

working together to adapt to the changing climate

## Welcome to our newsletter

This newsletter provides community updates on climate adaptation in the Grampians region



Climate change impacts are already being felt across the region, and successful adaptation requires solutions that are identified, owned and driven locally.

Government agencies and authorities, industry and communities including Traditional Owner corporations; water corporations; and catchment management authorities are already leading the way.

## **Grampians Region News**

## Regional Climate Change Adaptation Strategies released

Regional Climate Change Adaptation Strategies have been released by the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change.

Communities across six regions - Barwon South West, Gippsland, Grampians, Hume, Loddon Mallee and Port Phillip – have developed and will lead the implementation of the five-year strategies that provide practical ways for communities to adapt to the impacts of climate change through on-ground action.

The strategies include preparing for and recovering from emergencies, caring for the natural environment, improving health and wellbeing, strengthening the economy and workforce, improving resilience of our built environment, and embracing renewable energy.

The Grampians Regional Adaptation Strategy has been coordinated by specially formed Regional Climate Adaptation Groups who have worked to identify what is necessary to respond to the predicted higher temperatures. altered rainfall patterns, extended fire seasons and increased storm intensity resulting from climate change.

Community and agency representatives from across the Grampians Region have networked to share the latest information on projected changes to the regions climate. They have explored issues for the community arising from the predicted changes and captured their views on what needs to be put in place to allow communities to respond to these impacts.



Download the Grampians Regional Adaptation Strategy and find out more about adaptation in the region at Adapt Grampians.

You can view the Grampians launch video, and hear more about the successful grants projects doing adaptation work in our region on the DELWP Grampians Facebook page in the coming weeks.

View the State Government media release here.

## **Grampians Grant Recipients**

In addition to funding the Regional Adaptation Strategies, the Supporting Our Regions to Adapt program also provides \$1.5 million for initial implementation of priority projects.

In the Grampians region, these priority projects are:

- · Grampians Regional Adaptation Forums
- Expanding the Hepburn Z-NET Model into Climate Change Adaptation
- · Community Conversations on Climate Change
- · Urban trees making choices for a changing climate
- · Landscape Genomic analyses of Grampians Region biodiversity a management framework
- · Trentham Food Hub Feasibility Study
- Risk, Profitability and Resilience in a changing climate
- · Integrated Water Management Planning for small towns across the Central Highlands region

For a list of projects by region, please refer to the Regional Adaptation Projects selected by Regional Stakeholder Working Groups (PDF, 977.1 KB).



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