

# Environment Report Card 2023

**Greener spaces,  
sustainable water,  
less carbon emissions**

City of Marion continues to be a leader in delivering environmental sustainability services for our community.

Greening our urban environment and reducing our carbon emissions are ongoing priorities along with the sustainable delivery of water and engaging with our community to improve our environment.

## Highlights from 2023



**4600**  
trees planted



**15,000**  
native seedlings  
planted to improve  
habitat for wildlife



**\$27,900**  
in rebates provided  
to support big trees  
and greening verges



**61%**  
reduction in carbon  
emissions from  
council's operations  
since 2015/16



**22,653**  
tonnes of waste  
diverted  
from landfill



## Taking climate action



**15,300**  
tonnes of carbon  
stored in our  
trees\*



**18,500**  
rolls of  
compostable  
bags given to  
households for  
recycling food  
waste (22/23)



**12km**  
of new pipeline  
delivering  
recycled water



**100%**  
renewable  
Green Power  
energy  
purchased



**61%** reduction in carbon  
emissions from  
council's operations

## Trees and planting

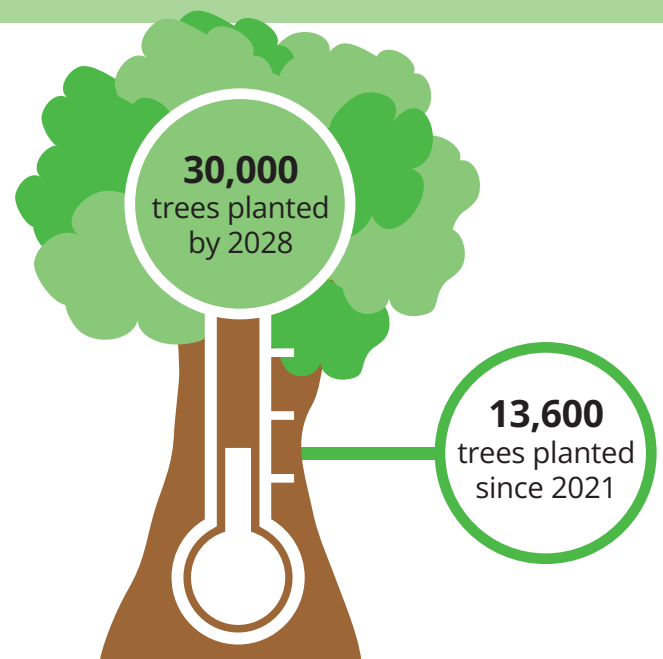
Marion, Tonsley, Seacombe Heights, Seaview Downs, Morphetville, Dover Gardens were the focus of our planting efforts

**20,400** council trees maintained

**13,600** council trees watered

**60,900** council trees mapped in Forestree

**\$9,900** of rebates provided to assist resident to maintain Regulated/Significant trees on their property



## Habitat for wildlife



Council has supported

**58**

different native  
plant species  
planted in our  
biodiversity  
reserves

**82**

hectares  
of native  
vegetation  
protected

**15,000**

local native  
seedlings  
planted  
across 30  
biodiversity  
reserves



**Improving 18  
hectares of native  
coastal vegetation  
at Hallett Headland**

\* Based on measurements from Forestree (a software solution to help manage trees).



## Kerbside collection

How much was collected in 2022/23



**58%** of waste was diverted from landfill

## Closing the loop

**220** new waste, recycling and organics bin hubs inside council offices, libraries and neighbourhood centres

**12** 'Which Bin Recycling Roadshows'

**Results:**  
**20%**  
reduction in waste  
to landfill for  
council operations



## Taking action locally

### Grow It Local

A national program made available to our community to grow, share and eat locally grown food

**670** residents now registered with Grow It Local



### Sustainable Homes

**13** webinars on sustainability and climate ready homes

Series rated **8.6** out of 10 for usefulness

**129** Marion residents registered for sessions



### Love Our Trees

Working together with the City of Holdfast Bay and Marion Living Smarties to celebrate trees

**68** tree stories collected from our community

**150** attendees at the 'Love Our Trees' event



## Marion Water

New sustainable recycled water business

Additional **12km** pipeline to green Seacliff Park, Flinders University and nearby playing fields

Reduces demand for SA Water by **250ML** per year and assists River Murray environmental flows

## Urban greening

**53** hectares of irrigated public open space

New **Edwardstown raingarden** treats stormwater run off

**700m** of major streetscape improvements

**\$18,100** of funding to assist 66 residents to improve the landscaping on their verges



## Working with our community

**260** volunteers planted  
8760 seedlings

**39** Urban Tree Warrior  
volunteers looking after  
19,900 trees

**98** Community Garden  
members across six  
community gardens

**52** responses to the  
Regional Climate  
Adaptation Plan

**1600** subscriptions to  
Green Thymes

**Together we  
have achieved**

**106,300** views of our  
environment webpages

**30** school and community  
education sessions delivered in  
partnership with Green Adelaide

**110** community sessions on nature,  
sustainability and recycling education

## Working regionally together with State Government, Councils and other partners.



Discover more about our environmental initiatives at: [marion.sa.gov.au/environment](https://marion.sa.gov.au/environment)

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