

Victorian Greenhouse Alliances Annual Conference 2022

Embedding climate change governance within councils: case studies from leading councils

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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri, the Traditional Owners of the land we are meeting on today, and pay respect to their elders: past, present and emerging. We acknowledge that their sovereignty was never ceded and that they have looked after this country for millennia.

Likewise we acknowledge Traditional Owners around Victoria, whose lands provide us with the energy, food, water and other resources we are using today.



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Moreland's Climate Risk Strategy

Nilmini Leybourn

Moreland City Council



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Climate risks

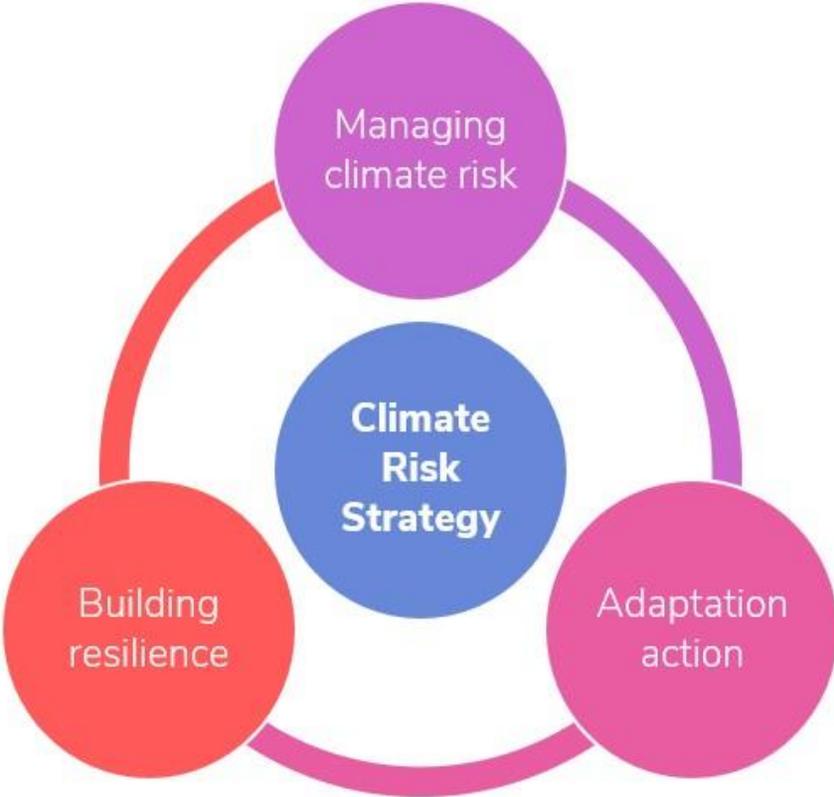
- Heat
- Rainfall
- Fire and air quality
- Financial and litigation



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Framework

- Proactively manage climate risk
- Drive adaptation action
- Deliberately building resilience



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Approach

Risk centred approach

- Accept the hazard
- Change our vulnerability and exposure



Iteration

4-yr Council Plan periods



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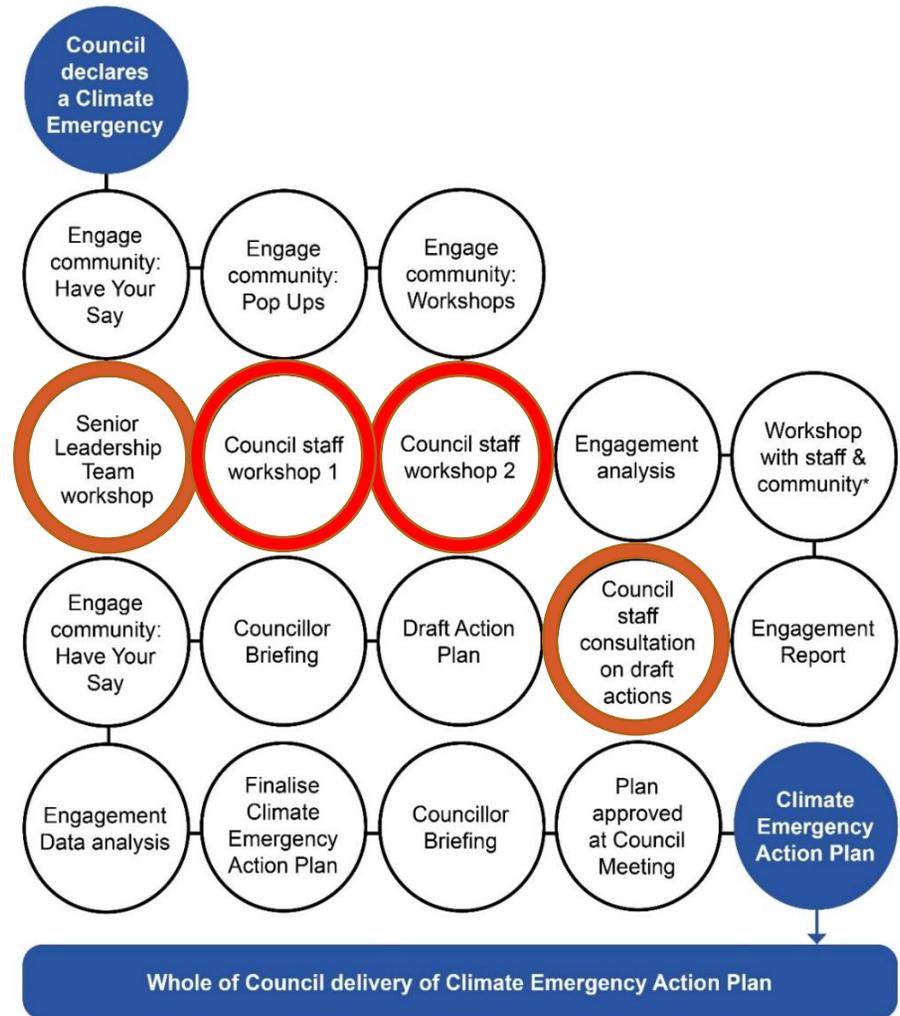


