



## Update 8 – May 2020

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](#) over the next three years.



DELWP Hume is working with our communities to develop a Regional Climate Change Adaptation Strategy (RAS) identifying our regional priorities, the necessary skills and knowledge required in communities, and to fund local adaptation and mitigation projects.

## Climate Ready Hume project update

Thanks to all our community as we try new approaches to connect with you and continue to develop our Hume RAS through your feedback. We are currently trialling a way of bringing 2040 to you online to continue the positive discussions on climate change adaptation in our communities and workplaces. Also coming soon is an online survey to share with you. Keep reading to learn about some exciting opportunities we are announcing this month.

## Community mini grants – Climate Ready Hume NOW OPEN!

**COMMUNITY MINI-GRANTS**  
**CLIMATE READY HUME**  
**ARE NOW OPEN!**

Supporting Hume regional communities with local climate change adaptation activities and actions

Grants up to \$10,000 available

Grant applications close 31 July 2020

Community mini-grants to support Hume regional communities with local climate change adaptation activities and actions are now open and seeking applications.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for community-based projects, with a total of \$70,000 available. The application period runs from **11 May 2020 to 31 July 2020**. **Projects to be completed by 15 June 2021.**

For full details on eligibility and how to apply, see attached Guidelines, Application Form and Frequently Asked Questions attached, or contact Louisa Marston, Community and Partnerships Project Officer at [louisa.marston@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:louisa.marston@delwp.vic.gov.au) or on 0439 046 122.

## STEM webinar series for secondary students starting Wednesday 27 May

We have some exciting news with a five part STEM-themed webinar series being delivered by DELWP and Charles Sturt University (CSU) starting this month. See attached poster. The free webinars are open to all secondary school students living in [Hume region](#).

The webinars are ideal for:

- Young people with a passion and curiosity for all things STEM
- Young people who wish to be positive contributors and advocates for science-informed policies in their community
- Youth leaders who wish to be involved in environmental and sustainability efforts
- All those who want to continue to create a sustainable world for future generations.

Sessions start at 4.30pm. **Click on the links to register**

27 May | [Webinar Wednesday 1: Vets and Vaccines with Phoebe Readford](#)

3 June | [Webinar Wednesday 2: Crowdsourcing frog identification with Adam Woods](#)

10 June | [Webinar Wednesday 3: How to be an advocate for science with Tammy Atkins](#)

17 June | [Webinar Wednesday 4: Using models to find animals with Ben Wagner](#)

24 June | [Webinar Wednesday 5: Understanding fire behaviour with Jayne Aymes](#)

There are only 50 places open per live stream, so make sure you register beforehand using the links.

All sessions will be recorded and made available for catch up viewing.

### **Check out our youth mini grants!**

Our grants are providing youth in our region the opportunity to develop and deliver a climate adaptation project in their community (including schools). The total pool of available funding is \$20,000 with grants up to \$5,000 being awarded.

Youth aged 12 to 25 years living in [Hume region](#) are eligible.

Projects don't have to be delivered until June 2021, so students can still plan this remotely and apply for their project to get funding.

For more information contact Jacqui Smith on 0428 238 736 or [Jacqueline.smith@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:Jacqueline.smith@delwp.vic.gov.au).

### **Climate Change Adaptation in Agriculture (Goulburn) project**

The project continues with the help of project partners and the agriculture industry. With coronavirus restrictions, the farm walk series and the creation of video and podcast series is on hold for the time being. We are continuing to develop the spatial tool and will keep in touch over the next few months.

### **Business Incubator program for Nature - focussed entrepreneurs**

Wild Idea is an online business incubator program that supports innovators, environmentalist entrepreneurs who have business ideas on how to protect the natural environment and bring about environmental change.

Applications **close 11.59pm Thursday May 21**. Click on the link for more details and to apply [www.wildideaincubator.com/](http://www.wildideaincubator.com/).

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### What is STEM?

Science Technology

Engineering Mathematics



**Furoshiki** (風呂敷) are a type of traditional Japanese wrapping cloth used to transport clothes, gifts, or other goods. First used sometime during the Nara period (AD 710-794)

Use of furoshiki declined in Japan post World War 2 with the spread of the plastic bag but is now starting to experience a resurgence in its use.



To get you started check out the You Tube tutorial:

[A day in the life of a furoshiki cloth](#)

For a comprehensive one page guide to furoshiki folding and uses click the [link](#) to the Japanese Government's Dept of the Environment webpage.

