

Yarra Climate Emergency Action Plan 2024-2027

Transformation 1: In Yarra every choice we make and every action we take responds to the climate emergency.

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1.1.1	1. In Yarra every choice we make and every action we take responds to the climate emergency	1.1 Our individual and collective choices and behaviors reduce emissions, conserve resources and build climate resilience	<p>Support the community to make individual and collective choices to reduce emissions, conserve resources and build climate resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to deliver the Take Climate Action campaign, including promoting sustainable food choices and ethical investment/divestment. - Deliver programs/resources to acknowledge eco-anxiety and support wellbeing in the context of the climate emergency. - Deliver programs, resources and campaigns documented in the actions in Transformations 2 through 7 to support the community to meet Climate Emergency Plan objectives.
1.1.2	1. In Yarra every choice we make and every action we take responds to the climate emergency	1.1 Our individual and collective choices and behaviors reduce emissions, conserve resources and build climate resilience	<p>Ensure Council and community are collaborating to deliver a strong, measurable, Climate Emergency response that brings everyone along.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bring together Council, community and delivery partners to inform the mid-term review (in 2027) through a reflection on progress against the CEP and opportunities for further action. - Create opportunities to ensure cross-organisation responsibility for delivery, collaboration on, and monitoring of CEP. - Report on the Climate Emergency Plan through the Quarterly Community Report
1.1.3	1. In Yarra every choice we make and every action we take responds to the climate emergency	1.1 Our individual and collective choices and behaviors reduce emissions, conserve resources and build climate resilience	<p>Deliver brave, honest, and hopeful climate emergency communications and engagement to reach all corners of the Yarra community and encourage participation in the local response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apply a climate lens to all Council communications and community engagement outputs to ensure they support the climate emergency response - Review Council's emergency activation and response protocol for communicating with the local

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			<p>community in times of crisis, with particular consideration to marginalised, multicultural and at-risk communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish and extend trusted communication networks so Council (directly or via partners) can effectively communicate with all of our community, in particular marginalised, multicultural and at-risk communities - Connect the climate emergency narrative across our broader council projects - notably Infrastructure, Open Space and Building Assets - to communicate environmental considerations in the design, construction and delivery of Council assets.
1.1.4	1. In Yarra every choice we make and every action we take responds to the climate emergency	1.1 Our individual choices and behaviors reduce emissions, conserve resources and build climate resilience	<p>Support the uptake of plant-based eating across the organisation and municipality.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engage local businesses to increase their provision of plant-based products - Continue to deliver programs and communications which encourage more plant-based eating - Update the Council catering policy to be exclusively plant-based
1.1.5	1. In Yarra every choice we make and every action we take responds to the climate emergency	1.1 Our individual choices and behaviors reduce emissions, conserve resources and build climate resilience	<p>Advocate to state government for policy changes to enable Yarra community members to access climate-safe, accessible and affordable public transport and associated infrastructure (i.e. sheltered transit stops)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advocate for increased availability and accessibility of public transport infrastructure, including sheltered bus and tram stops, wheelchair-accessible stops, etc.
1.1.6	1. In Yarra every choice we make and every action we take responds to the climate emergency	1.1 Our individual choices and behaviors reduce emissions, conserve resources and build climate resilience	<p>Continue to implement and evaluate Moving Forward: Yarra's Transport Strategy 2022-32 and the associated Transport Action Plan to support reduced car trips and increase, public transport, walking and cycling.</p> <p>Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementing and monitoring the proposed 30km/hr trial in Fitzroy and Collingwood and continuing to work with the State Government to explore the potential of future trials or permanent 30km/hr speed zones.
1.2.1	1. In Yarra every choice we make and every action we take responds to the climate emergency	1.2 Every Council decision and action responds to climate emergency	<p>Develop systems within Council for capturing, integrating, and sharing data relevant to climate resilience to support decision making.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Develop the Climate Emergency Indicators Database to monitor and record adaptation and resilience

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			<p>across the city, and inform decision making. The database will include socioeconomic data, at-risk communities, urban heat, flood mapping, extreme temperatures, extreme rainfall etc.</p> <p>-Conduct a Social Indicators Survey to understand varying characteristics across the community and how they intersect with climate risks</p>
1.2.2	1. In Yarra every choice we make and every action we take responds to the climate emergency	1.2 Every Council decision and action responds to climate emergency	<p>Strengthen strategic documents and local laws to align with Yarra's climate emergency vision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure all new and updated strategies, plans, policies, and local laws have integrated and will strengthen Yarra's climate emergency response. - Integrate climate emergency considerations into policy, strategy and guideline development processes - Review emergency management planning documents and processes across Council to ensure that climate risk factors and any additional requirements of people with a disability, older adults, and other community members at greater risk are accounted for. - Integrate climate resilience into the asset management planning processes to ensure Council assets meet future community needs under climate change, and are appropriate to climate conditions over their planned service life - Consider emerging best practice in climate risk management and incorporate into our processes as appropriate.
1.2.3	1. In Yarra every choice we make and every action we take responds to the climate emergency	1.2 Every Council decision and action responds to climate emergency	<p>Drive Yarra's climate emergency response through Council's role as a rental provider and public space licensing authority.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthen and support green lease requirements of tenants - Review and update the Terms and Conditions of hire with climate emergency lens - Develop and implement policies/guides for Council events and users of Council facilities to improve climate emergency response, including circularity and nature outcomes -Consider including circular principles in waste collection for events in new waste contract (commencing 2026).

