering.										x				
14733	Love the plantings around this station! Has grown so quickly since first planted. Mixed plantings are great and fit in with the surrounding landscape and adds to local character.				x										

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14734	Ginkos and Jacarandas planted are an attractive feature tree and have been historically planted in the shire. There is concern that their slower growth rate, higher water use requirements, response to climate change and potential for habitat have not been considered prior to the most recent plantings of these species.						x				x				
14735	Dead and dying eucalypts here. These should be left for habitat value but the opportunity taken to plant new trees and add some understorey plantings (is a small stepping point for habitat moving through to Gresswell Forest). Also an area of fairly high foot traffic - would be good to showcase indigenous plantings.	x	x	x											