

A CLIMATE JOURNEY *newsletter*



Welcome to our first newsletter

This newsletter will provide updates to the wider community about the DELWP Grampians Regional Climate Adaptation Strategy currently being developed by Community and Partnership Programs team in the Grampians Region.



The Grampians Regional Climate Adaptation Strategy (GRCAS) is being developed as part of the 'Supporting our Regions to Adapt' program to encourage collaborative action between Government and regional communities.

Under this program, each DELWP region developed a Climate Change Adaptation Gap Analysis which captured measures already in place and to identify critical gaps remaining.

The analysis demonstrated a need for practical climate change adaptation for each region and will include responses to:

- Preparing for more extreme heat, fire and storm events;
- Minimising health impacts on vulnerable people;
- Water supplies resilient to drought;
- Agriculture in a changing climate;
- Protecting biodiversity; and
- Finance, business risk and insurability.

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.

What are the links between climate change and bushfires?

With the fires in New South Wales and Queensland fresh in our minds, The Guardian examines how climate change can make fires worse.

[Read more >](#)

The race is on: secrets and solutions of climate 2019

This film shows you the central shocking secrets about the global climate crisis - but also solutions we already have to avoid disaster. Everyone wants a better, brighter future, and through smart storytelling, this film opens up the climate emergency for all to take effective actions.

[Read more >](#)

Uninsurable addresses due to climate change

The number of uninsurable addresses in Australia projected to be 1 in 20 by end of this century.

Climate experts warn that areas across the world are becoming more prone to natural disasters, putting homes at risk in more ways than one. Will your home be uninsurable?

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World may become uninsurable with climate change

[Read more >](#)

How climate change affects your mental health

"For all that's ever been said about climate change, we haven't heard nearly enough about the psychological impacts of living in a warming world," says science writer Britt Wray.

In this quick talk, she explores how climate change is threatening our well-being -- mental, social and spiritual -- and offers a starting point for what we can do about it.

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Greta Thunberg's full speech to world leaders at UN Climate Action Summit

And finally, for anyone who hasn't watched Greta Thunberg's emotional speech condemning world leaders at the 2019 Climate Summit.

[Read more >](#)

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A Climate Journey series

A Climate Journey series was held in Horsham and Ballarat between May and September this year for local government and the community.

Each forum had a theme - Past, Present and Future.

Bureau of Meteorology discussed the passed climate data, and CSIRO looked at climate projections for the future. Farmers for Climate Action discussed in the final forum the actions that farmers and the agricultural industry are taking to adapt to the current changes in reduced rainfall and increased temperature.

Each of the forums were recorded and are now available to watch online.



May - Bureau of Meteorology | July - CSIRO | September - Farmers for Climate Action



Grampians Regional Climate Adaptation Groups - Wimmera and Central Highlands

The newly formed Regional Climate Adaptation Group for Central Highlands and Wimmera had their induction meeting on the 25 November. After an EOI process, a number of community, local government and organisations were selected to represent the region to help develop the Regional Climate Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan.



Insert: Wimmera RCAG members



Community Climate Change Adaptation (3CA) Grants

The 3CA Grants aim to build resilience to climate change impacts through community-driven adaptation activities that address identified gaps and priorities in Victoria's regions. The program will help identify and support practical projects focused on adaptation activities with clear community benefit; foster partnerships between communities, local governments and regional stakeholders on adaptation; and generate and share lessons on good practice approaches to community adaptation.

The \$1 million 3CA Grants program funded 17 projects across Victoria, including three from the Grampians region.

Project Name

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Preparing landholders for climate change in the Woady Yaloak Catchment

Lead/ Partner Organisation

Woady Yaloak Catchment Group Inc/
Federation University

Project Objective

To provide landholders with information they can use to plan actions (contingencies) to adapt to the likely impacts of climate change on their production systems (pastures and crops) and the collection of water for stock, domestic purposes while ensuring adequate environmental flows to important ecosystems.

Embedding Climate Change Adaptation into the Grampians Education Sector

Lead/ Partner Organisation

Wimmera Mallee Sustainability Alliance/
Grampians Central West Waste & Resource Recovery Group

Project Objective

To embed climate change adaptation into the education system across the Grampians region.

Project Name

Greenlink

Lead/ Partner Organisation

Hindmarsh Shire Council/ Barengi Gadjin Land Council

Project Objective

To establish landscaped public, multi-purpose open spaces in Dimboola and Jeparit to provide a strategic link between the two towns for the Wimmera River Discovery Trail. They will provide places of respite from adverse weather for residents and visitors while offering education on local natural environment and culture.



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