Transformation 2: Yarra's community, especially those most at risk, are connected, supported and empowered to build climate resilience.

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2.1.1	2. Yarra community members at greater risk from climate impacts are connected, supported and empowered to build resilience	2.1 Understand and support the diverse needs of our community to bolster climate resilience	Advance self-determination for the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and other First Peoples in Yarra <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support the identification and implementation of opportunities to further develop climate resilience. - Partner with other Councils to fund a climate change liaison position within the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Council
2.1.2	2. Yarra community members at greater risk from climate impacts are connected, supported and empowered to build resilience	2.1 Understand and support the diverse needs of our community to bolster climate resilience	Support communities to understand and prepare for the climate risks relevant to their neighbourhood. <p>This may include initiatives to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create and promote maps of locally specific climate risks and advice about how to stay safe - Continue to support bicultural liaison officers so that climate risk and resilience information can be shared across the community - Determine the effectiveness of information distributed to community members most at risk before and during extreme weather events - Ensure the distribution of information considers diverse accessibility needs.
2.1.3	2. Yarra community members at greater risk from climate impacts are connected, supported and empowered to build resilience	2.1 Understand and support the diverse needs of our community to bolster climate resilience	Increase food security through promoting equitable and healthy food systems and local food networks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support residents to grow food via identifying and delivering of innovative food growing sites across the municipality - Strengthen requirements for developers to consider inclusion of food gardens - Facilitate collaboration and resource sharing across local food security agencies and programs - Provide information about food security providers and opportunities to the community - Create opportunities to facilitate local food relief by connecting food relief providers to the community through social programs and council spaces - Support the tracking of food relief demand and provision across the municipality

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2.1.4	2. Yarra community members at greater risk from climate impacts are connected, supported and empowered to build resilience	2.1 Understand and support the diverse needs of our community to bolster climate resilience	Co-design and implement initiatives to mitigate climate impacts on delivery riders. This may include initiatives to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Educate businesses on climate risks to delivery riders and encourage the provision of water and access to facilities such as bathrooms and sheltered areas to wait - Provide climate-safe spaces for delivery riders to rest and seek shelter during extreme weather (e.g. Council facilities, neighbourhood houses)
2.1.5	2. Yarra community members at greater risk from climate impacts are connected, supported and empowered to build resilience	2.1 Understand and support the diverse needs of our community to bolster climate resilience	Foster grassroots climate action and resilience through community grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Incorporate climate resilience into the Council Annual Grants: Climate Action and Environment stream - Introduce a Climate Resilience Small Grant, which supports community groups or organisations with programs or projects which support resilience building
2.2.1	2. Yarra community members at greater risk from climate impacts are connected, supported and empowered to build resilience	2.1 Understand and support the diverse needs of our community to bolster climate resilience	Work with the Yarra community to create and promote a network of cool spaces and informal places of refuge from extreme weather events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Actively engage and work with neighbouring councils, local businesses, organisations, and community who can provide climate-safe spaces during periods of extreme weather and make these available to the community. -Promote awareness of climate-safe spaces that community can access during extreme events, ensuring this reaches culturally and linguistically diverse community members. - Investigate options to support community members experiencing homelessness to access cool spaces during extreme heat events, including establishing a co-designed mobile cooling hub.
2.2.2	2. Yarra community members at greater risk from climate impacts are connected, supported and empowered to build resilience	2.2 Council works collaboratively with community organisations that service community members at greater risk from climate impacts	Support the Yarra Neighbourhood House Network with the implementation of their 2023 Climate Action & Resilience Plan and the individual implementation plans
2.2.3	2. Yarra community members at	2.2 Council works collaboratively with community	Provide climate resilience related support to community organisations who support community members at greater risk from climate impacts.

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	greater risk from climate impacts are connected, supported and empowered to build resilience	organisations that service community members at greater risk from climate impacts	<p>This may include initiatives to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replicate/scale the Yarra Neighbourhood House Network Climate Action & Resilience Project with health-related Community Service Organisations who support at-risk community members. - Provide climate resilience education to aged care and NDIS service providers to ensure consideration of local climate risk. - Delivery of the Yarra Climate Adaptation Inter-Organisation Compact (YCAIC), an annual forum that brings together local health and social service agencies to address the disproportionate impacts of climate change on at-risk communities
2.2.4	2. Yarra community members at greater risk from climate impacts are connected, supported and empowered to build resilience	2.2 Council works collaboratively with community organisations that service community members at greater risk from climate impacts	<p>Build social resilience through facilitating and bolstering connection among and between community members and community organisations.</p> <p>This may include initiatives to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a program to connect community members at greater risk during climate impacts with community organisations or neighbour volunteers who can provide wellbeing checks - Pilot a community leaders training for people eager to lead social connectivity and resilience within their hyper-local community (for example, their block, street or apartment building) - Promote Neighbours Day and associated events and resources
2.3.1	2. Yarra community members at greater risk from climate impacts are connected, supported and empowered to build resilience	2.3 Climate resilience is embedded across Council services	<p>Develop the climate resilience of Council services, such that critical services underpinning community resilience are not disrupted by, and are able to meet changing community needs, under climate change.</p> <p>Priority areas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aged and Disability - Arts and Culture - Equity and community development - Family Youth and Children (Maternal and Child Health) - Libraries - Recreation and Leisure - Waste Collection and Cleansing - Open Space Services
2.3.2	2. Yarra community members at greater risk from	2.3 Climate resilience is embedded across Council services	<p>Reduce barriers for community members at greater risk from climate impacts to access free, safe, thermally comfortable spaces during extreme heat events.</p>

