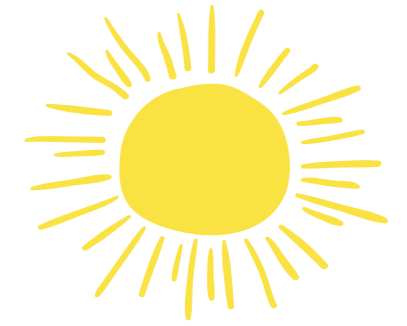




Climate Response Strategy 2023–2030

The Strategy sets objectives and targets for Council’s corporate greenhouse gas emissions, as well as how Council will support the Whitehorse community to reduce its emissions and adapt to climate change.



Climate change refers to long-term changes in the Earth’s climate, leading to warming of the atmosphere, ocean and land. It disrupts the balance of ecosystems, affecting biodiversity and health, and causes more extreme and intense weather events.

Climate change impacts

- Increased property damage due to more frequent and severe storms
- Increased home and health insurance costs
- More heat-related deaths
- Loss of biodiversity, local wildlife and plants due to decreased habitat loss
- Increased pressure on emergency services
- Food price increases and availability issues

Action is essential. Everyone in Whitehorse can be part of the solution.

By working together, Council and the community can help future-proof Whitehorse, tackle climate change at the local level and make a meaningful contribution to Victoria’s climate response.



Strategy Targets



Maintain carbon neutral status for corporate emissions.



Source 100 per cent renewable electricity for Council operations by 2025.



Achieve net zero corporate emissions by 2032.



Aspire for net zero community emissions by 2040.

This Strategy is 1 of 5 key strategies across Council, jointly deliver on our environmental and climate goals.



Climate Response Strategy 2023-2030



Waste Management Strategy 2018-2028



Urban Forest Strategy 2021-2031



Integrated Water Management Strategy 2022-2042



Bicycle Strategy 2016
(Supported by the Integrated Transport Strategy 2011)

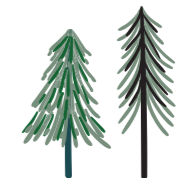
Council declared a Climate Emergency in September 2022. This highlights that all levels of government, including local councils, must act quickly to address the challenges of a changing climate now and in the future.

Council’s Approach to Climate Action

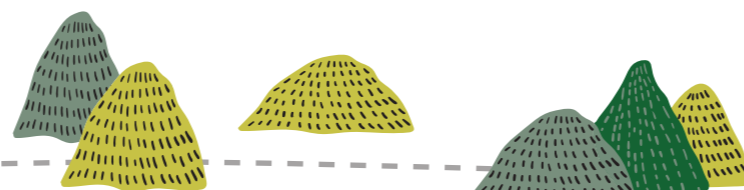
Council will support, enable and encourage the community to act while advocating for the community’s needs.

The targets will guide community project and programs, motivating action and driving better environmental, sustainability and climate outcomes in Whitehorse.

The Climate Response Plan 2023-2026 supports the first 3 years’ implementation of this Strategy. Council will report on the Strategy targets and Plan actions annually.



Whitehorse City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of the land. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



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