



ANNUAL REPORT 2021

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ESTABLISHED IN JUNE 2004, SOUTH EAST COUNCILS CLIMATE CHANGE ALLIANCE (SECCCA) CONSISTS OF NINE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ACROSS THE SOUTH EAST OF MELBOURNE THAT COLLABORATE TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE.

We are in a climate emergency.

It is imperative that global warming is limited to 1.5 degrees above preindustrial levels.

VISION

The south east of Melbourne is a thriving and productive region that has a safe and sustainable climate.

GOAL

- Achieve zero council corporate emissions and lead action to achieve zero community emissions.
- Provide leadership for the region to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build climate resilience.
- Prioritise investment to reflect the gravity and urgency of the climate emergency.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

SECCCA respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land on which we work, and pay respect to their Elders, past, present and future.

PURPOSE

SECCCA leads, facilitates, and supports comprehensive regional action that accelerates greenhouse gas emissions reduction and builds climate resilience.

SECCCA provides the following to its members:

- Collaborative projects that address climate change and maximise value for money through economies of scale
- A platform to collaborate and learn about how to address climate change
- Greater influence through regional alignment on climate change policy and action
- Opportunities to unlock investment in exciting and innovative climate change initiatives
- Access to leading climate change expertise
- A gateway to external organisations who seek to engage with the region on climate change action