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Climate Emergency Action Plan Development



Bayside declared in Dec 2019
Action Plan adopted in Sept 2020
87 Actions and Deliverables
across 17 Departments

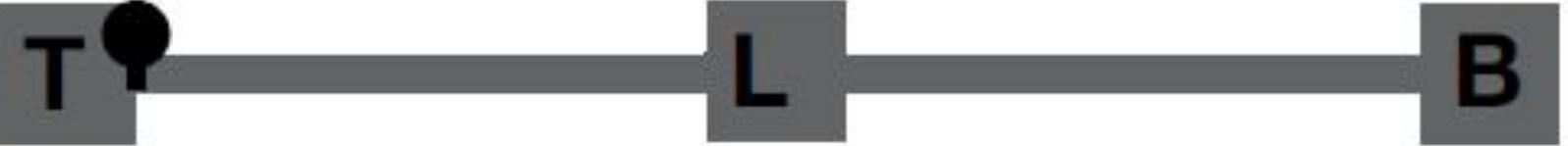


* Not held due to COVID-19 gathering restrictions.

Level of Ambition – Senior Leadership Team



Level of Ambition – Community



Transformational

Leading

BAU

Key themes

1. Build the foundations

Develop an educated, mindful culture ensuring the Climate Emergency response becomes business-as-usual across all Council departments.

2. Mobilise with our community

Work with our community to take climate action and minimise the threats from climate related shocks and stressors, such as heatwaves and flooding.

3. Move to zero carbon transport

Drive the transition away from internal combustion engine vehicles to sustainable transport such as walking, cycling, public transport and electric vehicles powered by renewable energy.

5. Protect and enhance our natural environment

Seamlessly integrate the natural environment into cityscape, strengthening land, water and ocean-based habitats.

6. Transition to a Circular Economy to avoid waste

Drive the move away from the 'take, make, dispose' economy, towards one where all materials are treated as precious resources, with little thrown away.

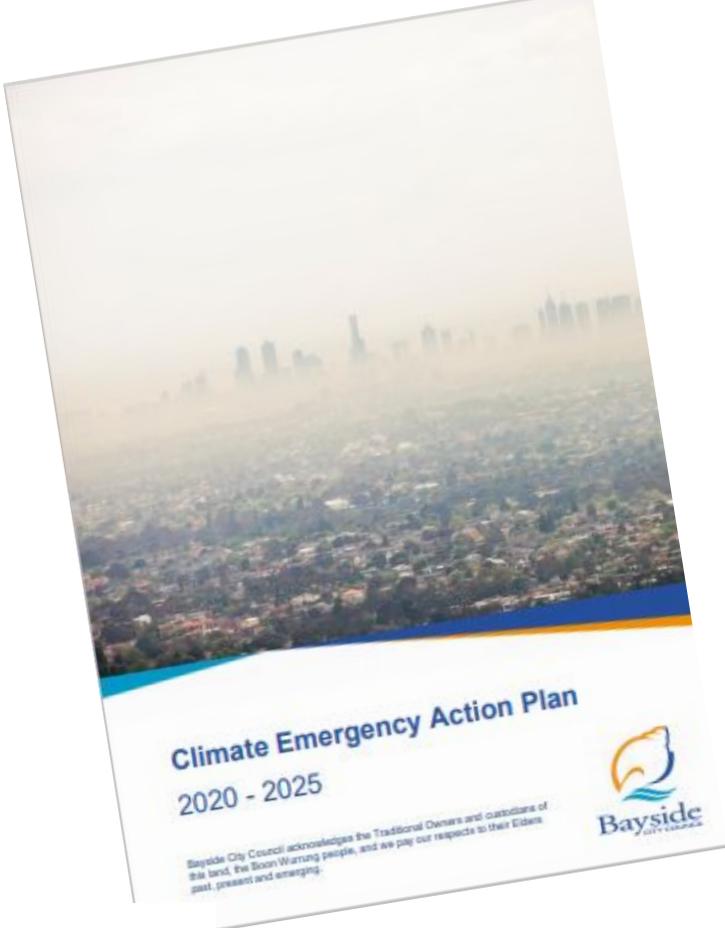
4. Transform to a climate responsive built environment

Ensure the built environment provides comfortable, liveable spaces for people and will withstand climate related shocks and stressors, such as extreme heat, flooding and sea level rise.

7. Switch to zero carbon energy

Support the decarbonisation of the energy system through switching to efficient, renewable energy solutions such as solar and wind power.

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Question time



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