

Climate Risk, Local Government Response

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NAGA

- Development and delivery of innovative and regional **projects**
- **Advocacy** on behalf of member councils
- Sharing best practice/information through effective **networking**
- **Research** emerging issues



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Victorian Greenhouse Alliances



Legend

- Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance (CVGA)
- Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (EAGA)
- Gippsland Climate Change Network (GCCN)
- Goulburn Broken Greenhouse Alliance (GBGA)
- Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (NAGA)
- South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA)
- Western Alliance for Greenhouse Action (WAGA)
- Wimmera Mallee Sustainability Alliance (WMSA)
- No alliance



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Climate Risks and Local Government Activities

- Infrastructure and Assets
- Human Health
- Sport and Recreation
- Natural Environment Management
- Land Use Development
- Council Operations



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Infrastructure and Assets

- Are my assets exposed to new risks?
- Are they still fit for purpose?
- Will stormwater drainage be able to cope with flash flooding?
- What will be the impacts of extreme heat on road maintenance?
- Will some assets get greater use (e.g. pools)?



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Human Health

- What's the relationship between our most vulnerable and anticipated climatic impacts?
- How do we improve the resilience of vulnerable populations?
- How to cope with specific 'known' impacts such as heat waves?



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Sport and Recreation

- Is council conserving water for grounds?
- Are we considering impacts of drying grounds (e.g. injuries), and alternative surfaces?
- Is there adequate shading at sports grounds?



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Natural Environment Management

- Are we planting street trees that will thrive in warmer conditions?
- Are we planting enough street trees (and shrubs etc) to reduce urban heat island effect?
- Does our weed management system recognise changing growing conditions (broader spread and longer)?



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Land Use Development

- Are new developments in a forecast flood or fire risk zone?
- Do new developments protect residents in the face of projected threats?
- Are we promoting local renewable energy to ease grid pressure during heat events?



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Council Operations

- Can we operate if buildings are damaged?
- Will our staff be exposed to harm delivering services during heat waves?
- How much capacity does council lose during events?



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Local Government Responses

- Understanding Likely Impacts
- Assessing Climate Risk
- Measuring Exposure
- Asset and Natural Environment Management
- Embedding Climate Management



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Understanding Likely Impacts

- CSIRO's Victorian climate projections
- Localised impacts (5km sq) for heat, rainfall and humidity
- Data can be used for modelling responses



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Assessing Climate Risk

- Build climate change into internal risk register.
- Can be used for both climate mitigation and adaptation.
- Case studies: Yarra and Darebin
- NAGA forming risk working group to share best practice

OHS RISK REGISTER TEMPLATE

REF ID	ACTIVITY	ASSOCIATED HAZARDS / RISKS	PROBABILITY 1 – 5	IMPACT 1 – 5	PI SCORE Prob x Impact	LEGISLATION / STANDARDS / GUIDANCE	POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS	CONTROLS	RESIDUAL RISK RATING
			1	2	2				
			2	4	8				
			3	3	9				
			4	2	8				
			5	1	5				
			1	1	1				
			2	3	6				
			1	1	1				
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			1	3	3				
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Measuring Exposure

- How Well Are We Adapting?
- Measures adaptation progress through indicators that assess service capacity.



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Asset and Natural Environment Management

- Building Vulnerability Framework
- Assessing future capitals works costs
- Urban forest strategies



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Embedding Climate Management

- Needs to be recognised in council plans (not just sustainability or climate plans)
- Need for clear roles and responsibilities (applies to all)
- This is a major shift in governance



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Thank You

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