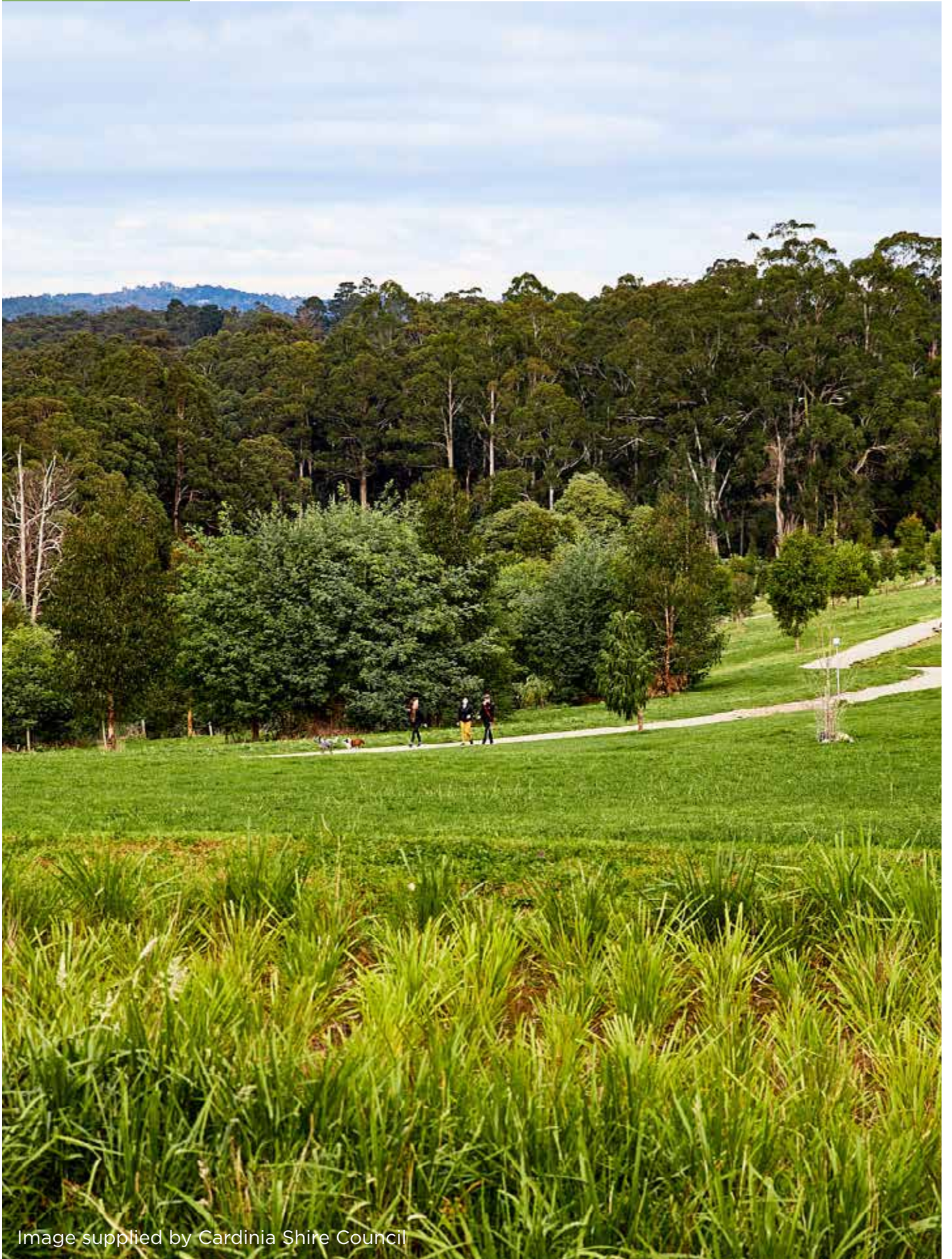


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CHAIR COUNCILLOR ADVISORY GROUP

Our second year of the Councillor Advisory Group has like everything else been impacted by the pandemic. We have only managed one face to face meeting where Councillors and Officers worked through the strategic priorities for the next four years. A very fruitful day that allows me to celebrate the wonderful talent that SECCCA brings to the table.

The meeting was buoyed by the fresh election of the US Presidency and the promise of a turnaround in world leadership on the crucial issue of climate change. While his administration has got on with the job our federal government continues to resist climate action and squabble even about adopting the zero net emissions by 2050 target. It is impossible to understand why that is even an issue, however, that is why local government and community action is so important as we are forced to fill the void left by government inaction.

Consistent with our initiative to broaden our communication with peak local government bodies SECCCA councils put resolutions to the MAV and ALGA assemblies. To reinforce that we have recently commenced discussions with the MAV and the other Alliances to work toward a better sharing of the load and resources in the climate change fight.

The CAG provides an edge to SECCCA's work as reflected in a recent press release highlighting the new normal of climate change impact here and across the world in Europe and the US. We received good exposure across regional and metropolitan media and a large metropolitan newspaper.

In a world threatened so brutally by the challenges of climate change it remains a fact that resources are limited and even more crucial that we leverage that talent and provide the best leadership possible in the South East Region.



Cr Michael Whelan

Chair Councillor Advisory Group (2021)
Bass Coast Shire Council Island Ward

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we reflect on another year of big achievements, this year has proven the true resilience of our organisation, our staff and our member Councils and representatives.

Despite now having endured multiple lockdowns this little, robust organisation continues to flourish. That is in large part to the increased urgency of the worsening climate crisis.

This year, despite the pandemic, a shift in the comprehension of the scale and urgency of the climate crisis seems to be resonating amongst Councils and their communities. As Councils start to implement the requirements of the Local Government Act 2020 through developing Council Plans and Health and Wellbeing Plans, we're seeing climate at the core.

A shift seems to have also occurred at the state level with the Victorian Climate Change Strategy, and the Zero Emissions Vehicle and the Gas Transition Roadmaps now developed.

More locally the results of the SECCCA Regional Community Climate Change Action Planning modelling shows that to align with the Paris Climate Change Agreement target emissions of limiting global temperature rise to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, emissions across the region need to be reduced by a challenging 5.8% per year until 2037.

These compounding factors have led SECCCA to revisit our Strategic Plan. The context in which we operate has shifted so substantially since 2019 that we needed to revise our Plan to ensure that it reflects the current research and thinking. It was also nice to reflect on how much we've achieved in the last few years.

The engagement through the Councillor Advisory Group also seems to strengthen with every meeting. We are represented well across the region by passionate Councillors who are willing to invest time into this little, but increasingly influential, organisation.

Our regional voice has been active this year with numerous submissions attempting to influence public policy, regulation or programs. These are outlined in further detail within the Annual Report, but I wanted to express thanks to all those contributors who make these submissions expert, detailed and regionally relevant. I have drawn on these submission numerous times, once again reflecting the efficiencies and benefits of regional collaboration.

This regional collaboration is only possible thanks to the experts around the table. The Council representatives are diverse in their skills, experience and roles, but it is that diversity which makes us stronger.

I have been grateful for the stability around the management table this year, which in my mind is reflective of the two way benefit SECCCA participation brings.

This year has also seen growth in SECCCA staffing. We welcomed Annie Forster as our Administration Officer who provided immediate impact. Annie has brought fresh eyes to our organisation, and whilst has aptly managed the busy weekly administration of the organisation, has added additional benefits like activating our LinkedIn account and refreshing the website.

