



Climate Resilient Communities OF THE BARWON SOUTH WEST

Councils and partners working together

The Climate Resilient Communities of the Barwon South West project is a joint collaboration between 10 local governments, the Victorian Department of Environment and Primary Industries and a range of statutory agency partners. The project aims to help communities throughout the Barwon South West region understand what risks or opportunities might be presented by future extreme weather events.

For further details about the overall project, please refer to [Fact Sheet 1](#).

Phase One Complete!

Phase One has been successfully delivered. The aim of this phase was to identify a list of high priority regional projects that could be delivered in Phase Two. These projects are captured in the Regional Report which provides a snapshot of climate risks and opportunities, preparedness and adaptation priorities for the region. Please refer to [Fact Sheet 2](#) for details of how this phase was delivered.

High Priority Regional Scoping and Delivery

To help scope these projects in further detail, small working groups were formed with officers from each of the Councils and partner agencies. The project scopes were then presented to the Project Reference Group (PRG) in a workshop held at Port Fairy in July.

Although each of the projects was supported, it was agreed that they should be staged over the next three years.

Detailed project briefs will be developed for the first five, so they can start immediately.

The remaining three will commence after this.

Projects supported for commencement

Below are the projects that are to start now.



PROJECT TITLE	SCOPE	PROJECT FUNDS
Climate Resilient Communities Web Portal	To develop a web portal to provide a knowledge base for a host of information related to the project and broader climate adaptation initiatives.	\$60,000
Knowledge and Resource Sharing	Share knowledge and better practices that help embed climate resilience in council and other organisations decision making.	\$20,000
Training in climate project software (e.g. SimClim) to build internal capacity	Rollout a tool and training that will assist staff to forecast climate impacts for local areas, helping them to consider impacts for their projects.	\$40,000
Climate Risk Assessment and Climate Adaptation Plans	For eight Councils to develop and implement Climate Adaptation Plans, including a climate risk assessment of Councils' operations. Two Councils to implement their Adaptation Plans.	\$300,000
Resilience of water supplies in un-serviced communities	The project will help build understanding of the risk level and particular hotspots, and then build capacity of these	\$50,000

Project for further planning

Below are the projects which require further planning and will start after the first five have commenced.

PROJECT TITLE	SCOPE	PROJECT FUNDS
Embedding climate resilience in council infrastructure decision making	Build climate resilience considerations into asset upgrades and capital works decision making.	\$40,000
Climate change impacts and opportunities for key sectors in SW Victoria.	Examine climate change impacts and opportunities for the following key sectors for the South West: dairy, cropping, grazing and tourism.	\$40,000
Great Ocean Road Resilience	Delivering climate resilient infrastructure for the Great Ocean Road in collaboration with multiple agencies.	\$50,000

This project was funded with the support of the Victorian Government under the Victorian Adaptation and Sustainability Partnership.

Additional Support Through VASP Fund

With the support of the project Councils and partners, we were able to secure an additional \$400,000 through the Victorian Adaptation and Sustainability Partnership (VASP) fund which will be allocated towards the implementation of the high priority regional projects. In simple terms, this will allow us to deliver many more projects than we had originally anticipated.

Next Steps

We will now start to develop detailed project briefs for each of the first five high priority regional projects. Once finalised the projects will commence.

How can I get involved?

Further updates on opportunities to get involved will follow over the months ahead. In the meantime, for more information or to register your interest in the project, contact:

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