



Yarra Ranges Council Nature Plan

Summary of Changes



The final Nature Plan has had changes made to the structure, layout and order of sections along with minor wording and grammatical edits to improve the flow, readability and interpretation of the document. Substantial changes to the Plan are documented in the table below.

Area	Existing content	Proposed change
Content of targets and metrics.	Only target wording provided in draft Nature Plan.	Expanded wording and added metrics for targets. Pages 25, 28, 31, 33.
Strategic links.	No content.	Inclusion of relevant biodiversity strategies. Page 13.
Glossary of terms added.	No content.	Glossary added. Definitions adjusted for Ecological communities, Ecosystem collapse and Habitat corridor. Page 7.
Indigenous partnerships for nature.	Previously titled Foreword.	Heading changed to Indigenous partnerships for nature. Page 3.
Rewording of vision statement.	Yarra Ranges is a place of healthy, resilient and connected natural living landscapes thriving alongside us. Our community actively care for and feel a deep connection to nature.	Yarra Ranges is a place of healthy, resilient and connected natural living landscapes. Our community actively care for and feel a deep connection to nature. Page 4.
Mayor's message.		Awaiting content. Page 5.
Executive summary.	No content.	Added executive summary. Page 8.
What is Council's role?	Previously titled Why do we need this plan?	Heading change to <i>What is Council's role?</i> to add clarity to content. Page 10.
Legislative context.	Legislative Context/Role of Local Government.	Heading change to <i>Legislative Context</i> to clarify content. Amendments made to infographic to rectify incorrect dates on legislation. Page 12.
Why do we need this plan?	Previously titled Threats to our Environment.	Heading change to clarify threatening processes driving the need for the plan. Page 18.
Themes	Page 22.	Wording changes to objectives of each theme for greater clarity of intent and alignment to actions. Page 22.
Our action plan.	Foundation actions.	Heading change to <i>Our action plan</i> with wording change to content therein to provide greater clarity. Page 24.

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Action plan tables.	Vision	Changed table header to <i>Objective</i> for clarity and consistency of strategic document language. Pages 25 to 34.
Monitoring & Review.	Monitoring & Review.	Content update including Gender Equity reference. Page 36.
Action 1.7.	No content.	New action added under the Landscapes & Ecosystems theme – 1.7 (Advocate, as part of the Upper Yarra Local Development Strategy of the Victorian Forestry Plan, consideration of nature-based tourism opportunities and biodiversity protection). Page 27.
Triple restoration and revegetation works across private and council-managed land per annum vision change.	Deeply engage with our townships and rural communities to build ecosystem resilience for a climate ready future.	Partner with our community to build ecosystem resilience for a climate ready future. Statutory and strategic planning processes enable best practice land management through integrated planning. Page 29.
Action 2.1 Altered investment.	Anticipated range \$250,000 - \$500,000 per annum above existing program funding.	\$250,000 per annum above existing program funding. Page 29.
Action 2.2 Adjusted timeframe.	Years 3-10	Years 2-10 Page 29.
Action 2.3 Adjusted investment.	1 FTE Band 6 (2 year fixed term role)	Adjusted investment to incorporate allocation for Firestick burning program on council managed land. Page 29.
Action 2.3 Adjusted timeframe.	Years 2-3	Years 1-10. Page 29.
Action 2.4 transferred to Action 2.5.	Foster strong collaboration with other land managers, conservation organisations, Landcare, and community groups through representation on multi-agency collaborative committees.	Foster strong collaboration with other land managers, conservation organisations, Landcare, and community environment groups through representation on multi-agency collaborative committees. Page 30.
Action 2.4 New action added.	No content.	Increase restoration and revegetation activities across the existing bushland reserve network with a focus on improving conservation values, enhancing habitat corridors and supporting threatened species and their habitats through the municipality. Page 29.
Action 2.6 New action added.	No content.	Support private landowners with environmental regulation and complementary land management practices. Page 30.
Action 3.1 Altered investment.	Leverage existing Bushland budget with external funding circa \$500,000 - \$2Million total.	Leverage existing Bushland budget with external funding circa \$300,000 per annum. Page 32.
Action 3.2 Altered timeframe.	Years 1-10	Years 2-10 Page 32.
Action 3.3 Altered timeframe.	By 2025.	Years 2-3 Page 32.

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Action 3.4 New action added.	No content.	Promote Yarra Ranges cat curfew and deliver supporting community education regarding impact of cats on wildlife. Investigate mechanisms for enforcement of existing local laws. Page 32.
Action 3.5 New action added.	No content.	Facilitate strategic development of municipal pest action plans as part of legislative requirements, support community pest animal programs and collaborate with the Eastern Region Pest Animal Network. Page 32.
Action 4.3 Adjusted investment.	0.6 FTE Band 5 officer + \$30,000 operating budget.	\$145,000 per annum. Page 34.
Action 4.4 Adjusted action wording and investment.	No investment identified.	Support council network of environmental volunteers, including Friends of groups, Landcare networks and others to undertake direct action and community-led knowledge sharing of environmental values. \$55,000 per annum. Page 34.
Action 4.5 Adjusted investment.	0.5 FTE Band 6	Investment for this action redistributed to action 4.4. Page 35.