



## Update 21 – July 2021

Welcome to our newsletter combining news and information on renewable energy and climate change adaptation in north east Victoria and beyond.

The Victorian Government is committed to being climate ready and resilient by 2050 and is helping regional communities and organisations across Victoria to work together to adapt to the impacts of climate change.



The Victorian Climate Change Strategy and supporting resources are available online [here](#).

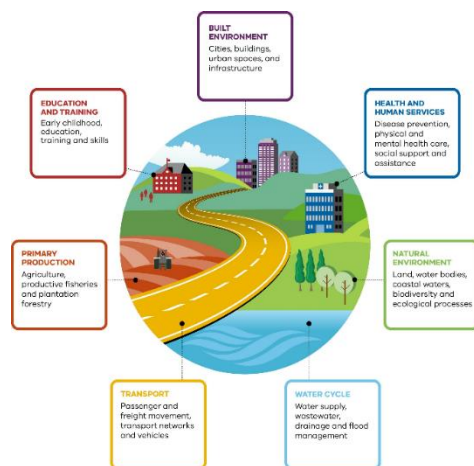
## Climate Ready Hume project update

During the two-year journey, the Climate Ready Hume team has connected with over 6000 people through 90+ physical and online events with Goulburn Broken and North East communities.

The Hume Regional Climate Change Adaptation Strategy (RAS) was completed on the 30 June 2021, following a positive community consultation process held via EngageVic and with our partners. We had 712 views and 24 online contributions.

Ongoing highlights include the youth and community mini grant programs, regional projects between community and agencies, and sharing in local adaptation activities.

Thank you for your ongoing contributions in building our community owned RAS. We look forward to sharing the final with you, stay in touch for launch details.



## Have your say on Victoria's first set of Adaptation Action Plans

The Victorian Government is preparing seven Adaptation Action Plans (AAPs) to build our climate resilience in areas either vulnerable to climate change impacts or essential to ensure Victoria is prepared.

This is your opportunity to comment on one or more individual plans or the whole package. Your feedback will be considered in the finalisation of the plans late in 2021. To provide feedback visit the EngageVic page [here](#).

## News

### Totally Renewable Yackandandah (TRY) launch Community Battery



Yackandandah Battery launch (DELWP)

Yackandandah is one step closer to being powered by 100 per cent renewable energy with a new community battery and microgrid launched on 8 July. The Community Battery project, which includes 65kW solar panels and a 274kW battery system installed by Totally Renewable Yackandandah (TRY) and Indigo Power, will power up to 40 Yackandandah homes. The Community Battery is Victoria's first behind-the-meter, community-owned solar and battery system, capable of providing clean energy to local customers during the day and into the evening. For more information please click [here](#).

### Empowering Traditional Owners with Renewable Energy

Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation is one of eight recipients that will receive a share of \$1.1 million in funding to empower Traditional Owner Corporations to determine how they want to be part of Victoria's renewable energy boom. Traditional Owner Corporations have developed plans to harness Victoria's renewable energy transformation in their local community by installing solar panels, developing feasibility studies and undertaking businesses cases for future community-owned renewable energy generation to be delivered during 2021-2022. For more information on TOREP please visit [here](#).



### Community Power Hubs announced

Seven new hubs for community owned renewable energy will be established around Victoria after recipients were announced under the next stage of the Community Power Hubs program. The Hume Community Power Hub will be led by Indigo Power and Goulburn Valley Community Energy, with partnerships and support given to all the existing community energy groups across our region. For more information on the Community Power Hubs program please click [here](#).

### Solar on Public Buildings Update

The Solar on Public Building program has been busy during June with several more sites receiving solar installations. Among these recent installations was Barmah Community Hall, which is used by the local community as a kindergarten, care centre and local social clubs.

A 6.6kW solar PV system was installed at the hall, which is expected to offset approximately 10 tonnes of CO2 emissions and save the volunteer committee approximately \$1,500 every year.

This is just one site of over 300 hundred volunteer managed sites set to receive solar PV systems across Victoria. The goal of this project is to support volunteer run Committees of Management, while contributing to the Government's emissions reduction targets. For more information about this program please click [here](#).



Image: New solar PV system at Barmah Community Hall (DELWP)

## Zero Carbon Tatura Website Launched



Zero Carbon Tatura received a \$3,000 Sustainability Grant from the Greater Shepparton City Council in 2020. The grant funded the development and distribution of project information for the community, including brochures, graphic design and their new website.

To visit the website please click [here](#).

## ARENA fund project in Wodonga - AGIG's Murray Valley Hydrogen Park

Australian Gas Networks Limited (AGIG) is set to receive up to \$32.1 million from ARENA towards a 10 MW electrolyser for gas blending at AGIG's Murray Valley Hydrogen Park in Wodonga, Victoria. The 10MW Hydrogen Park Murray Valley (HyP Murray Valley) project, will be co-located with the West Wodonga Wastewater Treatment Plant and supply renewable hydrogen, blended with natural gas, to customers on the existing Albury-Wodonga gas distribution network. The facility will also be able to supply industry and transport markets. To view the press release please click [here](#).



## Grants

### Community Climate Change and Energy Action Program



The Community Climate Change and Energy Action Program supports Victorian community groups by funding upgrades to community facilities. These upgrades aim to reduce energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions through a range of supported measures including energy-efficient and renewable energy technology.

There are two streams of funding available:

- **Stream 1 Audit grants:** will support audits on existing facilities to identify comprehensive energy improvement upgrades.
- **Stream 2 Implementation grants:** will support the implementation of projects.

**Applications close 11:59 pm, Friday 20 August 2021.** For more information on the grants visit [here](#). There is an online information session scheduled for **Wednesday 21 July at 10am**, register [here](#).

### Tackling Tough Times Together (TTTT) grant program

TTTT aims to assist communities to access resources needed to support each other through the effects of drought. Grants are available for a broad range of grassroots, community-led initiatives that directly and clearly benefit local communities. Applications for round 22 are open and close at **5pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021**. For more information please click [here](#).

### Strengthening Rural Communities (SRC) program

The Strengthening Rural Communities (SRC) program targets small rural, regional and remote communities across Australia to access funding to support broad community needs. Applications for round 10 are being invited and close at **5pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021**. For further information please follow this [link](#).



## Destination Charging Across Victoria Program



The Destination Charging Across Victoria (DCAV) Program provides \$5 million in grants to establish a public Electric Vehicle fast-charging network across Victoria. **The application close date has been extended to 5pm Friday 30 July 2021** and must be submitted through Grants Online. For more information please visit this [link](#).

## Webinars

### Smart Energy Council Webinars Available On Demand



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## Podcasts

### Rewired season four – Introducing Australia’s energy transformers

Season four of Rewired will introduce you to some of the people transforming Australia’s energy landscape including startup founders disrupting traditional business models and people investing new technologies that could power our lives in the future. For more information please visit this [link](#).



## Victoria’s regional renewable energy roadmaps

[Visit the link](#) to access all the regional renewable energy roadmaps that show the way for the Victorian transition to renewable energy.

### Do you have any item to share for the next month’s newsletter?

[Please click here](#) to let Climate Ready Hume know before 7 August for the August newsletter.

### Do you know someone else who would appreciate this newsletter?

Please forward this update to a friend and invite them to [subscribe to this monthly update](#).

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