



Climate Resilient Communities OF THE BARWON SOUTH WEST

Councils and partners working together

The Climate Resilient Communities of the Barwon South West (CRC BSW) project is a joint collaboration between ten local governments, the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, and a range of statutory agency partners.

The project aims to help councils throughout the Barwon South West region better manage future extreme weather events.

For further details about the overall project and its progress, please refer to [Fact Sheets 1 to 4](#).

Priority projects delivery 2016-2017

Eight priority projects will be delivered in Phase Two and Phase Three of the project throughout 2016 and 2017.

Updates of the Phase Two projects are provided in the table overleaf.

For information about the Phase Three projects that have yet to commence, please refer to [Fact Sheet 3](#).

Where to next?

- Arup and Loop & Co have been appointed to develop the Climate Adaptation Plans for Barwon South West Councils. Relevant councils will be engaged between **29 February and 11 March 2016**.
- A combined Climate Adaptation Plan Working Group and CRC Project Reference Group meeting will be held on **21 March 2016**.
- The South West Climate Change Portal prototype will be presented to the PRG for feedback in March 2016 and will go live in May 2016.

How can I find out more?

For further information or to register your interest in a project please contact:

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Climate Resilient Communities climate adaptation plans workshop, Camperdown, January 2016.



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Climate Resilient Communities of the Barwon South West Phase Two Projects Update

PROJECT TITLE	SCOPE	PROJECT FUNDS	COMPLETION DATE	CURRENT STATUS
Climate Resilient Communities Web Portal	Develop a web portal to provide a knowledge base for a host of information related to the overall project and broader climate adaptation initiatives.	\$60,000	June 2016	The South West Climate Change Portal project working group, made up of representatives from Federation University and the Glenelg Hopkins and Corangamite Catchment Management Authorities, has populated the portal with the most up to date spatial information on natural resource management and climate change in the region. The portal prototype will be made available to the PRG for feedback in March 2016 prior to it going live in May.
Climate Adaptation Plans for Barwon South West Councils	Develop and implement climate adaptation plans, including a climate risk assessment of council operations for eight of the ten BSW councils. Two councils will implement actions from their existing adaptation plans.	\$300,000	September 2016	<p>Arup and Loop & Co were selected to manage the \$221,900 Climate Adaptation Plans for Barwon South West Councils project. The project team will meet with participating councils in January 2016 to commence Stage One of the five-stage project. A comprehensive council engagement program will take place in Stage Two of the project between 29 February and 11 March 2016.</p> <p>The City of Greater Geelong's Mitigating Coastal Erosion Using Near-shore Shellfish Reefs project has been allocated \$25,000. The project will help address the priority work area of coastal planning from COGG's 2011 Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.</p>
Resilience of Water Supplies in Un-serviced Communities	Build an understanding of the risk for water supplies in un-serviced communities and identify hotspots in the region. A pilot program will be developed to help improve water supply resilience for two targeted communities.	\$50,000	June 2016	Nelson and Digby have been identified as the two un-serviced towns to conduct the pilot water supply awareness-raising program. The project team met in December 2015 to determine next steps of the project, including a key stakeholder workshop and awareness-raising program. A summary report and findings from the program will be made available on the web portal.
Knowledge and Resource Sharing	Share knowledge and better practices that help embed climate resilience in the planning and decision-making of councils and other organisations.	\$20,000	December 2016	A Project Reference Group Meeting was held in September 2015. Presentations included COGG's Urban Forest Strategy and Moyne Shire's Climate Change Adaptation Projects. DELWP facilitated a workshop in preparation for the Climate Adaptation Plans for Barwon South West Councils.
Training in Climate Adaptation to Build Internal Capacity	Rollout a tool and training programs that will assist local government to forecast climate impacts locally.	\$40,000	February 2016	The CRC BSW in partnership with the City of Greater Geelong has been allocated \$40,000 for their Climate Resilience Staff Training and Engagement Program. The program will develop embedding tools that will later be made available on the web portal.