

# Environment Report Card 2024

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

The City of Marion is dedicated to creating a liveable sustainable community. In 2024, our efforts focused on five key areas:

Nature connection

Greener spaces

Minimising waste

Sustainable water

Climate resilience



## Highlights from 2024



**4300**  
trees planted



**20,000**  
native seedlings  
planted to improve  
habitat for wildlife



**\$37,000**  
in rebates provided  
to support big trees  
and greening verges



**70%**  
reduction in carbon  
emissions from  
council's operations  
since 2015/16



**21,800**  
tonnes of waste  
diverted  
from landfill



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## Taking climate action



**16,500**  
tonnes of carbon  
stored in our  
trees\*



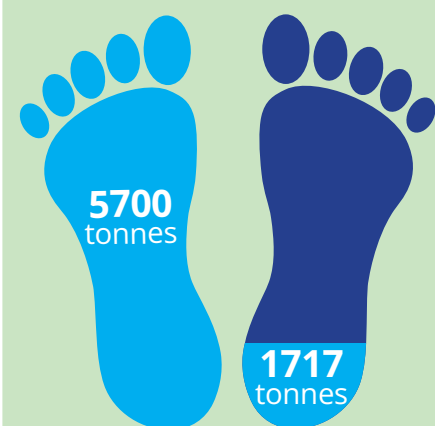
**23**  
compost and  
worm farm  
rebates provided  
to residents to  
support food  
waste recycling



**106**  
street tree  
inlets installed  
improving water  
quality and  
tree health



**100%**  
renewable  
energy reducing  
our emissions



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## Kerbside collection

How much was collected in 2023/24



**57%** of waste was diverted from landfill  
which is above the state average

## Closing the loop

**7200** tonnes of concrete asphalt recycled  
at our Southern Depot from council  
operations, reducing landfill waste and  
supporting sustainable construction.

**1600**  
cubic metres of  
green waste from  
council operations  
recycled into  
mulch for public  
green spaces



## Trees and planting

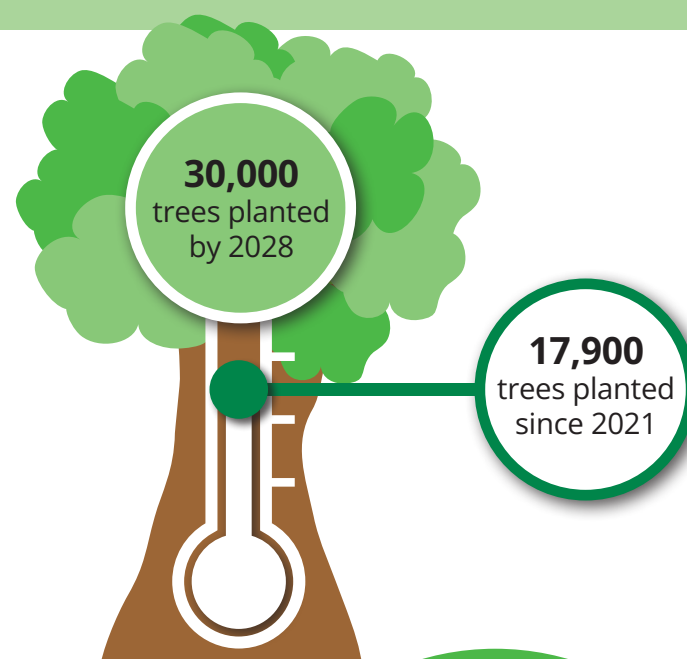
South Plympton, Seacombe Gardens, Park Holme  
and Trott Park were the focus of our planting efforts.

**27,000** council tree maintenance activities.

**13,200** council trees watered.

**66,700** council trees mapped.

**\$20,400** of rebates provided to assist 12 residents  
to maintain their regulated/significant trees on  
their property.



## Taking action locally

### Seed library

- Library visitors are encouraged to grow their own vegetables at home by taking two free packets of vegetable seeds per month.
- Seed donations back to the library are also welcome.
- Over **200** packets taken from the seed library.



### Common Thread

- A series of community events that inspire, connect and empower people to live more sustainably.
- 6** Common Thread events held.
- 4.6** out of **5** average star rating.
- Participants described the sessions as a comfortable space for connection which provided practical information.



### Caring for nature

- Thousands of volunteer hours planting and weeding our biodiversity areas.
- Gazania control program includes **58,000** plants mapped, **13,000** controlled and **65** households participated in plant swap to replace gazanias with natives.



## Habitat for wildlife



Council has supported

**100**

different native  
plant species  
planted in our  
biodiversity  
reserves

**82**

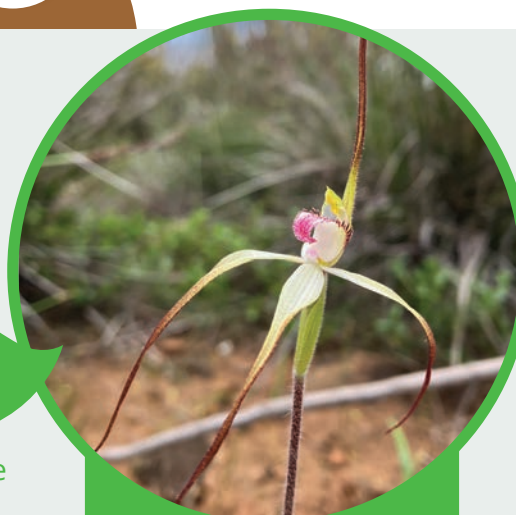
hectares of  
native  
remnant  
vegetation  
protected

**500**

metres of  
fencing  
installed to  
protect native  
vegetation

**20,000**

local native  
seedlings  
planted  
across 32  
biodiversity  
reserves



**30 endangered  
Winter Spider-orchids**  
planted at Hallett  
Cove and Marino

## Urban greening and cooling

- New raingarden installed and greening along Alawoona Avenue, Edwardstown.
- 11** street trees planted in specially designed underground boxes at Marion Cultural Centre, creating a cooler and greener community space.
- 500m** of major streetscape improvements.
- 106** street tree inlets installed in Glengowrie and Edwardstown.
- \$16,600** of funding to assist **54** residents to improve landscaping on their verges.
- 166ML** or **66** Olympic swimming pools of recycled water used to irrigate local sports grounds, reserves, street trees and to provide urban greening and cooling benefits.\*\*



\* Based on measurements from Forestree (a software solution to help manage trees): [trees.marion.sa.gov.au](https://trees.marion.sa.gov.au)

\* Organic matter is extracted for capping at landfill sites. \*\* 23/24 financial year.





## Working with our community

11 Habitat Hollows created

New **community garden** started at Perry Bar Farm, Hallett Cove

22 school and community education sessions delivered in partnership with Green Adelaide

250 volunteers planted 10,000 seedlings at community planting events

212 responses to Biodiversity and Tree management plans with the majority of respondents supportive

1700 subscribers to Green Thymes newsletter

257 environmental posts on social media with a reach of 396,000 people

100 community sessions on nature, sustainability and recycling education



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



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