Our Project Coordinator Daniel Pleiter has continued to deliver an enormous number of projects this year. Whilst small, SECCCA is most certainly ambitious, and thankfully Dan, year after year willing to keep pace with our ambitions, leading many of the projects outlined further in the document.

Dominique La Fontaine our Chief Executive Officer has continued to lead our organisation with determination and focus. Dominique has continued to elevate SECCCA's profile across the region and we're now closely aligned to the Greater South East Melbourne (GSEM) group. This will see SECCCA partnering in a number of regionally beneficial projects next year.

The following pages provide more details about some of the key deliverables I have highlighted. Once again I am very proud of the achievements of SECCCA, which would not have been possible without the passion and commitment of the Council staff and the leadership and drive of our amazing SECCCA staff.



Emily Boucher

Manager Open Space City of Kingston
President South East Councils Climate Change Alliance

TREASURER'S REPORT

SECCCA Treasurer's Report 2020/21

In the Climate Emergency, SECCCA's financial position has the organisation well placed to deliver strategic programs to urgently address the impacts of climate change.

Retaining all 9 Council members has provided a secure platform to investigate the most effective and beneficial projects for the region. This has enabled SECCCA to strategically invest resources and time to support project development and to enhance key operational functions.

The Provisional Fund has grown to be near to the level sought for security of an organisation of SECCCA's size. As the recovery from the pandemic may challenge Council budgets, this Fund may need to be drawn upon in future. However, project funding attracted in 2020-21 has not required any reliance on these reserves.

Innovative work recognising what council and community need to address climate change has continued to attract partners and funding to SECCCA projects. Strategic foresight remains a key driver for future partnership funding, as new projects have evolved from envisioning the 'next steps' beyond the scope of projects currently delivered.

Thank you to our accountants, Louise Sutton and Josephine Anne from Accountable Business Services, who again provided excellent guidance and assistance through the year. Thank you also to Joel Hernandez and staff from RDL Accountants for auditing our financial statements.



Julian Donlen

Treasurer

The Detailed Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30 June 2021, and the Statement of Financial Position 30 June 2021, are included in the Independent Auditor's Report.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

It's been another productive and rewarding year, again against the challenging backdrop of COVID, fast changing global climate politics, and extremely concerning climate change driven disasters.

SECCCA is ably supported and guided by the SECCCA Management Committee and our President Emily Boucher, as always, provides outstanding leadership. The Councillor Advisory Group, welcoming a new cohort of councillors has provided invaluable guidance this year. The CAG has challenged SECCCA to boost its climate change advocacy and public communications

We have welcomed a new Administration Officer, Annie Forster, who has immediately proven invaluable in her role to support SECCCA's communications and operation and the Councillor Advisory Group. Two new team members, Victoria Gerrard, and Chloe Michaelides joined SECCCA to manage the Small Business Energy Saver Program. Our Project Coordinator, Daniel Pleiter, has overseen SECCCA's innovative and leading-edge projects with outstanding professionalism.

Our relationship with Victoria's Greenhouse Alliances remains strong. We supported the establishment of the Barwon Southwest Greenhouse Alliance and Western Australia's Regional Climate Alliance Program. With invaluable assistance from the CAG, we have continued to work towards effective collaboration with the Municipal Association of Victoria to leverage each organisation's strengths to progress climate change action.

SECCCA will continue to work closely with key stakeholders to promote our member's climate change challenges and needs.

Our refreshed Strategic Plan sets an ambitious agenda for the next three years. We will be accelerating our efforts to enhance climate resilient for member council's and their communities, including our exciting collaboration with Minderoo Foundation. The development of a charging infrastructure roadmap will help prepare the region for the advent of electric vehicles. Working in collaboration with GSEM and Monash University we will advance work on a Zero Emissions Roadmap for the southeast. By next financial year we will have engaged with over 1500 business across the southeast to help them access energy efficiency financial incentives.

The longstanding involvement in SECCCA by our nine member councils provides a robust platform that supports regional climate action. On behalf of the SECCCA team, I am pleased to share this report on the past year's achievements for our members. We look forward to advancing this great work in the year ahead.



