



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

Adaptation Action Plans announced

Seven Adaptation Action Plans (AAPs) have been released. These plans are a major step forward in making sure Victoria is ready to respond to the risks and opportunities of a changing climate.

The seven AAPs – for Victoria's built environment, education and training, health and human services, natural environment, primary production, transport, and water cycle systems – provide an evidence-based, system-wide approach to adapting to climate change.

Each plan sets out the challenges of climate change for each system, the extensive work already underway and key priorities for the next five years. The plans are realistic and focused on tackling the impacts of climate change we're already experiencing, while also building climate resilience for the long term. They provide a foundation that will be built on with release of further AAPs every five years through to 2050.

The plans reflect lessons learned from adaptation efforts to date and were informed by organisations and experts in each system, together with public consultation during 2021.

They will guide government action and help institutions, businesses and individuals make decisions and take



informed action to build climate resilience.

Building Victoria's Climate Resilience presents a compelling case for why Victoria needs to adapt to the unavoidable impacts of climate change and how adapting now creates economic opportunities and social benefits. It also describes Victoria's unique approach to adaptation planning for statewide systems and complementary community-led action.

The seven AAPs and *Building Victoria's Climate Resilience* are available [here](#) and the *Grampians Region Climate Adaptation Strategy 2021-2025* [here](#).

Regional Adaptation Strategies

Regional Climate Change Adaptation Strategies (RASs) are five-year practical strategies developed by the community to address the unique challenges and opportunities that climate change brings to Victoria's regions and guide locally relevant practical action.

Themes in 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
- embracing renewable energy.

[View the 6 regional strategies here.](#)

Grampians Regional Climate Adaptation Group - Dorothy McLaren

Dorothy is part of the Wimmera [Regional Climate Adaptation Group](#).

A Health Promotion Manager for West Wimmera Health Service, Dorothy has both professional and private interests in behaviour change and climate adaptation.

Dorothy has worked a varied career in and out of academia and the not-for-profit sector. Almost all of her work has been centred around an abiding interest in how people understand and adapt to social and environmental influences, including the sometimes conflicting roles of lived experience and scientific knowledge.



Dorothy had a small livestock property at Noradjuha in the Wimmera from 1998 to 2012 and managed that property through the Millennium Drought, the following floods, Black Saturday and a year of locust plagues.

Dorothy now looks at preparing her home and food gardens for a warming environment, while working with communities to ensure that climate adaptation is central to planning for health and wellbeing at individual, community and policy levels.

Survey: Where do you find information about the climate?



Where do you find information about climate change or adaptation?

Did you know our region has a dedicated website, and that community groups are encouraged to contribute to it?

Please take a few minutes to [fill out this survey](#), so that we can help to share appropriate information with those in our region who are interested in finding it.

The Climate Front Line

With more frequent and extreme weather events, damaging bushfires and drought, there is no question that the climate is changing, and the impacts are being felt by humans and nature alike.

The Climate Front Line seeks to stimulate conversation around, and provide alternative perspectives on climate change through challenging values, views and beliefs. For more news visit [Adapt Grampians](#).



Blue green infrastructure guide

To address the impacts of climate change, a green-blue infrastructure guide for small towns has been developed within the Central Highlands.

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Climate change and food supply

Farmers for Climate Action have commissioned a report that looks at the impacts of climate change on our food supply.

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Upcoming Events in Kaniva

As part of the Risk, Profitability and Resilience project, events are being held on March 31 and April 1 with Graeme Hand.

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Climate change impacts on wheat

Monash University recently shared about the findings from their investigations into the impact of climate change on wheat yields and farm profitability in Victoria's major grain-producing regions – the Mallee and Wimmera regions.

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IPCC finds adaptation is key

The latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report warns of the effects of climate change to all parts of the world, all sectors and people in a variety of settings.

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Upcoming Projects

Find out about some of the climate adaptation work happening in communities in the Grampians region.

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