

CRP Review - Changes proposed

Revised Actions

What we heard	Original ACTION	Changes
Community health and resilience		
Community members most vulnerable to extreme weather and power outages often face the greatest barriers and need more tailored support. We heard about the importance of supporting First Nations community members in preparing for heat, extreme cold, and power outages.	Delivering an annual campaign to help vulnerable populations prepare for heat health alert days.	Action updated to expanded recognition of vulnerable community members (Priority populations), with the following additions: Delivering an annual campaign to help Priority Populations prepare for heat health alert days.
		*Confirm access and communication channels with all Priority Populations, for extreme heat events and power outages
		*Check-in and support at-risk community members and Priority Populations during extreme cold days
		*Broadening reach and formalising communication channels to promote existing rebates and programs such as the Solar Savers Program, the Victorian Energy Upgrade scheme, home energy assessments and other targeted assistance that is available to Priority Populations.
		*Connect community with communication material with guidelines for households in the event of power outages. Link to: Emergencies - coping without gas or electricity Better Health Channel

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Strengthen and expand community education programs, with a preference for accessible, local and evidence-based information delivered through various channels and in easy to understand formats. More accessible communication and greater equity for residents affected by climate and cost of living pressures, and practical measures for more climate safe homes and neighbourhoods.	Developing community education programs in areas such as: • Climate sensitive planting. • Adapting to the impacts of climate change. • Minimising the risk of fire and impacts of smoke inhalation. • Retrofitting homes and buildings to ensure high performance. • Available subsidies and accessing renewable energy.	Update examples to include: • Building climate resilience • Growing your own food • Legal rights in relation to climate-related events • Renters rights under new housing efficiency standards • Plant-based diets • The link between climate change and Aboriginal Cultural values. • Cultural awareness training, in partnership with Traditional Owners. • Creative sustainability practices, such as recycled clothing and upcycling of items • Climate and biodiversity conservation programs including community climate leadership opportunities. • Information about local cycling and walking pathways
Our environment		
Support for more shade trees and cooler public spaces. Many people agreed that tree canopy, biodiversity and green space are essential parts of climate resilience, not optional extras	Implementing the Living Melbourne Metropolitan Urban Forest Strategy, which includes setting canopy tree targets and a mechanism to regularly track progress towards these targets.	Action to be replaced with the following: • Continue to support monitoring and increasing tree canopy coverage on Council land through the Tree Management Framework and other Council policies
Survey respondents emphasised the need for sustainable building practices, with 56% considering it very important for Council to advocate for all new buildings to be net zero.	Working within approvals process for new buildings to establish a collective understanding of what constitutes acceptable Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) and encourage all new buildings to achieve net-zero energy or net-zero energy ready rating.	Action to be replaced with the following, due to changes to planning policies: • Work with CASBE and other Local Government partners to advocate for strong ESD outcomes in both Residential and Non-residential developments as part of the reforms underway to both Planning and Building codes.
As above	Working with developers to pioneer zero net emission buildings and zero-net emission housing.	Amend action to focus on opportunities to influence developers. • Identify elevated ESD targets for new developments and leverage upcoming planning reforms to influence developers to pioneer these targets, and zero net emission buildings and housing.

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Business and Industry		
Survey respondents strongly support wider adoption of clean energy, particularly solar panels and batteries on commercial rooftops, and see opportunities for council to facilitate bulk buying, community batteries, and better energy deals for businesses. Many businesses need clearer guidance, incentives, and education to adopt sustainability measures.	Implementing working groups to focus on a specific set of interventions including alternative technologies, Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs), energy efficiency and degasification.	Action to be updated: Promote efficient technologies, Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs), energy efficiency and degasification to business and industry through workshops, case studies and referrals to existing state and federal programs, such as the business renewables buying group

New Actions

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Community health and resilience	
Residents highlighted opportunities to improve the program, including more cooling refuges, tailored advice, and follow up assistance during power outages.	Provide communication materials to inform the community about designated safe spaces and emergency refuge centres available during extreme weather events
Multi-cultural and First Nations stakeholders requested relevant and inclusive education materials, with locally relevant examples of actions to take.	Develop inclusive and effective education materials about local climate actions for community to take, with key stakeholders (including First Nations & multi-cultural communities)
Efficient buildings and Infrastructure	
Renters experience disadvantage in relation to quality heating, cooling and home efficiency upgrades and would like to see Council advocate for improvements.	Advocating for enforcement of minimum energy efficiency standards in rental properties
Transportation	
Participants identified public transport as central to more sustainable, equitable and climate-resilient travel in Knox, calling for stronger advocacy for better bus services, improved accessibility, safer and more comfortable shelters, and better integration with walking, cycling and the wider transport network. Feedback also linked transport improvements with heat, safety and liveability, emphasising the need for shaded, greener and more comfortable low-emissions travel options.	Advocate for improvements to public transport including: • More frequent bus services • More efficient bus routes and connections to train stations • More bus shelters, which are also safe, accessible and comfortable, • Visible bus timetables and map information • Longer bus service operating hours • Bus services are reliable and on time • More accessible bus stops and train stations • Buses to transition to an all-electric fleet.
As above, as well as specific feedback requesting bike lane improvements, in relation to path quality, lighting, shading and connections.	Implement the Cycling Action Plan (Expand bike and walking pathways with connections to bus shelters, with improved safety for cycling, wheelchair and mobility scooter users. This includes stable surfaces, lighting, vandal-proof and shaded seating, e-bike learning and water fountains)

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New section – Culture and Ceremony		
Wurundjeri Elders explained the importance of ongoing communications to ensure Council understands and embeds Traditional Owner cultural knowledge into Council’s approach to climate change.	Investigate how to embed and reflect Traditional Owner cultural knowledge in Council’s approach to climate change	
Wurundjeri Elders would like to be included in the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee.	Consult with Traditional Owners on emergency management arrangements for Aboriginal people in the municipality	