



## Update 20 – June 2021

Welcome to our newsletter combining news and information on renewable energy and climate change adaptation in our region and beyond.

The Victorian Government is committed to [being climate ready and resilient by 2050](#) and is helping our regional communities and organisations work together to adapt to the impacts of climate change by investing \$9.3 million in the Supporting our Regions to Adapt program.



Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Hume region is working with our communities to develop a Regional Climate Change Adaptation Strategy (RAS) identifying our regional priorities, the necessary skills and knowledge required by communities, and to fund local adaptation and mitigation projects.

## Climate Ready Hume project update

Climate Ready Hume is sponsored by Supporting our Regions to Adapt, a \$9.3 million program funded through the Sustainability Fund.

Visit the [EngageVic site](#) to access these valuable resources:



**CLIMATE READY**  
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- the *Journey* infographic and Digi-Kit series
- archived newsletters and subscription form
- latest climate and water projections
- policy and program weblinks (RE Roadmap included) and resources
- current project data
- case study booklet participation EOI form

Feedback on draft RAS closed 25 May 2021 but your input is still invited please consider sharing your story of climate change adaptation.

## Share your climate change adaptation journey – we want to hear your story!

To accompany the final RAS, DELWP is creating a **case studies booklet** to share our communities' actions on climate change. Sharing your story will help others in their climate change journey.

To be involved or for further information please register your interest by clicking [HERE](#), or submit your story via the online form, and we will be in touch with you.

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[Post your story](#)

## YOUth LEADing the World (YLTW) Online Facilitator Training



[Indigo Shire Youth for Climate Action](#) has been working with Indigo, Alpine and Wangaratta Councils to plan a NE Vic Youth Climate Summit for November this year. This summit will be an opportunity for local young people to learn about the local and global challenges we face, talk about their concerns, create a vision for our future, brainstorm change ideas and develop action plans to improve our community.

In preparation for this event YLTW is inviting any community members who would be interested in being facilitators at the Summit to take part in facilitator training. It is a free program that will be run online on the 1st and 2nd of July from 9am to 4pm. Please complete [this Google Form](#) to register.

## Seymour tree planting event

The tree planting event is an opportunity to get together off-line, while doing something positive for our climate and environment. The event is being hosted by 2040 and Reforest on Saturday 3rd July from 9am to 1:30pm. Please register here for this event.



In case you missed a viewing of the film 2040 you can visit the [“See the Film”](#) Page for information on where to find a viewing.

The [2040 website](#) has some great resources:

- [Solutions](#)
- [Towards 2040 - A Conversation series](#)
- [Our Sources](#)

## Reducing energy costs in your agricultural business

In the November 2020 budget the Victorian government announced a \$30 million extension to the [Agriculture Energy Investment Plan](#). The AEIP is open to farmers and businesses whose primary operation is in the agriculture sector. The plan supports agricultural businesses to reduce energy costs, improve energy efficiency and explore other energy options.

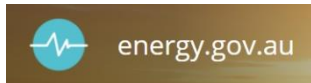


[Apply for a free on-farm energy assessment](#) to understand where energy efficiency improvements can be made. Undertaking an on-farm energy assessment provides you with advice and a plan to reduce on-farm energy consumption and bills, which may not require any further upfront investments.

Applications for on-farm energy assessments close **15 July 2021**.

## Indi's Powering Communities Program 2021

Are you a community group looking to reduce energy use, save money and lower emissions? The



Powering Communities Program in Indi provides \$67,700 to fund up to 12 small projects that will assist community groups to improve energy efficiency practices, lower energy use, save money and reduce emissions.

Eligible purchases include solar PV, batteries, air conditioning, hot water heaters, LED lighting, cooktops and refrigerators and energy audits. A full list can be found in the Guidelines [here](#).

**To submit an expression of interest please complete this [online form](#).** Expressions of interest must be submitted online by **5.00pm Friday 2 July 2021**. Once received, expressions of interest will be assessed by my grants consultative committee in mid-July 2021. Successful applicants will then be invited to make a full application for funding.

## Zero Emissions Vehicle Subsidy Program

The Victorian Government has allocated \$46 million to encourage Victorians to buy an ZEV sooner through the [Zero Emissions Vehicle Subsidy Program](#), saving people up to \$3,000 on the purchase of a ZEV and driving Victoria's transition to a net-zero emissions future.

This program is **now open** with 20,000 subsidies available.

## Bolstering renewable energy with software trial at Wangaratta Community Energy Hub

In late May [Indigo Power](#) launched new software demonstrating how much locally generated renewable energy is being used in the Wangaratta Community Energy Hub. The software allows users to see the percentage of their electricity being generated locally by renewable energy assets including rooftop solar.

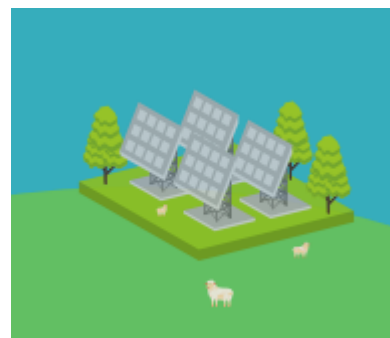
To read the full article please click [here](#).

## Australian grid used the least coal on record last summer

Coal-fired power consumption in Australia hit a record low during the first three months of 2021 and gas generation was at its lowest levels in 15 years.

To read the full article please click [here](#).

Are you curious about what a lower emissions future could look like for Goulburn and Ovens Murray Regions? Possible changes to weather and climate can be found [here](#).



## Climate Change will cost a young Australian up to \$245k over their lifetime

The Federal Court has dismissed a bid by a group of Australian teenagers seeking to prevent Federal Environment Minister Sussan Ley from approving a coalmine extension in New South Wales. While the teens' request for an injunction was unsuccessful, new figures on the financial costs of climate change to young Australians over their lifetimes emerged during the court proceedings.

An independent expert witness put the loss at between A\$125,000 and A\$245,000 per person. The calculation did not include health impacts which were assessed separately. To read the full article [click here](#).

## Webinars

### Reimagining Climate Adaptation – Videos available

[Future Earth Australia](#), in partnership with the [Sydney Environment Institute](#) (University of Sydney) and the [Institute for Culture and Society](#) (Western Sydney University), brought experts from research, business, practice, decision making, and communities together to look forward and set out a clear agenda for climate adaptation while reducing our emissions.

The Reimagining Climate Adaptation Summit was held from 19-22 April 2021 via Zoom. To watch the videos please click [here](#).



### Victoria's regional renewable energy roadmaps

[Visit the link](#) to access all the regional renewable energy roadmaps that show the way for the Victorian transition to renewable energy.

### Do you have any item to share for the next month's newsletter?

[Please click here](#) to let Climate Ready Hume know before the 7th July for the July newsletter.

### Do you know someone else who would appreciate this newsletter?

Please forward this update to a friend and invite them to [subscribe to this monthly update](#).

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