

CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

2022-2030 SUMMARY



The Central Goldfields Climate Action Plan was developed in collaboration with the Central Goldfields community and key regional stakeholders.

THE PLAN:

- commits to a net zero emissions 2030 target for Council operations
- elevates Council's leading role in tackling climate change locally
- has a strong focus on partners, community and working together to strengthen impact
- provides important info for people, groups and organisations who are new to climate change
- identifies six priority areas and 19 goals addressing both mitigation and adaptation

WHY DEVELOP A PLAN

The Central Goldfields region is already experiencing a warmer and drier climate with greater extremes in weather. Into the future our Shire can expect:

Climate Change Hazards



Average temperature increases across all seasons



Increased extreme heat days and fire



Reduced annual rainfall, humidity, and frosts



Increased evaporation and longer droughts



Increased rainfall intensity and storms



Increased flooding events

These climate hazards can lead to direct and indirect impacts on the natural environment, built environment, economy, and people.

A strategic response to climate change will ensure our Council and community is actively reducing its contribution to global greenhouse emissions, as well as preparing for and adapting to a changing climate.



ACTIVATING AND ENHANCING LOCAL ACTION

A partnership approach

A Partnership Approach will ensure that key stakeholders work together to create meaningful impact on emissions reduction and adaptation to local climate challenges.

Website

A fit for purpose portal will provide a central point for information about local climate action.

Seed funding

Seed funding will be available through an annual grants program to support and accelerate community-led initiatives.

Advocacy

Advocacy will play an important role in achieving our climate action goals and influencing broader systems changes.

SIX PRIORITY AREAS FOR MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION

Six priority areas and nineteen goals provide guidance for the Central Goldfields community to tackle climate change together:

EDUCATION, COLLABORATION & MOBILISATION

1. Our Council embeds climate adaptation and emissions reduction in its decision-making and operations
2. Our community has many opportunities to learn and collaborate around climate action
3. Our young people and groups most vulnerable to the effects of climate change are heard and supported in self-determined climate action

HEALTH & WELLBEING

4. Our community feels connected, supported and mentally resilient to the challenges of a changing climate
5. Our community is comfortable and active through increasing temperatures
6. Our community is prepared for and able to recover from flood, bushfire, storms and heatwaves
7. Our food systems are equitable, healthy and sustainable

RENEWABLE ENERGY & ENERGY EFFICIENCY

8. Our energy is renewable, equitable and secure
9. Our Council and community transition off natural gas
10. Our Council and community adopt energy efficient behaviour and technologies

BUILT ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT

11. Our built environment incorporates environmentally sustainable and resilient design
12. Our built environment has more green spaces and canopy cover
13. Our transport is low emissions and accessible to all

WASTE & THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

14. Our Council & community is committed to waste avoidance and transitioning to a circular economy
15. Our community has the knowledge and opportunity to recycle right
16. Our community composts and grows its own food

LAND & WATER

17. Our natural environment and cultural assets are protected, enhanced and enjoyed
18. Our water systems are healthy, resilient, and secure
19. Our land use industries are adaptive, innovative and sustainable

