



Summary of goals, objectives and actions

People (theme)

Goals	Objectives	Actions
<p>Individuals and communities have the knowledge and tools they need to become climate ready</p> 	<p>Increase climate knowledge through accessible and inclusive resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for community-led initiatives and enterprises • Organise a regional climate action festival
	<p>Aboriginal communities, culture and cultural practices are respected and valued</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider traditional knowledge at all levels of decision making • Consider and appropriately incorporate all climate polices developed by Traditional Owners into the Climate Ready Plan as they are developed and become available • Support learning opportunities for young people and new migrant communities with First Nations' peoples
	<p>Increase local knowledge sharing about local climate impacts and adaptation solutions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create Climate Living Lab Educational Hubs partnering with local education providers, First Nations' groups, locals and the farming community • Deliver education forums or climate clinics between communities • Harness social media and other platforms to share local stories
	<p>Prepare for emergency events by strengthening community awareness and knowledge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-design emergency response education targeting people disproportionately impacted
<p>People in Loddon Mallee feel connected to their communities and supported to become climate ready</p> 	<p>Continue to strengthen strong local networks and support communities to leverage off existing ties in their neighbourhoods</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support and resources not-for-profit and non-government organisations and local community leaders to embed climate ready planning when working in community • Provide short-term opportunities for young people to volunteer in ways that work for them
	<p>Enable continued involvement in community activities to strengthen social cohesion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer to peer knowledge sharing opportunities and forums • Community conversation sessions that focus on strengths and protecting what people value
	<p>Continue to strengthen local leadership capacity and opportunities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish leadership networks for multicultural communities • Establish a climate adaptation for youth councils project that encourages each local youth council to develop their own adaptation plan. • Continue to support climate leadership capacity building programs

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<p>People in Loddon Mallee feel connected to their communities and supported to become climate ready</p> 	<p>Connect communities to external support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a local register of climate funding opportunities and grant writing support • Provide greater access to non-competitive funding for grassroots projects • Create an adaptation advisor/ambassador program to promote adaptation planning and skills • Create an information hub that links individuals and communities to organisations that encourage, enable and support people to take action
<p>Individuals and communities are happy and healthy</p> 	<p>Recognise and address the physical health impacts of climate change</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest in targeted support for people living with disabilities, health issues and the elderly in emergency events • Create mobile climate wellness clinics targeting the most disproportionately impacted
<p>Individuals and communities have the housing, food, financial security and access to the services they require</p> 	<p>Recognise and support the mental health and wellbeing impacts of climate change</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-design support projects with youth that address climate anxiety • Support community-led green spaces
	<p>Provide climate ready housing and shelter for the most disproportionately impacted</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide free energy and water assessments for low-income households • Encourage alternative housing models • Deliver workshops for low cost retrofitting of houses for liveability
	<p>Build resilience of local food systems</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support First Nations' led bush food projects • Connect multicultural growers with landholders to scale up food production • Invest in community garden spaces particularly in communities with low food security
	<p>Increase regional education and employment opportunities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore scholarship opportunities for regional youth in climate ready careers • Develop strategies for regional retraining in new industries
	<p>Increase reliable access to services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource community-based transport alternatives • Deliver mobile support service programs
	<p>Support the most vulnerable in our communities in emergency events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide essential emergency equipment for households • Set up community heatwave shelters able to accommodate overnight stays, particularly in remote communities