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	climate impacts are connected, supported and empowered to build resilience		<p>This may include initiatives to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review Council's emergency and relief centres protocols and processes to ensure the diverse needs of Yarra's community are accounted for (including considerations for culturally safe and appropriate spaces, pet ownership, security requirements, and additional wellbeing needs) - Map and promote free cool spaces that are accessible to all
2.3.3	2. Yarra community members at greater risk from climate impacts are connected, supported and empowered to build resilience	2.4 Council advocates for policies and programs which facilitate climate resilience among community members at greater risk.	<p>Implement advocacy actions regarding community wellbeing and public and social housing, including as outlined in Yarra's Advocacy Action Plan (Nov 2023), including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - advocate to State Government through Council and as a participating member of the M9, to improve energy efficiency and thermal comfort for the residents of existing high-rise public housing - advocate to State Government through Council and as a participating member of the M9 to ensure current residents of public housing are not dislocated from their homes and communities as a result of the demolition and redevelopment of the public housing towers - advocate to State Government through Council and as a participating member of the M9 and the Municipal Association of Victoria to grow the stock of public and social housing - advocate to State Government through Council and as a participating member of the M9 to retain and increase open space, including in the context of public housing redevelopments - advocate to and work with State Government to support the transition of community members experiencing homelessness into stable housing

Transformation 3: Yarra is active, empowered and raising our voice together for a stronger climate emergency response.

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3.1.1	3. Yarra is active, empowered and raising our voice together for a stronger climate emergency response	3.1 Our community is actively and consistently leading and participating in collective climate action	Build a movement of people taking climate action across Yarra, raising their voices and pushing for the urgent change we need. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitate, support and encourage community-led climate action campaigns that amplify climate emergency messaging in the community. - Encourage community members to join local climate and environmental groups and campaigns, and share stories of their impact. - Communicate stories of community members taking climate action in order to amplify and normalise climate action. - Increase readership of Yarra Environment News. - Support the community to become more effective advocates for strong climate action and policies (to know what to advocate for, who to advocate to, and how to advocate).
3.1.2	3. Yarra is active, empowered and raising our voice together for a stronger climate emergency response	3.1 Our community is actively and consistently leading and participating in collective climate action	Support young people to develop climate advocacy and collective action skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deliver programs for young people to develop their skills and knowledge of climate change, advocacy, community organising, civics and democratic rights so they can actively shape, influence and share power.
3.2.1	3. Yarra is active, empowered and raising our voice together for a stronger climate emergency response	3.2 Council, community, and other partners are advocating on climate emergency issues together	Empowering underrepresented communities to participate in decision making and advocate around issues relevant to them <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deliver a climate conversations program to upskill at-risk community members to advocate within their networks for climate action. - Ensure underrepresented voices are heard during strategic decision-making, and communities are designing solutions for issues related to them. This should include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people living on low incomes, multicultural communities, young people and future generations, and the voice of nature. - Support underrepresented communities to develop climate advocacy and collective action skills
3.2.2	3. Yarra is active, empowered and	3.2 Council, community, and	Update Council's approach to climate emergency advocacy to ensure a more targeted and

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	raising our voice together for a stronger climate emergency response	other partners are advocating on climate emergency issues together	<p>coordinated overall effort around specific advocacy needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each advocacy priority is clearly aligned with the climate emergency priorities and supported by a specific and detailed communications or advocacy plan - Ensure the approach aligns with stakeholder advocacy priorities and activity where relevant - Partner with other councils, levels of government, peak bodies, community groups and industry to influence the broader agenda and climate emergency response. Work with but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - M9 Councils - Municipal Association of Victoria - Australian Local Government Association - Victorian and Australian Governments - Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (NAGA) - Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment - Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy - Climate Emergency Australia - Merri Creek Management Committee - Consider the disproportionate impacts of climate change on underrepresented groups including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people living on low incomes, multicultural communities, young people and future generations, and the voice of nature, when developing advocacy priorities - Work with the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation to identify climate emergency advocacy priorities and integrate these into Council's advocacy approach, and build support for these across the community. - Invite and encourage the community to participate through a range of training, tools, resources and events - Regularly reviewed and refine priorities