Dominique La Fontaine
Chief Executive Officer

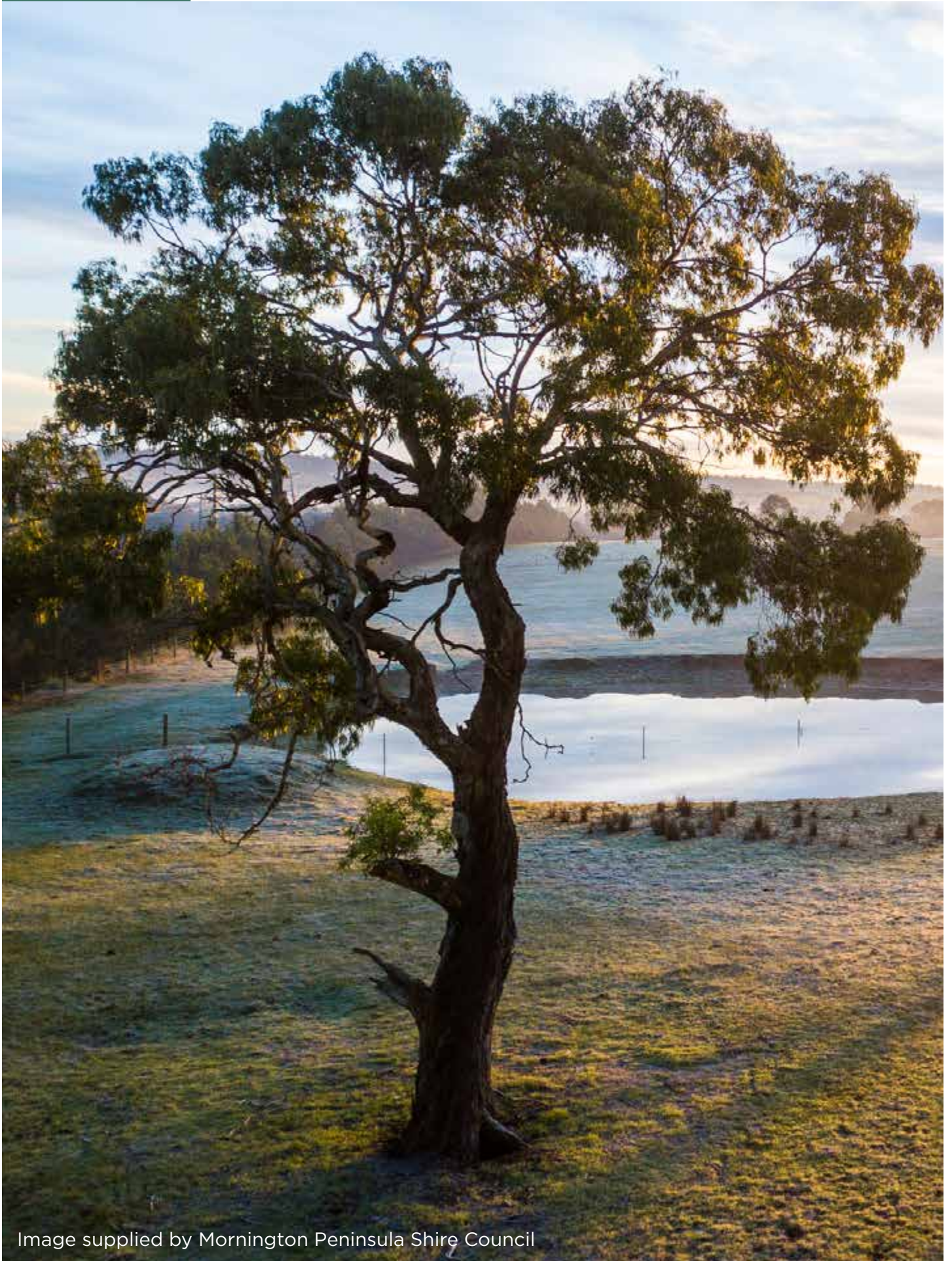


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SECCCA'S ADVOCACY IS DIRECTED TOWARDS SUPPORTING THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND ITS AIM FOR URGENT CLIMATE ACTION TO LIMIT GLOBAL TEMPERATURE INCREASES RISE TO 1.5 DEGREES ABOVE PRE INDUSTRIAL LEVELS.

SECCCA also aims to influence public policy, regulation and programs that accelerate emission reduction and build climate resilience and support local government capacity to address climate change.

