

Part II. Description of Actions

Maribyrnong City Council recently completed a United Nations Global Compact City Scan Report.

The City Scan, launched in February 2015 by the Global Compact Cities Programme (or Cities Programme), aims to assist cities in the identification of the critical issues they are facing, and helps them recognise and report on their strategies and initiatives to address these challenges using the lens of the Global Compact's Ten Principles. It also seeks to identify the strengths of each city and celebrate their contribution in fostering sustainable, equitable and just urban communities.

Council consulted the community on a range of programs and initiatives during the last two years to help ensure our services and programs continue to meet and exceed the needs and aspirations of our residents and community.

We have delivered effective advocacy campaigns on major community issues, such as poker machines being inappropriately placed in our City and heavy trucks on our roads. Some very positive outcomes have resulted from these campaigns such as the implementation of expanded truck curfews on Moore Street, Footscray and Somerville Road, Yarraville.

Our commitment to being a Zero Carbon Council has come to fruition during this time. By undertaking a range of environmentally sustainable programs such as Lighting the West and the Empowering Maribyrnong program, we are proud to say that we have officially arrived at carbon neutrality. We have also reviewed our Carbon Neutral Action plan and policy and updated a new Zero Carbon Maribyrnong action plan for Council and Community to encourage our community to reduce emissions.

Council has also recently enabled Environmental Upgrade Agreements with local businesses to assist them to retrofit commercial buildings to become more sustainable.

Maribyrnong Economic and Industrial Development Strategy (MEIDS)
Council developed a plan to guide sustainable economic and industrial development in the city called the Maribyrnong Economic and Industrial Development Strategy (MEIDS). The Strategy is in the process of being incorporated into the Maribyrnong Planning Scheme.

Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

The following measurements and actions were achieved during this period.

Council developed a Zero Carbon Disclosure Statement outlining our zero carbon status which was externally verified.

Council partnered with the Sustainable Melbourne Fund to facilitate the adoption of Environmental Upgrade Agreements with Council.

Council undertook a Human Rights and Social Justice Conversation Series to promote community understanding and action on Human Rights and Social Justice issues. Events include: 'Racism It Stops With Me' and 'Journey to Change discussion panel'.

Continued Council's participation in White Ribbon Day and International Women's Day to highlight activities that promote gender equity and prevent violence against women. Activities included: Pedalling Footscray's Food Icons, Ladies Night out (100 people attended), New street art wall in Footscray, Launch of Westartnow Boundless series, Launch of FridaFreda and photography project.

Implemented the Revitalising Braybrook Action Plan 2013-2015 including implementation of the Braybrook Leadership initiative. Opened the Braybrook Hub in 2015 including a new library in one of the state of Victoria's most disadvantaged areas.

Developed an agreed Action Plan with State Government and key stakeholders on ways to manage heavy freight vehicles through our municipality

More completed actions and measures are outlined in Maribyrnong Council's Annual Plans 2014/15 and 2015/16 which can be downloaded from our website.
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