Transformation 4: Yarra is a leading and prosperous zero-emissions city

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4.1.1	Yarra is a leading and prosperous zero-emissions city.	Zero carbon homes	<p>Investigate and deliver smart, innovative community-scale energy solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review opportunities to deliver a community renewables program to accelerate the installation of solar and energy storage for Yarra households. - Investigate mechanisms to enable increased access to lower energy costs and locally produced renewable energy and energy storage for those who experience barriers in participating in the renewable energy transition (such as associated Virtual Power Plant and/or neighbourhood scale batteries). - Review, develop and support the development of innovative smart energy solutions based on scale and effectiveness into the Yarra community to reduce emissions, such as battery storage, neighbourhood batteries, virtual power plants, solar gardens and alike. - Implement recommended next steps of the Wired for Tomorrow Pilot Project and share outputs and evaluation of the project with the sector. - Seek opportunities to support households facing barriers to renewable energy - Review, develop and support ways that property investors or businesses can use surplus solar capacity to provide more affordable day time energy to small businesses, apartment residents and other buildings experiencing barriers to rooftop solar - Partner with other Councils, other levels of government, industry, and academia to deliver innovative energy solutions and learn through action research.
4.1.2	Yarra is a leading and prosperous zero-emissions city.	Zero carbon homes	<p>Deliver targeted support for the development of, and transition to, zero carbon and climate resilient homes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify opportunities to leverage Council funding, build on established partnerships, advocate for government support and/or seek private investment to scale up programs and reach. - Partner with other councils, levels of government and other partners to build on existing campaigns such as the existing multi-council Electrify Everything campaign, to maximise reach and impact. - For low-income, at-risk, and rental households, this will also include providing financial incentives, and

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			<p>ensuring information reaches marginalised and at-risk communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For apartments and multi-dwelling units, this will also include sustainable retrofits, and building on previous work done to support apartments through the Unlocking Sustainable Strata project, High Life Expo and alike. - For existing dwellings, this will also include supporting awareness of and access to all relevant rebates, incentives and programs delivered by other levels of government and delivering information and support to make easier the switch to renewable energy and increased climate resilience - Actively support the development of new/refurbished zero carbon and climate resilient homes and developments going through the Planning Scheme process, including those in a Heritage Overlay.
4.1.3	Yarra is a leading and prosperous zero-emissions city.	Zero carbon homes	<p>Advocate to State and Federal Government to ramp up support and targets for electrification in homes and businesses.</p> <p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Significant and direct support and rebates for households on a low income - Mandatory energy ratings and disclosure at point of lease and sale
4.2.1	Yarra is a leading and prosperous zero-emissions city.	Zero carbon business	<p>Further build Yarra as the 'place to be' for sustainable business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create a plan/campaign to promote Yarra as 'the place to be' for zero-carbon and climate focused businesses - Develop, deliver and market initiatives that position Yarra to attract, retain and support sustainable, climate-focused, circular economy businesses - Support and partner with key influential local businesses to agree to and deliver ambitious climate action. - Advocate for learning institutions to support increased training opportunities, including free TAFE programs, to prepare local residents in the zero-carbon economy.
4.2.2	Yarra is a leading and prosperous zero-emissions city.	Zero carbon business	<p>Support all businesses to reduce emissions and work towards being carbon neutral.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support medium-large businesses to purchase renewable energy, transition from gas to electricity, undertake climate-friendly property upgrades to reduce energy use. - Investigate and support opportunities for business

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			<p>investment in large-scale rooftop solar and the installation of neighbourhood batteries on-site to support lower grid costs and cheaper electricity costs for the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support businesses to reduce emissions across the lifecycle of goods and services including scope 3 emissions. - Support businesses to purchase high-quality and cost effective carbon offsets, in partnership with other Councils, Victorian Greenhouse Alliances, and other key stakeholders - Support businesses to meet customer demand for sustainable, low-carbon products.
4.3.1	Yarra is a leading and prosperous zero-emissions city.	Zero carbon transport	<p>Continue to work towards reduced transport emissions from cars within and beyond Yarra, and support the community to be ahead of the curve in the transition to EVs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Actively support the uptake of eBikes as a mechanism to further reduce car trips and car ownership. - Expand car-share in Yarra (and work with car share providers) to progress zero emissions car share vehicles - Continue to advocate for increased EV charging infrastructure and incentives (funding, support, and policies) to increase the affordability of electric vehicles, especially for low-income residents - Continue to develop clear guidance and policy for Yarra residents who don't have off-street parking to support localised charging. - Continue to design and deliver localised EV charging pilots and evaluate outcomes for potential city-wide EV rollout. - Continue to support trials and demonstration projects to unlock barriers to charging in apartment buildings - Continue to review opportunities and develop resources to support 3rd parties to install public chargers on Council land, including consideration of accessibility needs. - Work with business that have car parks in Yarra to install public charging and support the broader suite of charging opportunities.
4.4.1	Yarra is a leading and prosperous zero-emissions city.	Zero Carbon Organisation	<p>Transition all Council buildings off fossil gas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transition all Council assets off fossil gas by 2035 (when part of other works and/or utilising co-funding from other levels of government where available), aiming for at least one aquatic centre off gas by 2030. - All Council building works (including for sites not operated by Council) to follow Sustainable Building