SECCCA developed an Advocacy Framework in consultation with the Victorian Greenhouse Alliances. This Framework guides the various issues and outcomes that SECCCA will consider advocating on, depending on time

- Post COVID-recovery stimulus
- Victorian Planning System
- Protecting Community Health and Wellbeing
- Low income and vulnerable households
- State and Federal climate and energy policy and programs
- National energy market reform
- Increased energy efficiency uptake through incentives and regulation
- Transmission/Distribution Network Service Providers (TNSP/DNSP)
- Major road lighting
- Rates based finance mechanisms
- Emissions from waste
- Biodiversity Land and water adaptation planning and response

The following advocacy initiatives were undertaken by SECCCA throughout the year

AGL Crib Point

SECCCA advocated against the development of the AGL Crib Point gas import jetty as it would have led to an increase in Victoria's emissions. The CAG wrote to State and Federal Ministers supporting Victorian Planning Minister's decision to oppose the development on the grounds that it did not align with the Paris Climate Change Agreement and that investment in fossil fuel infrastructure is unviable in the medium to long term.

Gas Transition Roadmap

The Victorian State Government is developing a roadmap to decarbonise natural gas in Victoria. SECCCA developed an extensive submission addressing the issues raised in the consultation. The submission posited that emission reduction and a transition to a zero-carbon, fossil free, economy is an economic imperative and that the transition must be accelerated to urgently mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Planning and Environment Act Advocacy

As a fundamental legislation regulating development in Victoria, the Planning and Environment Act must be aligned with other Acts that address climate change. Together with the Victorian Greenhouse Alliances and Councils Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment, SECCCA engaged planning experts Hansen Partnerships to undertake research and engage with key stakeholders to produce recommendations for how the Planning and Environment Act can effectively tackle climate change. This research is the first stage of a wider campaign to ultimately convince the Victorian Government to implement the necessary changes.

ESD Roadmap submission

Leveraging our extensive experience in residential energy efficiency projects, SECCCA developed a submission to DELWP's review of Planning Policy Framework being undertaken to include environmentally sustainable development in the Victoria Planning Provisions (VPP). SECCCA's submission argued that achieving energy efficient and zero carbon residential homes is available, achievable, and most importantly affordable. Importantly, incorporating energy efficiency and renewable energy into homes vastly improve resident's well-being by making homes easier to heat and cool and more pleasant to live in.

DELWP Greater Melbourne Regional Adaptation Strategy

SECCCA is a member of the Stakeholder Reference Group for the DELWP Greater Melbourne Regional Adaptation Strategy (GMRAS) and has contributed to the development of the Strategy and the Strategy's Annual Delivery Plan. The Strategy is supported by funding from the Victorian Government and is one of the six Regional Strategies across Victoria. Through funding from the GMRAS SECCCA has developed the tool kit for Asset Vulnerability Assessment.

2026 Victorian Electricity Distribution Price Review

The Victorian Greenhouse Alliances, SECCCA led the development of two sector-wide submissions to the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) in response to the 2021-2026 Victorian Electricity Distribution Price Review (EDPR). The AER ruled in favour of the Alliance-led submission, which will assist councils across Victoria to avoid over \$10.7M in OMR charges over the next five years, plus a further \$19.8M out to 2046.

CAG Media Release

Against the backdrop of climate devastation in the northern hemisphere, and the 6th IPCC Assessment report, the SECCCA CAG Councillors called on governments to support their communities to take urgent action and protect them from the impacts of climate change. The media statement included specific examples of how each of SECCCA councils was experiencing climate change. The media statement received excellent coverage across local and state media outlets.



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SECCCA PROJECTS HAVE SUPPORTED MEMBERS COUNCILS AND THEIR COMMUNITIES TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE. THE PROJECTS PROVIDE EVIDENCE-BASED DATA TO INFORM DECISION MAKING AND BUILD CAPACITY TO ENSURE CLIMATE RESILIENCE.

Brief Ezy

During the past year councils have been using Brief Ezy to plan and build their council buildings. The project is in the operational phase with SECCCA continues to support councils utilize the tool. With constant changes in technology and regulations updates to the tool are required.

Asset Vulnerability Assessment Project

Throughout this year SECCCA has been delivering this leading-edge project identifying the projected impacts of climate change on council assets and infrastructure. This enables decision makers to create prioritized, costed works plans to make the asset more resilient to climate change.

The climate impact assessment has found that council assets are increasingly exposed and vulnerable to climate change impacts including sea level rise, storm surge, extreme weather events, bushfire, and heatwaves. The extent to which council assets are vulnerable varies depending on the modelling used and the emissions concentration pathways.

