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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 is needed by all levels of government.

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 flood and bushfire risk.

Our Climate Agenda 2030 sets out our commitment to taking action to mitigate and adapt to climate change. Council's first annual program of climate priorities was delivered in 2020/21.

Our priorities for 2023/24 are listed on page 5.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

The following outlines the climate change actions that have been undertaken by the City of Victor Harbor over the last 23 years.

- Incorporated the use of recyled materials in road resurfacing programs where possible including recycled glass, rubber and plastic
- Installed solar lighting at intersection of Range Road and Battye Road, Pages and Swains Crossing Road, along the Encounter Bikeway and at the Recreation Centre
- Incorporated 4 hybrid vehicles into Council fleet
- Incorporated Water Sensitive Urban Design into major design initiatives
- Commenced Coastal Monitoring Program
- Delivered Renew Sustainable Homes Webinar Series for community
- Continued rollout of LED lighting across outdoor assets including public toilets and parks
- 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
- Investigated electric light trucks for Council's fleet
- Piloted cardboard tree guards as an option for planting programs
- 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, resulting in electricity and emission savings
- 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 over 50% 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, Civic Centre, Victa Cinema and Carrickalinga House
- Installed electric vehicle charging stations as part of the Electric Highway project
- Incorporated recycled plastic products into Council's open spaces
- Installed rainwater tanks at the Council Depot
- 4,000 households take up Council's solar panel purchase program
- Established a Council Renewable Energy Advisory Group
- Began corporate carbon emissions data benchmarking for reporting, planning and decision making



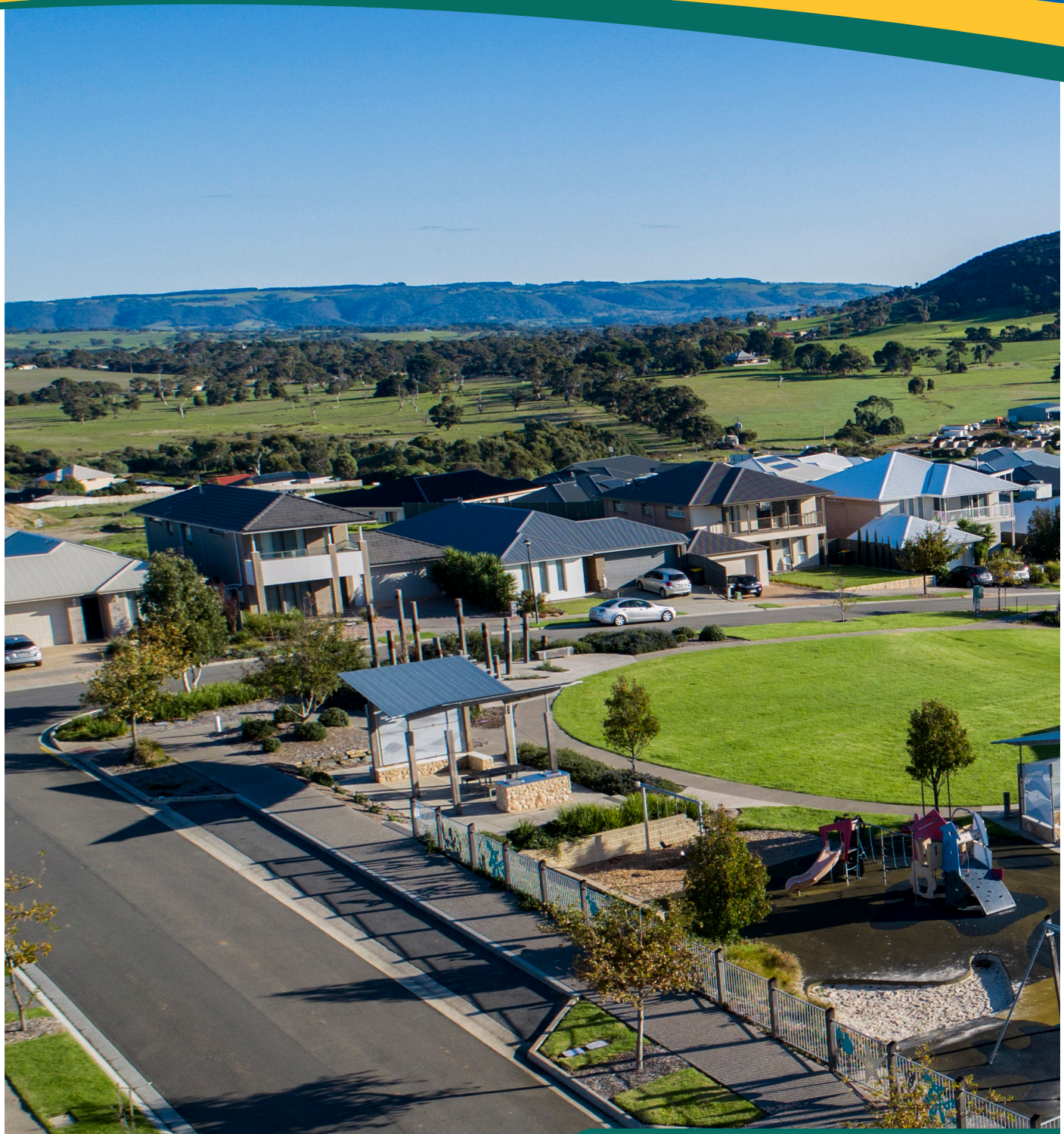


OUR APPROACH 2023/24

The following outlines the actions Council plans to take in 2023/24 to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

ACTION	2023/24 BUDGET
Carbon emissions data collection and reporting » Track emissions from Council operations and identify areas where further emissions reduction is most effective	$15,000
Continue strategic reduction of Council greenhouse gas emissions » Continue rollout of LED lighting and investigate investment in other emissions saving technologies and programs	$15,000
High priority Coastal Monitoring Program » Continue the high priority coastal monitoring program to collect data and ground truth information to guide Council in the best adaptation strategies	$20,000
Coastal Adaptation key tasks » Continue with priorities from the endorsed Coastal Adaptation Strategy	$20,000
Continue as an active member of the Resilient Hills and Coast Partnership » Demonstrate regional leadership that provides a stronger voice for climate change action and better decision making	*
Fleurieu Youth Climate Summit » Support the active involvement of young people in climate leadership for the community through the third annual Fleurieu Youth Climate Change Summit	$8,000
Education Program » Continue education program for Council staff and community on climate change, resilience and risk management	$10,000
Integrate climate change adaptation and risk management across Council » Develop City of Victor Harbor Climate Change Policy	*
Sustainable water use » Continue to maximise use of recycled water (within limitations of current infrastructure) and reduce potable water use across Council irrigated sites	*
Greenify Victor Harbor » Continue to increase tree cover through strategic management of Council native vegetation, parks and gardens, revegetation and street tree programs. Investigate establishment of native garden and continue to work with community groups	*

*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** to view these plans.

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