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			Design Policy (including no new fossil-gas appliances)
4.4.2	Yarra is a leading and prosperous zero-emissions city.	Zero Carbon Organisation	Reduce Council's transport emissions <p>Continue the transition of Council fleet to zero emissions vehicles (ZEV) towards aiming for all zero emissions fleet by 2030. All new vehicles will be ZEVs. Where no fit for purpose ZEV is available, select lowest emissions alternative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop fleet transition plan, including potential reduction in vehicle fleet. - Increase staff sustainable transport uptake - Review mechanism to support and increase staff sustainable travel
4.4.3	Yarra is a leading and prosperous zero-emissions city.	Zero Carbon Organisation	Efficient, smart, zero carbon buildings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure Council-owned and operated buildings demonstrate best practice energy efficiency and emissions management. Examples include improved building envelope, higher efficiency and zero emissions equipment, maximised renewable energy and storage (where appropriate), smart automated control and integrated management, and potential energy market participation, of our solar and battery resources. - Apply, review and update (as required) Council's Sustainable Building Design Policy to all building works
4.4.4	Yarra is a leading and prosperous zero-emissions city.	Zero Carbon Organisation	Addressing our indirect and unavoidable emissions through supply chains and offsets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update procurement policy to strengthen sustainability considerations of suppliers such as requiring consideration of zero emission vehicles, carbon neutral status, emissions reduction commitments etc - Identify key 'material-emissions' suppliers and work closely with these suppliers to improve their climate action credentials and engagement and to supply us with lower emissions products. Examples of some key suppliers include heavy vehicle contractors, concrete, asphalt and IT equipment and data storage services. - Maintain council status as a carbon neutral organisation. - Progressively increase portion of 'premium quality' offsets by 5% per year to achieve 25% premium quality offsets by 2027.
4.4.5	Yarra is a leading and prosperous	Zero Carbon Organisation	Energy and biodiversity friendly streetlighting

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	zero-emissions city.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to enhance streetlighting in Yarra, and participate in innovative trials, to increase energy efficiency and light quality of Yarra streetlights to reduce emissions, improve active transport benefits, and reduce light-spillage/night lighting to enhance biodiversity benefits. - Advocate to State and Federal Government to fund and coordinate a bulk upgrade to energy efficient, nature sensitive main road street lighting.

Transformation 5: Yarra is Caring for Country.

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5.1.1	5. Yarra is Caring for Country. Our landscapes and waterways are healthier, greener and more biodiverse, and our communities feel at one with nature	5.1: Support Traditional Owners as decision-makers and partners on their Country	<p>Begin working towards decolonising Yarra's landscape so that our city increasingly reflects Wurundjeri land</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revise our decision making processes and guidelines around land management and open space to ensure that our City increasingly reflects Wurundjeri land, inviting involvement from Wurundjeri - Develop guidelines or a matrix for selecting vegetation (including grasses, ground covers, and trees) so that we prioritise climate-resilient indigenous and native plants, guided by DEECA's Biodiversity revegetation guidelines and welcoming input from Wurundjeri - Explore how open space can be maintained differently with less intervention i.e. reduced mowing, fertilising, spraying, water etc. - Continue to learn about, and support, Wurundjeri cultural land management strategies
5.1.2	5. Yarra is Caring for Country. Our landscapes and waterways are healthier, greener and more biodiverse, and our communities feel at one with nature	5.1: Support Traditional Owners as decision-makers and partners on their Country	<p>Partner with, invest in, and support Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invest in a program with Wurundjeri to offer all Yarra residents the opportunity to connect with and care for Country, including community education and engagement that increases our residents' connection to and responsibility for Country - Establish a system for sharing climate and biodiversity data between Council and Wurundjeri to build knowledge and capacity of both organisations, as well as the community.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with Wurundjeri to identify culturally relevant indicators for the health and wellbeing of Wurundjeri Country, including the Yarra River. - Support Wurundjeri in our implementation of Burndap Birrarung Burndap Umarkoo (Yarra Strategic Plan) 2022-32
5.2.1	5. Yarra is Caring for Country. Our landscapes and waterways are healthier, greener and more biodiverse, and our communities feel at one with nature	5.2: Everyone in Yarra will have access to biodiverse-rich spaces nature within a walkable distance from their home, workplace or school.	<p>Promote and respect everyone's rights to enjoy the health benefits of nature, addressing inequalities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Better understand the needs of our diverse community when it comes to accessing and spending time in nature, so that we can ensure that everyone (all ages, all bodies, all backgrounds) can access and feel safe in at least some, if not all, biodiverse-rich natural spaces including water-based spaces such as the Birrarung (Yarra). - Advocate to State Government to improve nature outcomes in new developments and in social and public housing, supporting the residents to have genuine involvement in decision making around the design. - Develop a plan to ensure that every resident can access biodiversity-rich open space within 500m of their home. This can be a park, bushland, or even a pocket park so long as it has undergone a "Bringing Nature Back" or decolonisation treatment in order to maximise the use of space for human wellbeing and for biodiversity.
5.3.1	5. Yarra is Caring for Country. Our landscapes and waterways are healthier, greener and more biodiverse, and our communities feel at one with nature	5.3: Invest in nature and expand climate-adaptive greening, biodiversity and urban agriculture outcomes	<p>Rethink the way that we approach our City's connection with nature and how we bring teams together</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Map all Council work areas that can contribute to our nature transformation (e.g. engineering services, new community infrastructure, storm water, street refurbishment). - Bring representatives together to plan interventions that will embed nature and biodiversity, and urban greening/cooling outcomes into everyday practices. - Create new decision making processes for all Open Space, Infrastructure, etc so that it carefully consider nature's rights, how we can positively impact on our flora and fauna in each decision and how, in turn, our nature can positively impact on our residents' health and wellbeing. - Review and strengthen the targets, timelines and resources required to deliver the Integrated water management Plan 2020-2030. On review, update the Plan to align with Council's increasingly ambitious position on the climate emergency, including