These insights have placed councils in a strong position to apply their risk management processes to make informed decisions around asset renewal, maintenance, and management.

Several specific case studies modelling economic costs and benefits of adaptation options have been undertaken including:

Case Study 1: Exploring options for mitigating flash flooding in residential and commercial areas of Rosebud caused by back-up of water at the Sixth Avenue stormwater outfall and connected drains and pits.

Case Study 2: Focusing on upgrades needed to two key council owned, multiple-use community assets to ensure that they are fit for purpose for relief, recovery, and co-ordination centres during and following major shocks, especially bushfires.

Case Study 3: Focusing on options to mitigate the impacts of inundation, linked to storm surges, sea level rise and inland flooding on Council infrastructure located in the Elwood Foreshore Precinct.

The Guidelines and Toolkit, funded by DELWP, will be completed by the end of 2021 and will be broadly available to Victorian councils.

Transforming Council Fleets to Electric Vehicles

With the support of Deakin University, SECCCA completed the survey of member councils' fleet operations and developed suggested approaches to enable councils to increase the adoption of EVs. Member councils now have a deeper understanding of how EVs can become part of the fleet.

Some of the project findings include:

- Councils' desire to transition to electric vehicles and to lead their communities in this transition and are in the very early stages.
- While some councils have EV plans, measures, and targets, these vary significantly from council to council. Overall, transitioning to electric vehicles is a yet unrealized opportunity to reduce emissions.
- Views on the need and placement of additional charging infrastructure is varying and unclear; and
- Charging infrastructure that is currently being installed is uncoordinated within the SECCCA region.

SECCCA members are now working to develop a roadmap for installation of charging infrastructure and working with RMIT students to identify detail EV transition costs and possible bulk buy opportunities.

Regional Community Climate Change Action Planning

Having developed the region's emissions profile, work continued this year on the Climate Change Action Planning project.

Modelling showed that to align with the Paris Climate Change Agreement target emissions of limiting global temperature rise to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, communities within each participating council area need to reduce emissions by a challenging 5.8% per year until 2037.

The project has helped councils to identify initiatives that can be implemented by councils to support emissions reduction. The project has also developed fundamental initiatives that SECCCA has incorporated into the 2021 - 2024 Strategic Plan.



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Small Business Energy Saver Program

SECCCA received funding from the Victorian Government to deliver the Small Business Energy Saver Program. Working with Council economic development teams, the project is engaging businesses in our 9 council areas to support small businesses to undertake equipment upgrades through the Victoria Energy Upgrade Program. Upgrades will include replacement of inefficient electric hot water system, replacing inefficient gas hot water systems and upgrading to efficient room reverse cycle air-conditioners, for example. Rebates can cover most of the costs of the upgrade providing a considerable incentive for energy efficient upgrades.

Due for completion in 2022, this pilot project will enable SECCCA to apply learnings to future industrial decarbonization projects and to contribute to policy recommendations.

Costs and Benefits of Climate Change Adaptation options for Community Assets

Climate change will impact the way councils manage assets and consider the cost of replacements and new investment. Councils play a key role in facilitating community adaptation across Greater Melbourne. However, the lack of evidence to support council decision making is presenting a challenge for the sector.

Seeking to address this gap, the four Greenhouse Alliances in Greater Melbourne ([EAGA](#), [NAGA](#), [SECCCA](#) and [WAGA](#)) supported by the DELWP Port Phillip regional climate change adaptation team commenced a project to develop a clear understanding of the costs and benefits of different climate change adaptation options for community assets and infrastructure owned and managed by councils. The project is developing a cost-benefit analysis framework for each major asset class and establishing a robust methodology for assessing and prioritising adaptation options in subsequent project phases.

The framework is built on related work that the [Victorian Greenhouse Alliances](#) have undertaken in the climate resilience space.





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SECCCA FORUMS FOR MEMBER COUNCILS ENABLE SHARING OF KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE AND IDEAS REGARDING CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION AND ADVOCACY.

While our forums have been largely held online this year and they have proved successful, nonetheless. For the second time in a row the Victorian Greenhouse Alliances Conference was postponed to April 29. We look forward to holding more of our these – in person – in 2022.

Strategic Plan review

With the ever-changing context in which SECCCA operates, the SECCCA management committee agreed to review and refresh the SECCCA strategic plan. The review consulted closely with the SECCCA CAG and member council representatives, including a face-to-face forum (for many the first and only face to face forum to date) hosted by the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council.

