



# CLIMATE AGENDA 2030





The City of Victor Harbor acknowledges the Ramindjeri and Ngarrindjeri people, the Traditional Custodians of the land and surrounding waters where we live and work. We acknowledge their deep connection to country and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

This respect is extended to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across Australia.



# OUR COMMITMENT

## We are aware. We care. We are taking action.

The City of Victor Harbor council area is home to many wonderful assets such as Rosetta Head (The Bluff), Granite Island and the Little Penguin colony, Hindmarsh Falls, Glacier Rock, Hindmarsh and Inman Rivers. The natural environment, including the coastal and marine areas, rivers, natural vegetation, clean air and mild climate are all identified as things that make Victor Harbor a great place to live.

The City of Victor Harbor is a coastal community with an ageing, growing and diversifying population. Our local economy is largely influenced by the seasonality of visitors attracted to our remarkable but vulnerable natural assets and features. The ability for the City of Victor Harbor to maintain its position as a place of choice to live, work, invest and visit is intrinsically linked to our preparedness for, and responsiveness to, the impacts of climate change.

Our planning aims to preserve all of the things we value about our environment, at the same time as putting measures in place to address the challenges that face us in the future.

In December 2019 the City of Victor Harbor joined a growing number of councils across the country to declare a climate emergency. This move recognises the serious risk that climate change poses to the Victor Harbor community and that more action needs to be undertaken by all levels of government.

Over the next 10 years and beyond, the changing climate will put pressure on the City of Victor Harbor's natural and urban environment. Climate adaptation studies for the region highlight that the area's climate will become warmer and drier with rising sea levels, increasing heatwaves, storm surges and increased bushfire risk.

Our Climate Agenda 2030 sets out our commitment to taking action to mitigate and adapt to climate change. It also outlines the first annual program of climate priorities to be delivered in 2020/21.

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# OUR ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

**The following outlines the climate change actions that have been undertaken by the City of Victor Harbor over the last 21 years.**

- » Completed a Renewable Energy Proposal for the Civic Centre and Recreation Centre
- » Undertook a Climate Change Governance Review
- » Regional climate change submission to Planning and Design Code, with Resilient Hills and Coast (RH&C) partners
- » Commissioned community carbon emission snapshots and cohort Council comparative reports
- » Partnered with the Red Cross to deliver the Climate Ready Communities program
- » Developed the regional 'Where We Build What We Build' resources promoting sustainable buildings
- » Installed solar lighting at the intersection of Range Road and Battye Road
- » Investigated electric light trucks for Council's fleet
- » Piloted cardboard tree guards for planting programs
- » Established a Council Renewable Energy Advisory Group
- » Began corporate carbon emissions data benchmarking for reporting, planning and decision making
- » Commenced a Coastal Adaptation Study and Strategy



- » Investigated the viability of a Community Energy Program with RH&C partners
- » Commissioned the Victor Harbor Civic Centre Energy Audit Report



- » Partnered with Regional Development Australia - Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu & Kangaroo Island for the Regional Public Transport Study
- » Replaced Civic Centre downlight/halogens with LEDs
- » Partnered with SA Power Network to replace streetlights with LED
- » Council declared a climate emergency
- » Developed an Environmental Management Plan, including Climate Change Actions
- » Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority introduced fortnightly kerbside recycling and green waste collection
- » Provided subsidised bins and compost equipment to residents





## FEATURE PROJECT

### JUST ADD SUNSHINE

In 2009 the City of Victor Harbor established the Community Purchase of Renewable Energy Program (C-PREP 1). The objective of the program was to connect residents with a reputable supplier/installer of affordable home solar energy systems so that they may take advantage of government subsidies and feed-in tariffs that were then available.

Around 4,000 households signed on for the program while many others independently sought their own solar energy systems. Today more than 40% of Victor Harbor's residential properties have solar.

In 2011/12 the LGA replicated the program with great success and some 35 Councils across the State signed up on behalf of their communities.



- » Installed recycled water infrastructure and signed a 5-year supply arrangement with SA Water
- » Investigated the potential for bulk-buy solar program with Resilient Hills and Coast partners
- » Applied Water Sensitive Urban Design in the Main Street Precinct Design
- » Became a founding member of the Resilient Hills and Coast Regional Climate Change Adaptation Partnership
- » Solar panels installed on Council Depot and Civic Centre buildings
- » Installed solar lighting on the corner of Pages Road and Swains Crossing Road
- » Installed electric vehicle charging stations as part of the Electric Highway project

- » Incorporated recycled plastic products into Council's open spaces
- » Installed solar light bollards along Encounter Bikeway
- » Increased capacity of rainwater harvesting at Council Depot
- » Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority introduced kerbside collection of green waste and recycling
- » Installed rainwater tanks at the Council Depot
- » Installed solar lighting at the Recreation Centre
- » 4,000 households take up Council's solar panel purchase program
- » Installed solar light bollards along Encounter Bikeway



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# OUR APPROACH 2021/22

The following outlines the actions Council plans to take in 2021/22 to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

ACTION	2021/22 BUDGET
<b>Carbon emissions data collection and reporting</b> » Benchmark of emissions from Council operations and identify areas where emissions reduction could be targeted.	\$15,000
<b>Complete the Coastal Adaptation Strategy and continue coastal erosion management</b> » Identification of coastal risks from sea level rise, management options and timeline for action	\$24,000
<b>Commit to the Cities Power Partnership Pledges</b> » Champion a collaborative approach to energy solutions	*
<b>Continue as an active member of the Resilient Hills and Coast Partnership</b> » Demonstrate regional leadership that provides a stronger voice for climate change action	\$6,800
<b>Integrate LED lighting into Council's open space and reserves</b> » Provide lower carbon lighting that supports night time activation and improved sense of safety for Council's open space network	\$10,000
<b>Establish a Victor Harbor Youth Climate Council</b> » Support the active involvement of our young people in climate leadership for the community	\$15,000
<b>Integrate environmental criteria into Council's procurement processes</b> » Encourage a market-led approach to low-carbon project delivery	*
<b>Business case for recycled water expansion</b> » Quantify the impact and benefits of expanding the recycled water season and the number of recycled irrigation sites	\$10,000
<b>Undertake tree canopy mapping</b> » Benchmark the distribution and extent of canopy cover across the built form and monitor changes over time to inform urban planning and management	\$10,000

\*delivered within existing resources.



## LINKS TO OTHER PLANS

The Climate Agenda 2030 assists Council to deliver on the following key plans and strategies:

- City of Victor Harbor Community Plan 2030
- City of Victor Harbor Environmental Management Plan 2019-2024
- Resilient Hills and Coasts Sector Agreement 2020-2025
- Resilient Hills and Coasts Climate Adaptation Plan

Visit [www.victor.sa.gov.au](http://www.victor.sa.gov.au) to view these plans.

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