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			<p>increased WSUD and improved stormwater quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bring together a mix of teams to explore the removal of asphalt in certain settings with the replacement of more permeable surface(s).
5.3.2	5. Yarra is Caring for Country. Our landscapes and waterways are healthier, greener and more biodiverse, and our communities feel at one with nature	5.3: Invest in nature and expand climate-adaptive greening, biodiversity and urban agriculture outcomes	<p>Bringing Nature Back to Yarra - Expand climate-adaptive urban greening, biodiversity and urban agriculture on public land, thus reducing habitat fragmentation and providing greater connectivity for wildlife</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For all street and park plantings, apply DEECA's Biodiversity revegetation guidelines and prioritise plantings along the recommended habitat corridor enhancement paths, ensuring that we don't plant any species rated as a moderate risk or above according to the Advisory list of environmental weeds in Victoria - Review and strengthen the targets, timelines and resources allocated to delivering the Urban Forest Strategy to maximise greening on public land, to help cool the City, increase biodiversity, provide habitat (with a focus on the vulnerable colony of Grey Headed Flying Foxes), support reconciliation (plant the Wurundjeri totem tree species, Manna Gum), enhance carbon drawdown potential, and ensure locals reap the health and wellbeing benefits of nature - Support plantings in identified hotspots and areas with limited natural landscapes - Adequately resource programs that support our community's engagement with nature, to expand and protect the level of biodiversity in the public and private realm for wildlife, food generation, shade, or a combination (e.g. Gardens for Wildlife/My Smart Garden). - Continue to undertake feasibility and implementation of Roads to Parks program.
5.3.3	5. Yarra is Caring for Country. Our landscapes and waterways are healthier, greener and more biodiverse, and our communities feel at one with nature	5.3: Invest in nature and expand climate-adaptive greening, biodiversity and urban agriculture outcomes	<p>Utilise nature to mitigate urban heat island (UHI) effects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investigate water-based cooling options that are accessible for those at the greatest risk of exposure to heat-related impacts, that connect residents with nature, and that promote and support a healthy Birrarung. - Undertake urban heat mapping (in GIS) to identify heat islands and track their extent and severity seasonally and over time. This data, overlaid with mapped socioeconomic data, can support identification of vulnerability and hazard exposure 'hotspots'. - Develop with the community, and implement, a nature-based urban cooling and resilience program targeting urban heat island hotspots, with a focus on

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			<p>areas of higher disadvantage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify streets in higher density neighbourhoods that would most benefit from being converted to a one-way street lined with trees to mitigate some of the UHI effects - Review and strengthen the targets, timelines and resources allocated to delivering the Urban Forest Strategy to maximise greening on public land, to help cool the City, increase biodiversity and habitat, enhance carbon drawdown potential, and ensure locals reap the health and wellbeing benefits of nature - Research models of best practice and trial the removal of asphalt to improve permeability, create space for greening, and test circular economy opportunities for the removed asphalt. Use the trial of the findings to update policy and practices related to the future use of asphalt with the aim of it no longer being the default. - Update Council's standard designs to maximise the impact of all plantings for the benefit of urban cooling, reduced impacts of flash flooding, and climate-resilient indigenous and native biodiversity (e.g. infiltration kerbs for trees by default, planting understory in tree plots by default, WSUD, increasing the level of biodiversity)
5.4.1	5. Yarra is Caring for Country. Our landscapes and waterways are healthier, greener and more biodiverse, and our communities feel at one with nature	5.4: Advocate for nature within Yarra and beyond	<p>Advocacy & partnerships for nature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advocate to State Government to improve nature outcomes in new developments and in social and public housing, supporting the residents to have genuine involvement in decision making around the design. - Continue building partnerships with Melbourne Water, Wurundjeri Council, and other stakeholders on the implementation of Burndap Birrarung burndap umarkoo (What is good for the Yarra is good for all) Yarra Strategic Plan 2022–32 which recognises the Birrarung (Yarra River) as a living and integrated natural entity. - Advocate for more resources and attention towards improving the water quality of the Birrarung (Yarra River), working towards a swimmable Birrarung - Advocate for stronger National Environment Laws and the protection and expansion of the wild natural places that underpin our ecosystem across Victoria, recognising Yarra's ecosystem is dependent on the broader ecosystems right across the country - Advocate (with other councils) to Vic Road and Vic Track to get more indigenous plantings in their vacant land. - Consider a stronger cat curfew (24 hours), building on the current overnight cat curfew in Yarra.

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			- Advocate for more resources to tackle all invasive species on a catchment basis with adjacent public land managers and the community
5.4.2	5. Yarra is Caring for Country. Our landscapes and waterways are healthier, greener and more biodiverse, and our communities feel at one with nature	5.4: Advocate for nature within Yarra and beyond	Planning Laws, Requirements, & Regulations for Nature Outcomes - Use all available powers to get new developments to integrate more green infrastructure.