## Community energy discussion paper

**Unlocking Community Energy in Australia** – Is a discussion paper, co-authored by a group of 15 local community energy advocates and local member Helen Haines MP. The paper aims to support a nation-wide conversation about how to accelerate community energy. The discussion paper can be found [here](#), plus details of upcoming public online forums and a chance to submit your ideas about community energy.

**Submissions close on Friday 3rd July.**



## Webinars

### Community Scale batteries 21 May 9.30am – 11.00am

Join an online discussion about the opportunities and challenges offered by community-scale batteries in Australia's national electricity market. Brought to you by the Energy Security Board, the Battery Storage and Grid Integration Program (ANU), Ausgrid and the Total Environment Centre.



To register, please [click here](#).

Community-scale batteries have financial, regulatory and consumer issues that need to be addressed before they can be rolled out widely across the National Energy Market. Hear about several studies nearing completion which address these issues, plus projects involving several networks, retailers and governments trialling community scale batteries.

### Recording of Stimulus Summit- Renewables Led Economic Recovery (6 May)

[RenewEconomy](#) and the [Smart Energy Council](#) co-hosted a virtual Stimulus Summit conference on Wednesday 6 May, focusing on a renewables-led economic recovery, featuring industry leaders, analysts and advocates, including the Queensland premier and four state energy ministers economists, researchers, energy experts, bankers, developers, farmers, business lobby groups and environmental advocates.

The virtual summit attracted over 3,500 delegates from across Australia and internationally.

The summit demonstrated the real potential to achieve economic recovery while reducing emissions at the same time.

All the sessions were [recorded](#) and available with Powerpoint presentations.

[Read](#) about the 10 key economic recovery ideas that came out of the summit.

### Recording of Climate impacts on water supplies and availability, and risks to water resources in Victoria



Presented by Geoff Steendam from DELWP Water Resource Assessment & Planning, this webinar focuses on the impacts of climate on water supplies and availability, and risks to water resources in Victoria.

Geoff also provides an update on the Victorian Water and Climate Initiative. The initiative supports research into the impact of climate change and climate variability on Victoria's water resources

### **View the Recording**

Password: climate&water

Duration: 59 minutes (including questions)

This webinar was recorded on Thursday 16 April 2020 at 12pm AEST.



### **Recording of the Victorian Autumn Climate Update – 2020**

This is the recording of the recent seasonal climate webinar for Victoria by Agriculture Victoria's seasonal risk agronomist [Dale Grey](#).

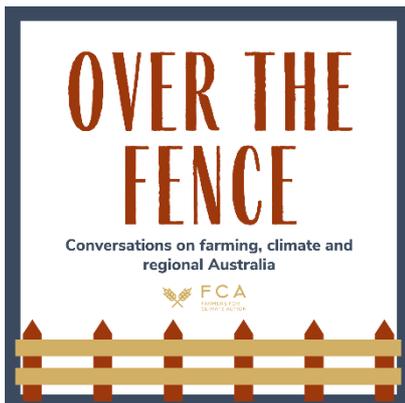
#### **View the recording**

**Recording password:** VICfastbreak1

**Duration:** 50-60 minutes

This webinar was recorded on Wednesday 15 April 2020 at 12pm AEST

## **Podcasts**



### ***Over the Fence***

[Farmers for Climate Action](#) (FCA) recently launched their 'Over the Fence' podcasts, which explore issues relating farming, climate and regional Australia. Subscribe to the podcast series [here](#) for Spotify and [here](#) if you listen on Apple.

FCA is also running a series of five **Community Resilience forums** starting on 12 May and the finale on 9 June. Visit the [link](#) for more information and to register.

### ***Community Energy: Voices from the North East, Victoria, Australia***

This six episode podcast season of [Community Energy, Voices from the North East, Victoria, Australia](#) showcases the stories of:

- Indigo Power
- Sustainable Upper Ovens
- Totally Renewable Beechworth
- the collaboration with Renewable Albury Wodonga & Beyond Housing Social, and
- Totally Renewable Yackandandah.



### **Get your copy of the Hume Renewable Energy Roadmap report**

The report from the Hume Renewable Energy Roadmap project will build your understanding of how our region is making the transition to renewable energy.

For a printed copy email [HumeRenewableEnergy.Roadmap@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:HumeRenewableEnergy.Roadmap@delwp.vic.gov.au)

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