



Update 11 – August 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 by communities, and to fund local adaptation and mitigation projects.

Climate Ready Hume project update

Over the last month we have been excited to stay connected with you through 2040 streaming and a range of grants activities. Thanks for your ongoing support.

The Community mini-grants application period has now closed, and applications are being assessed. We are excited to have received applications from across Hume. This month you can read about the successful Youth mini grant applicants and their projects.

Early RAS themes shaped from ongoing consultation in the region include environment, emergency impacts and recovery; health and wellbeing; neighbourhoods and built environment; economy and workforce. Please contact us if you would like further details.

Solar on public buildings program NOW OPEN!!

The \$9.2 million program is now open for expressions of interest from volunteer committees of management of Crown land, excluding Council managed committees, across the state.

Eligible DELWP committees were sent an email in early August inviting an expression of interest for installation of a solar PV system for buildings like community halls and recreation reserves on Crown land.



Volunteer committees will reduce their power bills and free up funds for important maintenance and improvements. The program will also consider other works like energy efficiency improvements to reduce energy costs.

For more information about the program see the DELWP website [link](#).

Community mini grants

The Community mini-grants – Climate Ready Hume application period is **now closed**.

The Climate Ready Hume team extends an enormous thank you to all grant applicants and to everyone that shared the grant information with their communities. We are looking forward to assessing the diversity of project ideas and further supporting our local communities adapt to the impacts of climate change.

Our team is excited to share the projects as they progress and make meaningful impact in Hume regional communities.



COMMUNITY MINI-GRANTS CLIMATE READY HUME ARE NOW CLOSED



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



Youth mini-grants announcement!

We're excited to announce that we have three successful applicants for the Youth Mini-grants!



Photo courtesy of Landcare Australia

St Bernard's Primary School in Wangaratta, the Wangaratta Youth Council, and the Greater Shepparton Secondary School (Wangnau Campus) all have fantastic youth-led projects which include making community green-spaces, propagating plants from seed to create food-gardens, and protecting native biodiversity by building bee hotels!

These projects are happening within schools, homes, and the broader community. Importantly, the projects are helping young people organise themselves and learn skills for taking climate-action.

Lets Stay Connected grant - CLOSING 31 August!

Do you have ideas on ways on staying connected with your community during times of restrictions on gathering and social isolation?

The Victorian government is providing grants from \$5,000 up to \$200,000 to support community-led initiatives to keep communities connected.

Initiatives could include helping community groups continue to operate by adapting the way they deliver programs or events, including through online forums. Other possibilities include support for communities to improve digital skills and access online communication channels.



Click [here](#) to find out more and submit your application.

Bushfire Recovery Grants – Community Facilities STILL OPEN



[Bushfire Recovery Victoria](#) has released a new grants program for community facilities open from **26 June 2020 to 30 June 2022**.

Grants of up to \$50,000 will be awarded from a total pool of \$5 million dollars to support community groups in fire-affected areas who want help to build, upgrade or repair important local facilities.

Fire-affected LGAs in Hume are **Alpine, Indigo, Mansfield, Strathbogie, Towong, Wangaratta and Wodonga**, as well as alpine resorts Falls Creek, Mount Buller, Mount Hotham and Mount Stirling.

To find out more: <https://www.vic.gov.au/bushfire-recovery-grants-community-facilities>

FREE online grants workshops

Online grants workshops to teach the tips and tricks of writing successful applications are being provided by Helen Haines, Federal Member for Indi.

Each 2.5-hour workshop will cover:

- Where to find grants
- How to prepare for grant success
- What a grant application looks like
- How grant providers decide which projects to fund
- How to acquit your grant project successfully.



Join a session that suits you by clicking on the links below to register:

[Workshop # 1: Tuesday, August 18, 2:00 – 4:30pm](#)

[Workshop # 2: Saturday, August 22, 10:00am – 12:30pm](#)

[Workshop # 3: Tuesday, September 8, 10:00am – 12:30pm](#)

[Workshop # 4, Tuesday, September 15, 6:00 – 8:30pm](#)

Visit Helen's [website](#) for short videos and how to guides that step you through the grant process and hear from grant-winning locals about their secrets for success.

Virtual Hub for Climate Change Innovation

The [Virtual Hub for Climate Change Innovation](#) is an online networking hub and knowledge repository and a platform for climate change innovators to connect with others with an interest or are working on, climate change challenges, issues and opportunities.

The hub supports collaboration between businesses, researchers and community members on climate change innovation. With 24 climate change innovation grant projects underway across the state, it will also feature learnings from the projects as they're completed.

Membership is free and includes links to more than 400 resources and climate change information hubs. Check it out now by clicking the link – you can [join as a member and invite your friends](#).

Fighting Food Waste

Victorian households waste on average \$2,200 per year on food and collectively throw out 250,000 tonnes. Wasted food generates nearly 20 million tonnes of CO2 ever year in Australia.



FIGHT FOOD WASTE
Cooperative Research Centre

REDUCE - TRANSFORM - ENGAGE

When we waste food, we also waste the resources used to grow our food (water, soils and energy) and the energy used to process, package and transport food from markets to our homes. This all contributes to our environmental footprint.

How much food and money you waste can be reduced with a little help. The Fight Food Waste CRC [shares on its webpage](#) some useful tips on planning your shop, storing your food better and recipes to use up those wilting veggies. Check out my efforts to transform some wilted veggies into a frittata.



Sustainability Victoria is a partner in Fight Food Waste and they also have useful [resources on their webpage](#) to support you.

Fight for Planet A: Our Climate Challenge

Did you enjoy War on Waste? Craig Reucassel is back with **Fight for Planet A**. Episode 1 is available at this link to [ABC iview](#).

This three-part documentary explores how we can all reduce our individual and collective carbon emissions. Following five diverse households, and featuring shocking statistics, revealing stunts, and many pro-active tips and strategies for everyday Australians who want to make a difference to the climate challenge facing our planet.

To download the *ABC Fight for Planet A toolkit* to help you with ideas on taking the climate challenge to your community [click here](#).



Wanting to understand more about energy?

The Australian Energy and Market Operator (AEMO) has an Energy 101 series where they explain complex topics in simple language. It has recently looked at [system strength](#) and [frequency control](#).

[Listen to this podcast](#) to help you understand the concept of Virtual Power Plants.

Visit the [AEMO Energy-live webpage](#) for other topics in the Energy 101 series and interesting articles and podcasts.



The renewable energy story of Yackandandah

Are you wanting to catch up on the renewable energy story of Yackandandah, Totally Renewable Yackandandah and the ambitions of Indigo Power?

Read this [interesting profile](#) on the blog of the global outdoor clothing brand, Patagonia.



Picture credit: Bec Bowers.



Podcasts

Listen to ABC Radio National's [Hot Mess podcasts](#) on climate change.

Catch up with Alec Baldwin's podcast on climate change: [Climate Science, explained](#). (39 min)

Wondering how Victoria's regions are transitioning to renewable energy?

[Visit the link](#) to see how Hume and other regions are making the transition to renewable energy and access all the regional renewable energy roadmaps.

For a printed copy of the Hume roadmap email HumeRenewableEnergy.Roadmap@delwp.vic.gov.au

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