Transformation 6: Everyone in Yarra lives and works in comfortable and climate-safe homes and buildings, supported by climate resilient public spaces and infrastructure

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6.1.1	6. Everyone in Yarra lives and works in comfortable and climate-safe homes and buildings, supported by climate resilient public spaces and infrastructure	6.1 Yarra's homes and workplaces are climate-safe and resilient	<p>Facilitate and support the accelerated transition of existing dwellings to climate resilient, energy efficient homes, with targeted support for low-income households and those who are least able to act.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deliver information and support to make it easier for residents to increase climate resilience at home, such as by installing insulation, window shading, double glazing, draughtproofing, drainage improvements and other measures. - Ensure information reaches marginalised and at-risk communities. - Support awareness of and access to all relevant rebates, incentives and programs delivered by other levels of government . - Assess the quality of current housing stock in Yarra and target programs and resources to support less climate-safe homes. - Provide direct support to at-risk households to improve climate resilience in their homes by providing financial incentives such as direct rebates, no-interest loans, rates reductions or other incentives. - Identify opportunities to leverage Council funding, build on partnerships, advocate for government support and/or seek private investment to scale up programs and reach. - Engage with residential tenancy and landlords groups to build the climate-safety and resilience of the residential rental stock. - Advocate to renters and residential landlords on approaches to improving the climate-safety and resilience of rental properties.
6.1.2	6. Everyone in Yarra lives and works in comfortable and climate-safe homes and buildings, supported by climate resilient public spaces and infrastructure	6.1 Yarra's homes and workplaces are climate-safe and resilient	<p>Develop and deliver a 'Climate Safe Rooms'-style pilot project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Undertake thermal comfort and energy efficiency upgrades to create one climate-resilient room for at-risk households where at least one resident receives support services for an existing chronic health condition that puts them at risk from heatwaves and extreme cold. - Identify opportunities to leverage Council funding, build on partnerships, advocate for government

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			support and/or seek private investment to scale up the pilot project.
6.1.3	6. Everyone in Yarra lives and works in comfortable and climate-safe homes and buildings, supported by climate resilient public spaces and infrastructure	6.1 Yarra's homes and workplaces are climate-safe and resilient	Deliver a coordinated and compassionate response to people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness , including advocating for swift transition into secure housing to reduce exposure to extreme weather.
6.1.4	6. Everyone in Yarra lives and works in comfortable and climate-safe homes and buildings, supported by climate resilient public spaces and infrastructure	6.1 Yarra's homes and workplaces are climate-safe and resilient	Facilitate and encourage climate-resilient renovations, including for homes in the Heritage Overlay. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support individual planning permit applicants to deliver enhanced climate adaptation measures and climate resilience - Investigate further integration of climate resilience into local scheme provisions, including potentially strengthening built form requirements in DDOs to integrate planting/greening infrastructure and adaptability of built form for various uses - Provide and promote sustainable design/retrofit information, including continuing to develop sustainability retrofit advice and guidance for homes in the Heritage Overlay
6.1.5	6. Everyone in Yarra lives and works in comfortable and climate-safe homes and buildings, supported by climate resilient public spaces and infrastructure	6.1 Yarra's homes and workplaces are climate-safe and resilient	Avoid creating climate risk through new developments and retrofits in the built environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to investigate further integration of climate resilience into local area planning projects - Integrate adaptation measures into local scheme provisions, such as strengthening built form requirements to better integrate planting/greening infrastructure and adaptability of built form for various uses over time - Support individual planning permit applicants to deliver enhanced climate resilience responses
6.1.6		6.1 Yarra's homes and workplaces are climate-safe and resilient	Support small to medium businesses in developing their climate resilience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support small to medium businesses in exploring and understanding their physical climate risks, and developing approaches to addressing and managing critical risks to business viability and employee safety

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advocate to businesses and commercial landlords to work with business tenants to reduce climate risk and build the climate-safety of premises
6.1.7	6. Everyone in Yarra lives and works in comfortable and climate-safe homes and buildings, supported by climate resilient public spaces and infrastructure	6.1 Yarra's homes and workplaces are climate-safe and resilient	<p>Advocate to State and Federal Government for legislative changes and resources to be deployed towards climate resilient, heatwave safe homes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of the Elevating ESD Targets so that it is gazetted in the Planning Scheme - Advocate for particular policies and resources to support households likely to be most exposed to climate risk, including renters, low income households, elderly people, people with a disability, public housing residents and people living in apartments. - Advocate for an increase in the stock of thermally comfortable and climate resilient public, social and affordable housing. - Leverage existing campaigns, community voices, and industry partnerships such as Sweltering Cities, Victorian Council of Social Services, Renters & Housing Union, Tenants Victoria, and Strata Community Association.
6.2.1	6. Everyone in Yarra lives and works in comfortable and climate-safe homes and buildings, supported by climate resilient public spaces and infrastructure	6.2 Yarra is building, upgrading and maintaining safe and resilient public infrastructure	<p>Prepare and upgrade Council facilities and assets to provide climate-safe public buildings able to deliver core services to build community resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure that renewal works on Council's public buildings provide facilities that are able to meet the community's likely future service needs under climate change, and are appropriate to future climate conditions over the planned service life of the building - Prioritise the renewal and upgrading of facilities necessary to deliver core Council services underlying community resilience, particularly in areas of concentrated vulnerability and hazard exposure (e.g. maternal and child health clinics in areas with low-income families with young children) - Ensure Council workplaces are prepared for and safe during extreme weather events - As appropriate, plan building renovations and upgrades to provide additional Emergency Relief Centres foreseeable climate-related events
6.2.2	6. Everyone in Yarra lives and works in	6.2 Yarra is building, upgrading and maintaining safe and	<p>Prepare and upgrade Council-managed public infrastructure (roads, drainage etc) to be climate resilient and able to manage the impacts of</p>

