



MOUNT BARKER
DISTRICT COUNCIL

2026 - 2030 Climate Change Action Plan



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Our 2044 vision To be the most liveable region in South Australia.

Which means...

“A liveable place is somewhere that is: safe, attractive, inclusive, and environmentally sustainable; with affordable and diverse types of housing, public open space, local shops, health and community services, leisure and cultural opportunities; with opportunities for employment and education all accessible by convenient public transport, walking and cycling.”

— Australian Urban Observatory, 2024

Our five pillars to achieve this are...



Executive Summary

Climate change is already affecting the Mount Barker District through rising temperatures, increased bushfire risk, more frequent extreme weather events, and growing pressure on infrastructure, ecosystems and community wellbeing. As one of South Australia's fastest-growing regions, there is an urgent need for Mount Barker to both reduce emissions and strengthen resilience to protect people, assets and services now and into the future. Proactive climate action also creates opportunities to improve liveability, support innovation and economic growth.

The Climate Change Action Plan 2026–2030 is Council's four-year implementation plan to deliver on the Environment and Sustainability Strategy objective to adapt and build resilience to the impacts of climate change and work towards reducing emissions in line with state and federal targets.

Key priorities

- Strengthen climate risk management
- Demonstrate sustainable purchasing
- Reduce emissions
- Support community climate action

This Climate Change Action Plan is one of five interlinked action plans nested under Council's Environment and Sustainability Strategy. Many actions in this Plan are closely connected to priorities in the other action plans, recognising that emissions reduction, climate resilience and liveability outcomes are interdependent.

The Plan has been developed building on established evidence, previous Council strategies and regional climate initiatives, including regional climate partnerships and a risk assessment. Detailed background information is referenced separately, allowing this Action Plan to remain focused on actions and delivery.

The actions in this Plan contribute to Council's 2035 climate targets, including:

- reducing Council emissions by at least 60% from 2023 levels on a pathway to net zero by 2050
- supporting a reduction in community emissions to under 164,000 tonnes CO₂e per year by 2035
- treating priority climate risks to Council operations and services to acceptable levels.

A summary of the 14 priority actions is provided overpage. Over the next four years, this Plan will guide practical, coordinated action to reduce emissions, manage climate risks and strengthen resilience for Council and the Mount Barker community.



Climate Change Action Plan

Summary of Actions and Strategic Alignment

REF	ACTION	CONTRIBUTE TO ESS PRIORITIES			
		STRENGTHEN CLIMATE RISK MANAGEMENT	DEMONSTRATE SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING	REDUCE EMISSIONS	SUPPORT COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION
Governance, policy and processes					
C1	Climate change policy	X	X	X	X
C2	Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) guidelines	X	X	X	
Track, plan and manage					
C3	Fleet and plant transition planning	X	X	X	
C4	Public reporting on climate risk and emissions	X		X	
C5	Embed climate risk in project decision-making	X		X	
C6	Strengthen climate considerations in emergency management	X			
Educate, inspire and involve					
C7	Community climate education and awareness	X			X
C8	Foster community-led emissions reduction and resilience	X		X	X
Protect and maintain					
C9	Build and apply internal climate risk capability	X	X	X	
C10	Explore township refuge and recovery hub functions	X			
Establish, expand or restore					
C11	Deliver the Corporate Energy, Emissions and Fleet Transition Plan		X	X	
Partnerships and advocacy					
C12	Strategic climate and energy partnerships	X			X
C13	Climate-responsive development partnerships	X			
C14	Support climate-resilient local food systems				X
C15	Strengthen environment through Council’s Advocacy Plan	X		X	X

Introduction

The Climate Change Action Plan sets out Council's priority actions to respond to climate change over the next four years.

It focuses on practical measures to adapt and build resilience to climate impacts, while working towards reducing emissions, in line with Council's Environment and Sustainability Strategy and state and federal targets. It identifies where Council will lead by example through its own operations and decisions, where it will foster community action, and where partnerships and advocacy are essential to achieve broader outcomes.

The Plan includes the following areas of climate action:

Mitigation and adaptation

Climate action requires both reducing emissions and adapting to impacts that are already occurring. Mitigation focuses on reducing greenhouse gas emissions from Council operations and supporting emissions reduction across the community. Adaptation focuses on managing climate risks such as heat, bushfire, flooding and extreme weather to protect people, assets, services and ecosystems.

Climate risk as a core business issue

Climate change is treated as a whole-of-organisation risk, not a standalone environmental issue. This Plan aims to better embed climate considerations into decision-making, project planning, emergency management, and long-term financial and asset planning.

Council and community roles

Council has dual roles to lead by example by firstly reducing emissions and strengthening resilience of its assets and services and secondly fostering community action by providing information, partnerships and programs that support residents and businesses to take climate action.

