



Welcome to our newsletter

A newsletter providing updates to the wider community 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

Launch of Adapt Grampians website

After much anticipation, the Adapt Grampians website was launched in December 2020. The website aims to provide the community with regional information, learnings and news and events on adapting to the changing climate.

There is information on current projects occurring within the region as well as ways in which the community can participate with climate adaptation. Please check out the website to see if there is anything of interest to you - www.adaptgrampians.com.au

Adapt Grampians is a regional hub for information sharing, learning and inspiration to ensure we adjust and thrive in our changing climate

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Adaptation is...



Agriculture
adaptation is protecting agricultural land, managing risks, profitability, resilience and opportunities in a changing climate



Biodiversity
adaptation is building species and ecosystem resilience and functionality for long-term viability

News and Events

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Hepburn aims for zero-net emissions

Hepburn Shire is Victoria's first Z-NET community, planning for a transition to net zero energy by...

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Rainbow weather station

Following the identification of a gap in the country's weather radar network, the Bureau of...

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Grampians Region Climate Adaptation Strategy

Expressions of Interest - Grampians Regional Climate Adaptation Group

The draft release of the Grampians Region Climate Adaptation Strategy (GRCAS) is now available for community input and review. The GRCAS has been developed by the community and businesses to provide an overview of current and future climate adaptation activities and priorities.

If you'd like to contribute to this important stage of the Strategy, you can view and provide comments via engage.vic.gov.au/grampians-region-climate-adaptation-strategy

Feedback closes on May 23, 2021

Would you like to help your community prepare for the impacts of a changing climate through the implementation of the Grampians Region Climate Adaptation Strategy?

We are keen to hear from people interested in joining a group to help guide investment and action for climate adaptation in the Grampians region. Reimbursement for time and costs may be available.

Expressions of interest close at 12pm on May 3, 2021

For applications and information, visit: adaptgrampians.com.au

Adapt Grampians Grants Program 2021-2022

Along with Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), Adapt Grampians is delivering a grants program to fund projects that support the Grampians Region communities in climate adaptation activities and action.

Expressions of Interest close at 12pm on May 5, 2021

For applications and information, visit: adaptgrampians.com.au



Grampians Regional Climate Adaptation Group

Each edition we will introduce two of the group members

Wimmera - Krista Fischer

I grew up on a farm north of Horsham and started my career in Agriculture at Victorian Institute for Dryland Agriculture (Horsham). I then had a change in direction and completed my nursing degree and postgraduate in critical care and worked at Wimmera Health Care Group Emergency Department.



I have also worked on telephone triage (Similar to Nurse on Call) and General Practice coordinator supporting clinical practice with Grampians Medicare Local. This organisation then became Western Victoria Primary Health Network where I was the Regional Manager for Wimmera Grampians implementing government initiatives in health care and commissioning place-based programs to improve health outcomes for this region.

I am currently working with Wimmera Primary Care Partnership on the drought coordination response across four shires. This focuses on mental health including the Rural Outreach program, Mental health first aid and community activities to build resilience and reduce social isolation.

Central Highlands - Ed Riley

Ed Riley is a planning officer with 13 years of experience in rural and regional areas across local and national government in the UK, the Isle of Man and, since 2018, Victoria.



He believes climate change is a serious threat to our planet and is excited to help Central Highlands' communities mitigate against the worst of its impacts.

Ed holds an undergraduate degree in English & Geography, advanced degrees in Politics and Planning, and is an appointed member of the Royal Town Planning Institute and the Planning Institute of Australia. He is employed as the Strategic Planner at Pyrenees Shire Council, and in his spare time enjoys photography, coffee, and craft beer – often at the same time.

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.



Apocalypse now: Australian bushfires and the future of urban settlements



When the taps run dry

Climate modelling shows that southern Australia is becoming drier and hotter, bringing with it more frequent and severe droughts. Experts believe we

The apocalyptic Australian bushfires have challenged the way we plan settlements. What is the future for small urban settlements within fire-vulnerable forests and bushland? Could they create a new model for rural settlements with wider lessons for development in big cities?

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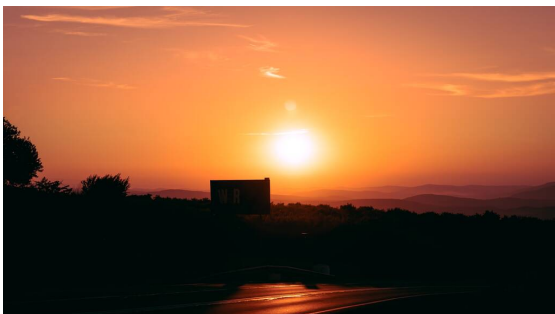


Mark McVeigh v Rest - 11th hour settlement of litigation in respect of Rest's handling of climate change risk.

Rest superannuation fund agrees to settle ground-breaking climate risk litigation and pledges to reach net zero emissions by 2050.

Consistent with the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD), Rest acknowledged that climate change could lead to catastrophic economic and social consequences and is an important concern of Rest's members.

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Heatwaves may mean Sydney is too hot for people to live in 'within decades'

Faced with the prospect of 50-degree-plus summers, experts say highly urbanised parts of Australia may become unliveable within decades.

need to be more prepared for the challenges to water security.

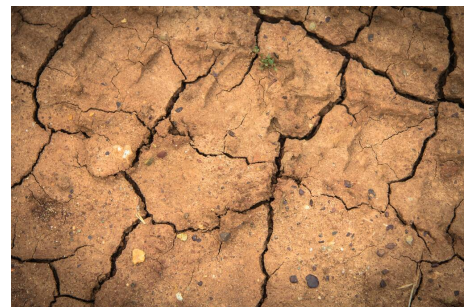
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The road to recovery even longer for regional communities

A report by SGS Economics & Planning and Suncorp released this year reveals regional communities are at risk of taking far longer to recover following a natural disaster. The report highlights the importance of rapid insurance payments and the need to protect regions from future disasters.

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Australian government sued by 23-year-old Melbourne student over financials risks of climate change

A 23-year-old Melbourne law student is suing the Australian Government for failing to disclose the risk climate change poses to Australians' super and other safe investments. Experts say it's the first where a national government has been sued for its lack of transparency on climate risks.

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The race is on to re-imagine, redesign and rebuild the Australian suburb.

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Australia's lesser-known ecosystems are heading for collapse. Here's what we stand to lose

A damning report has found several Australian ecosystems are so degraded, they are heading toward collapse if we do not intervene.

Of the 20 systems studied by a group of scientists, 19 showed evidence of collapse in some areas and required "urgent action" to prevent them from undergoing total collapse.

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Yes, Australia is a land of flooding plains. But climate change could be making it worse

Australia's natural rainfall patterns are highly variable, which means the influence climate change has on any single weather event is difficult to determine as the signal is buried in the background of a lot of climatic 'noise'.

Whilst Australia has always experienced floods, disasters like the recent one in NSW are likely to become more frequent and intense as climate change continues.

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