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	comfortable and climate-safe homes and buildings, supported by climate resilient public spaces and infrastructure	resilient public infrastructure	current and future climate change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure consideration of climate resilience in public infrastructure management line community's likely future service needs under climate change, and future climate conditions over the planned service life of the infrastructure - Prioritise the renewal and upgrading of public infrastructure necessary to deliver core Council services underlying community resilience, particularly in areas of concentrated vulnerability and hazard exposure (e.g. old drainage systems in high flood risk areas, maternal and child health clinics in areas with low-income families with young children)
6.2.3	6. Everyone in Yarra lives and works in comfortable and climate-safe homes and buildings, supported by climate resilient public spaces and infrastructure	6.3 Yarra's public spaces and streetscapes are connected, climate resilient and create an enabling environment for climate conscious living	Prepare and upgrade Council-managed parks, sports fields and open spaces to be climate resilient and able to deliver appropriate services under climate change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure consideration of climate resilience in open space asset management activities in line community's likely future service needs under climate change, and future climate conditions - Prioritise the renewal and upgrading of open spaces where they deliver multiple benefits (e.g. community amenity, urban heat reduction, increasing biodiversity, increasing permeability)
6.3.1	6. Everyone in Yarra lives and works in comfortable and climate-safe homes and buildings, supported by climate resilient public spaces and infrastructure	6.3 Yarra's public spaces and streetscapes are connected, climate resilient and create an enabling environment for climate conscious living	Ensure cool routes support active transport and walkability of Yarra in a changing climate, and residents have access to safe, cool green spaces. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to create cool routes between/around community services frequently used by community members. - Increase integration between transport planning, biodiversity, and street tree planting to support delivery, including priority planting plans. - Investigate how best to map and communicate cool, shady corridors to increase active transport and walkability. -Review how Council can provide cool spaces to community members during extreme heat (including residents of public housing, unhoused community members, delivery riders, and older adults and children) such as pop-up splash parks and water misting areas or alike.

Transformation 7: Yarra is transitioning to a circular economy by consuming less, repairing, sharing, and repurposing more, and sending less waste to landfill.

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7.1.1	Circular Economy	Yarra is transitioning to a circular economy by demanding circular design, buying less, borrowing, reusing, repairing, repurposing and recycling more	<p>Deliver innovative circular services and encourage recycling that keeps materials circulating at their highest value.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transition the Clifton Hill Recycling Centre to a Circular Centre which reuses, re-purposes, repairs and recycles materials in a way that benefits our most vulnerable community members - Extend the 'lending library of things' program at the libraries - Continue to deliver programs and education campaigns that support residents and businesses to maximise use of Council's circular economy and waste services -Continue to deliver education and behaviour change programs to re-enforce the correct usage of recycling bins and reduce contamination in line with the evolving changes to the state government service standards across councils - Research, develop and trial an innovative program that empowers and supports the community to implement a circular lifestyle including avoiding waste and influencing the design of products and packaging - Trial 'carry in carry out' policy in Council managed parks - Work with State Government and residents to improve reuse, recycling and resource recovery in social housing -Develop and deliver education programs about where to repair, reuse, share and recycle items rather than booking a hard rubbish service
7.2.1	Circular Economy	Waste to landfill and recycling contamination are eliminated	<p>Deliver a best practice, circular food and garden organics (FOGO) service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review existing food waste avoidance program and deliver improved version - Develop and deliver education programs to support the community to understand how to use the new FOGO service which includes supporting, incentivise and promote home composting - In partnership with our community, deliver and where needed develop a program to stimulate a local circular food system - Research and trial opportunities to improve circularity of food and green waste locally E.g., Buying

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			<p>back good quality compost to regenerate Yarra soil and grow local food</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop and deliver best practice education and behaviour change programs to stop 'waste' at the sources, including food waste avoidance - Investigate and support ways for the community to reuse and recycle cement, steel, plastic and aluminium to go into low emission alternatives -Continue education programs about what can be recycled, how and why, specifically focused on items that need to be recycled at the depot
7.3.1	Circular Economy	Council and local businesses are implementing circular economy principles across supply chains	<p>Work closely with, support and promote Yarra as a Circular Economy hub for businesses. Promote businesses who are implementing circular operations where possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Build the Sustainable Business Yarra network and host circularity events, including a focus on developing a Circular Economy 'education program' for businesses to be a part of -Promote businesses supporting a circular economy through our Business EDM -Where possible work in with the business community to facilitate circularity in process design and product lifecycles. Including investigation of increased recycling options for businesses - Work to redesign products, systems and stop waste at the source through business and industry support programs, including the development of a single-use free retail precinct - Deliver 'Join the Circular Economy' education program to business and community - In partnership with retailers develop single-use free shopping precincts - Facilitate and build relationships with local processors and manufacturers to support implementation of circular design - Develop education program for traders at Venue & Events to use 'circular' products and packaging
7.4.1	Circular Economy	We are advocating to government and key stakeholders to embed circular economy principles in the design and manufacture of goods and services	<p>Support community to participate in the circular economy through advocacy, education, businesses and industry programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advocate to the Federal Government for stronger National Packaging Targets, including a pathway to supply chain circular packaging - Advocate to the Federal Government for a 'Right to Repair' policy, stricter product durability standards and product steward schemes -Advocate and facilitate working with Federal and Victorian Government to implement extended product

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			<p>stewardship and producer responsibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Work with State Government to mandate clearer & easy to understand recycling labelling on all packaging - Ensure new waste contract specifications embed circular economy principles