

Climate Change Strategy Report Card 23/24FY

GOAL 1 ●

Climate Action is in everything we do



- Part of risk assessments for resealing, asphalt and bridge construction capital works projects.
- Climate updates included in annual planning processes for Communications and Customer Services.
- Sustainability Newsletter distributed on bi-monthly basis.
- Climate Change Leadership Group meets on monthly basis.

GOAL 4 ●

Our infrastructure is robust in the face of current and future climate change impacts



- Working on panel of suppliers for bituminous surfacing to incorporate circular economy requirements.
- Castlemaine Railway Precinct Master Plan incorporates climate resilience opportunities.
- Climate change projections incorporated into requirements for Newstead and Harcourt flood studies. Planning controls recommended from study to be implemented via future planning scheme amendment.

GOAL 2 ●

We transition in a just and equitable way



- Replacement of gas appliances with electric incorporated into routine maintenance and replacement schedule.
- Supported 'Home Upgrades for Climate Resilience' workbook produced by Castlemaine Institute
- Active Transport Strategy developed, including annual Action Plans, aspirational mapping, and Active Transport External Working Group.

GOAL 5 ●

Our community is connected and has the capacity to adapt to climate change



- MASC 'Connector Network' meetings incorporate climate change opportunities.
- Emergency Management Team implementing resilience funding, including community events such as 'Whole Loddon Love', Baringhup.
- Community groups and organisations supported to deliver local climate resilience initiatives through MASC sustainability newsletter, climate communications month and other project and event support.

GOAL 3 ●

Our natural environment and green spaces are healthy, resilient and increasing



- Feasibility study underway into alternative water sources for Botanic Gardens.
- Roadside Conservation Management Plan developed.
- Joined 'Healthy Landscapes Project' to enhance capacity of rural land owners to implement sustainable land management practices from July 2024 – June 2027.

GOAL 6 ●

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(Actions will be reported through the Waste Management Strategy 2023-2033)