This Climate Change Action Plan 2026–2030 replaces Council's Climate Change Action Plan adopted in 2019 and builds on progress achieved to date, updated evidence and current priorities. It has been developed drawing on previous Council strategies, regional climate partnerships, monitoring and evidence bases, and input from Council staff and the community. Supporting background reports, technical analysis and regional plans are publicly available and referenced throughout this document.

The Climate Change Action Plan covers the period 2026–2030. Actions will be implemented, monitored and reviewed through Council's existing planning, reporting and governance processes, with progress informing future updates to Council strategies and action plans.

Guiding Principles

Our District's environment supports a liveable, resilient, thriving and creative community. That's why we value it so highly. These endorsed principles from the Environment and Sustainability Strategy establish the foundation for Council's approach, actions and decision-making.

A better future together

Council will work proactively with First Nations, community groups, developers, landholders, the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board (HFLB) and other partners – and embed action across Council – to amplify shared efforts and outcomes.

Celebrate, empower and inspire

We seek to inspire a love of nature and sustainable living by telling stories, celebrating our assets and achievements, connecting people and nature, sharing knowledge, and empowering people to act.

Protect and prioritise nature

We will protect and connect wildlife habitats and grow protected areas, prioritising planting indigenous species where practical, because healthy ecosystems are vital to a thriving community.

Take urgent climate action

Council will take immediate and ambitious action on the climate emergency, working with the community to reduce our impact and adapt to increased storms, heat, bushfires, flood and drought.

Be bold yet practical

Council will take bold action on immediate priorities, learning and improving along the way. Our efforts will be practical, evidence-based and achievable, with clear pathways to success. Council will lead by example, pursue best practice, and advocate for positive change.

Strategic Framework

Council's strategic framework

The Climate Change Action Plan 2026–2030 is a four-year action plan nested under Council's Environment and Sustainability Strategy and supports delivery of Council's Community Plan vision and priorities.

This Action Plan forms part of a suite of five interlinked four-year action plans under the Environment and Sustainability Strategy, alongside:

- Waste to Resources
- Township Greening
- Biodiversity and Nature
- Integrated Water Management

Together, these action plans provide an integrated approach to improving environmental outcomes, reducing risk and enhancing liveability. Many actions

in this Plan align with and reinforce actions in the other plans, recognising that climate resilience, emissions reduction, greening, water management and biodiversity outcomes are interdependent.

This Plan also connects with and supports implementation of other Council strategies and plans, including (but not limited to):

- Integrated Transport Strategy (including active and low-emissions transport)
- Strategic Asset Management Plan
- Long Term Financial Plan
- Emergency Management Plan
- Public Health and Wellbeing planning
- Corporate Energy and Emissions Reduction Plan
- Advocacy Plan



Figure 1: Strategic context

Alignment with state and national policy

The Climate Change Action Plan aligns with relevant South Australian and Australian Government policy and legislative frameworks, including emissions reduction targets, climate risk management expectations and disaster resilience. This alignment helps ensure action is consistent with broader government direction and can respond to emerging requirements, funding opportunities and reporting expectations over time.

Regional collaboration

Council is an active partner in Resilient Hills & Coasts, a regional climate partnership supporting collaborative climate action across the Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island.

Regional collaboration plays an important role in strengthening evidence, sharing knowledge, avoiding duplication and progressing climate action that is more effective when delivered collectively. Actions in this Plan complement regional priorities and initiatives progressed through Resilient Hills & Coasts and other partnerships, while remaining focused on Council's local role and responsibilities.

Further reading

For more detail, please refer to the following resources available at www.mountbarker.sa.gov.au

- *Environment and Sustainability Strategy 2025*
Sets Council's long-term vision, objectives, guiding principles and priority focus areas for environment and sustainability, and provides the strategic framework.
- *State of the Environment Report 2024.*
A detailed evidence base including the strategic and policy context, community values, benefits, emerging trends, status and review of progress since 2018 across key environmental themes.
- *Resilient Hills & Coasts Climate Change Adaptation Plan and ReCAP Backcast (2024)*
Provides regional climate projections, risk analysis, adaptation priorities and case studies developed collaboratively across the Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island, informing Council's local climate risk and resilience actions.



Current Snapshot

Climate change is already affecting the Mount Barker District through rising temperatures, increased bushfire risk, more frequent extreme weather events and growing pressure on infrastructure, ecosystems and community wellbeing. These impacts are expected to intensify over time, increasing risks to Council services, assets, public safety and liveability.