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<p>Our region is continuously learning about the effects of climate change on our natural and built environments</p> 	<p>Recognise the collectively held knowledge of First Nations' peoples as a foundation for caring for and healing Country</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage First Nations' peoples in climate dialogues and decision-making forums Support Traditional Owners to plan for Climate Change through country plans
	<p>Increase our knowledge of the impacts of climate change on the natural environment to build future resilience</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create guidelines that capture existing knowledge for undertaking climate ready and site appropriate habitat restoration Create awareness information products for land and water practices that build resilience for current and future climate Create a social media education series on the importance of ecosystem services, function and species in a changing climate Support citizen science initiatives
	<p>Understand the opportunities for innovation to design better homes, neighbourhoods, and cities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create climate ready guidelines for developers and incentives for new builds to be more climate resilient Subsidise education and training opportunities for builders and tradespeople to embrace innovation Encourage green space such as green roofs and walls in our cities and towns Utilise youth councils and groups to ensure they are included in future planning and projects Investigate innovative water systems such as rainwater harvest through porous surfaces
<p>Places in our region are connected by resilient infrastructure and environmental corridors</p> 	<p>Keep our communities connected during extreme weather and natural disasters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop opportunities for communities to access deployable or movable information and communications or energy generation technologies in times of emergencies Enable communities to work collaboratively with electricity and telecommunication networks to be prepared for extreme weather events Increase community resilience to disaster through microgrids with energy storage
	<p>Take steps to ensure climate ready regional transport infrastructure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create more walking, cycling and electric vehicle transport infrastructure Upgrading affordable public transport between towns to include more sustainable and frequent bus and train services Investigate alternative methods of effective public transport that can be deployed during extreme weather and emergency events Encourage priority infrastructure projects in regional transport strategies to consider extreme weathers events during the planning and design phases

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Places in our region are connected by resilient infrastructure and environmental corridors 	Upgrade our community spaces to ensure they are ongoing place of safety and connection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support regional councils to update, repurpose and retire outdated community infrastructure • Create/upgrade community centres for refuge in extreme weather events and a regional register of safe places • Support climate ready planting to provide urban cooling and connect residents with community spaces
	Increase landscape connectivity to support native flora and fauna populations within urban and rural environments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake mapping of existing corridors that may be significant for protecting fauna from the impacts of climate change • Establish programs that support the development and linking of native flora and fauna wildlife corridors and refugia on both public and private land • Prioritise permanent protection of areas that serve as native wildlife corridors
Our natural and built environments are healthy and sustainable 	Support new ways to manage water more effectively for local ecosystems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build and support programs that aim to create permanent bio links around wetlands and along natural watercourses • Develop interventions to enhance land management regimes on both public and private land. For example, water use efficiency on irrigated land, maintaining appropriate soil cover in dryland agriculture and improved management or protection regimes
	Support innovation in managing land and reintroduce Aboriginal land management practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and support habitat restoration programs on farmland to enhance ecosystem function and conserve threatened species • Enable Traditional Owners to lead healing Country practices on both private and public land
	Support innovations in the built environment that improve biodiversity outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan for and build more green-blue infrastructure in urban developments that support native flora and fauna populations • Provide education and funding for private landowners to build capacity in protecting and enhancing soils, water and biodiversity values
	Improve the resilience of infrastructure in towns and cities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify locations suitable for renewable Stand-Alone Power Systems to improve the grid's strength, reduce emissions and increase energy efficiency • Develop guidance for local infrastructure initiatives and funding programs to incorporate climate change adaptation requirements

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<p>Our natural and built environments are healthy and sustainable</p> 	<p>Innovate built environments to support a decarbonised and circular economy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish more investment programs for local recycling and manufacturing • Create more targeted innovation and entrepreneurship program for retrofitting solutions for existing and heritage building stock • Create discounts or subsidies to incentivise the use of second-hand materials in construction and production
<p>Our natural and built environments are protected from the impacts of climate change</p> 	<p>Take steps to protect and built the resilience of the diverse flora and fauna in our region</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a program that supports the coordination of scientific-based recovery programs, community engagement and citizen science programs • Establish funding opportunities to improve the ecological structure, function, and composition of ecological communities across the region
	<p>Work with First Nations' people living in the region to protect places of cultural significance and practice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish First Nations' operated seedbanks and nurseries for revegetation of Country • Establish programs that enable First Nations' people to increase understanding of future climate change impacts on Country and identify culturally appropriate adaptation measures
	<p>Increase water security and drought management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create clear water security guidance to support drought resilience and responses to long-term increases in average temperature • Create opportunities to partner with community groups and businesses to improve existing supply networks and investigate new water supplies • Ensure adequate and equitable water rights that meet the social, cultural, spiritual, economic and environmental needs of First Nations' people
	<p>Support existing housing and building stock in the region to meet current energy and thermal comfort standards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a program for free climate ready home awareness information and assessments targeted to low-income houses • Create guidance material for homeowners and renters on making their homes climate ready, offering a range of solutions and costs
	<p>Take steps to protect our tourism assets</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a regional tourism climate ready program that assesses the vulnerabilities of tourism assets to both the physical and economic impacts and opportunities • Establish programs that invest in eco or nature-based tourism
	<p>Improve ageing public assets to withstand an increase in extreme weather events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct audits for ageing infrastructure for environmental performance • Identify opportunities to replace damaged or end-of-life public assets with alternative technologies