Your Council and Climate Change – Understanding the Risks and Learning to Adapt

With changes to the Local Government Act 2020 SECCCA has supported the development of DELWP run training programs to build council's capacity to plan and mitigate climate change risk.

Legal Advice on climate risk and disclosure liability

Supported by the Insurance Council of Australia, Baker McKenzie prepared advice on what responsibilities councils have to model impacts of climate change on the residential sector and what actions would be required if climate vulnerability is identified. Several workshops with members were held to discuss the report and its findings.

SECCCA Annual Leaders Breakfast

Despite having to pivot at the last minute to an online forum, we welcomed fantastic speakers and an excellent attendance at SECCCA's Annual Leaders Breakfast. Keynote speakers Kylie Macfarlane, ICA discussed the insurance industry's climate change challenges and, Julie Reid Executive Director Local Government Victoria and Mark Rodrigues Executive Director Climate Change with DELWP who discussed the Victorian State Government's recent climate change initiatives that impact local government.



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THE COUNCILLOR ADVISORY GROUP

Provides advice on SECCCA strategic direction (IAP2: Involve)

Supports the implementation of the SECCCA Strategic Plan through advocacy to political representatives, community and business groups, Councillors and Council staff (IAP2: Collaborate)

Reviews information on SECCCA activities



Cr Michael Whelan

Bass Coast Shire,
CAG Chair



Cr Claire Harvey

Frankston City Council



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Cr Rhonda Garad

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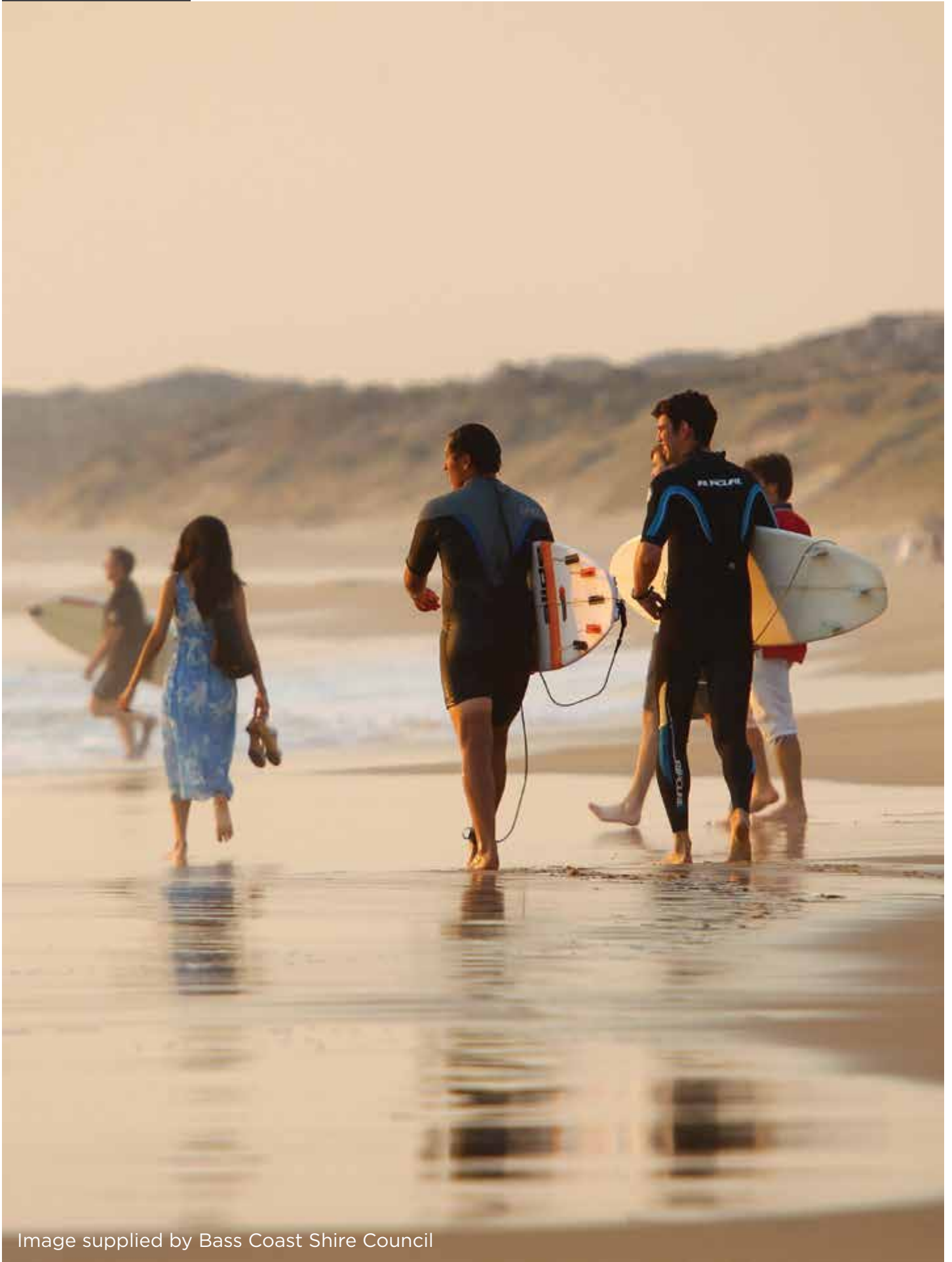