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<p>Businesses have the climate knowledge and resources they need to make confident decisions for operational continuity and competitive advantage</p> 	<p>Increase awareness of climate risks and responsibilities for businesses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a climate risk and extreme weather information hub and support service for business to access locally relevant risk information Create a climate change risk screening and management tools for sole-trader, small and medium businesses
	<p>Develop opportunities for business to understand specific climate risks to their assets and activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish support services that offer affordable vulnerability assessments for sole traders, small and medium businesses Support industry targeted tools, monitoring systems and modelling for short- and long-term climate changes and impacts
	<p>Support the development and implementation of strategies and learning opportunities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide more learning opportunities to improve the skills and capacity of practitioners, industry, community organisations and the public to understand and implement responses to climate change Develop partnership projects for First Nations' people to respectfully share knowledge and create opportunities for more sustainable businesses
<p>Local businesses feel connected, incentivised and rewarded to become climate ready</p> 	<p>Increase positive incentives for business to become climate ready</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish programs that assist business access to alternative low emission technologies Establish local programs that assist sole-traders and start up enterprises in circular economy
	<p>Remove or reduce disincentives preventing business enterprises acting on climate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote new insurance products and planning policies to replace current ones that penalise circular economy approaches technologies and products Targeted funding mechanisms for First Nations' businesses to provide carbon offset and healing Country services such as revegetation, plant nurseries or other agribusiness ventures
	<p>Build opportunities to reward/ recognise businesses adapting and acting on climate change</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fund a regional climate action business festival Collaborate with local innovation competition or recognition programs to incorporate climate action contributions
<p>The health and safety of local workforces is protected</p> 	<p>Improved worker safety outcomes from direct impacts from extreme weather and climate impacts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish local support programs to assist businesses in creating OH&S policies and emergency plans for extreme weather Support the development of technology that can inform and warn about impacts and their status in real time so business can manage the risks effectively
	<p>Improved worker health outcomes from indirect environmental changes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish business support services to assist in the planning and preparation of safe workplaces and flexible working for a future climate Develop better mental health programs to manage increased climate shocks such as droughts, fire, flood, loss of ecosystems and assets

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<p>Local businesses have secure access to climate resilient markets, technologies, financing, and transport channels</p> 	Secure employment in existing and emerging markets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create joint training collaborations between business and education providers to respond to the diversification of employment patterns and demand for new skills • Create targeted programs that support long-term local employment opportunities for those most disproportionately impacted by climate change • Develop projects to increase Aboriginal employment opportunities and outcomes in new and emerging job markets
	Support business adaptation to low emission and circular economy markets and supply chains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish support services for business to access alternative markets when existing ones are or may be disrupted by the impacts of a changing climate • Deliver programs that assist business access to low emission opportunities. For example alternative fuels (including renewable energy farms, hydrogen and materials), recycling and a circular economy
	Support sustainable and secure financing for climate adaptation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish local financial and insurance policy support services for non-employee, small and medium businesses • Create equitable funding or financing opportunities for businesses to uptake technology or building upgrades that assist with protecting premises/assets from extreme events
	Support business operations and processes during and recovering from direct extreme weather and climate impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish support services to assist businesses to maintain operational continuity during extreme weather or other climate related commercial disruptions • Develop mechanisms to allow businesses to collaborate with government agencies and industry partners to identify opportunities that lead to faster restoration and recovery works and services critical to their business operations
	Support business operations during indirect extreme weather and climate impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a local business network to work with government, utility networks and industry to better coordinate Distributed Energy Resources regionally to strengthen and support the utility network resilience • Develop regional planning assessment to identify parts of the transport system at high risk, vulnerable, or face the most significant exposure of being impacted by anticipated climate change. Plan to address any insurance gaps or inform the prioritisation of protecting those transport assets, infrastructure and services