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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Revenue	4	584,944	382,525
Expenses			
Program expenses		(234,185)	(50,044)
Employee benefits expense		(275,309)	(284,965)
Administration expenses		(29,363)	(34,106)
Training and development		(747)	(690)
Travel		(363)	(1,846)
Total expenses		<u>(539,967)</u>	<u>(371,651)</u>
Surplus/(deficit) before income tax expense		44,977	10,874
Income tax expense		-	-
Surplus/(deficit) after income tax expense for the year attributable to the members of South East Councils Climate Change Alliance Inc.	9	<u>44,977</u>	<u>10,874</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to the members of South East Councils Climate Change Alliance Inc.		<u>44,977</u>	<u>10,874</u>
Profit attributable to:			
Members of the parent entity		<u>44,977</u>	<u>10,874</u>
Total comprehensive income attributable to:			
Members of the parent entity		44,977	10,874

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		574,997	581,578
Trade receivables		-	4,609
Prepayments		8,988	9,796
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		583,985	595,983
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant and equipment	5	1,491	421
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		1,491	421
TOTAL ASSETS		585,476	596,404
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	6	30,801	53,538
Employee benefits	7	17,451	17,143
Revenue received in advance		332,466	368,201
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		380,718	438,882
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee benefits	7	10,524	8,265
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		10,524	8,265
TOTAL LIABILITIES		391,242	447,147
NET ASSETS		194,234	149,257
EQUITY			
New projects reserve	8	110,000	57,295
Retained earnings	9	84,234	91,962
TOTAL EQUITY		194,234	149,257

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

2021

	Retained Earnings	New Project Reserve	Provision Fund Reserve	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2020	91,962	57,295	-	149,257
Surplus / (deficit) after income tax expense for the year	44,977	-	-	44,977
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	-	-	-	-
Transfer to and from reserves	(52,705)	(57,295)	110,000	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	84,234	-	110,000	194,234
Balance at 30 June 2021	84,234	-	110,000	194,234

2020

	Retained Earnings	New Project Reserve	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2019	81,088	57,295	138,383
Surplus / (deficit) after income tax expense for the year	10,874	-	10,874
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	91,962	57,295	149,257
Balance at 30 June 2020	91,962	57,295	149,257

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	2021	2020
Note	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST)	611,147	583,900
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)	(617,002)	(396,775)
Interest received	1,059	3,042
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	11 <u>(4,796)</u>	<u>190,167</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	<u>(1,785)</u>	-
Net cash used by investing activities	<u>(1,785)</u>	-
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Net cash used by financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	(6,581)	190,167
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>581,578</u>	<u>391,411</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	<u><u>574,997</u></u>	<u><u>581,578</u></u>

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SOUTH EAST COUNCILS CLIMATE CHANGE ALLIANCE INC

Report on the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of South East Councils Climate Change Alliance Inc (the association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, the statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by the members of the committee.

In our opinion, the financial report presents a true and fair view, in all material respects, of the financial position of South East Councils Climate Change Alliance Inc as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 2 to the financial statements, and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 Victoria*.

Basis for Opinion

We have conducted our audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the *Australian and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist South East Councils Climate Change Alliance Inc to meet the requirements of *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 Victoria*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Committee Members for the Financial Report

The Committee Members are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 Victoria* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committee members are responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee members either intend to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



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