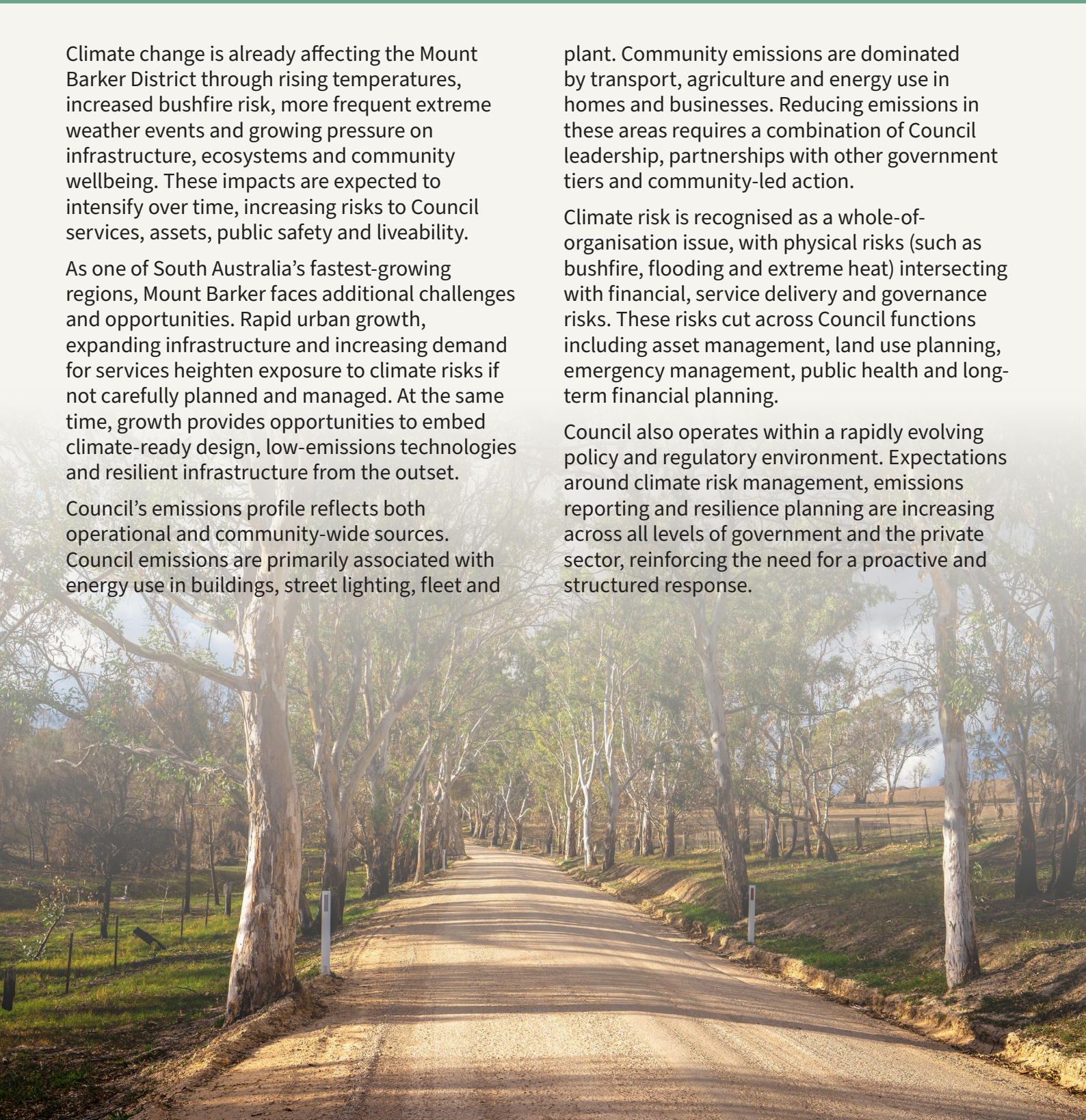
As one of South Australia's fastest-growing regions, Mount Barker faces additional challenges and opportunities. Rapid urban growth, expanding infrastructure and increasing demand for services heighten exposure to climate risks if not carefully planned and managed. At the same time, growth provides opportunities to embed climate-ready design, low-emissions technologies and resilient infrastructure from the outset.

Council's emissions profile reflects both operational and community-wide sources. Council emissions are primarily associated with energy use in buildings, street lighting, fleet and

plant. Community emissions are dominated by transport, agriculture and energy use in homes and businesses. Reducing emissions in these areas requires a combination of Council leadership, partnerships with other government tiers and community-led action.

Climate risk is recognised as a whole-of-organisation issue, with physical risks (such as bushfire, flooding and extreme heat) intersecting with financial, service delivery and governance risks. These risks cut across Council functions including asset management, land use planning, emergency management, public health and long-term financial planning.

Council also operates within a rapidly evolving policy and regulatory environment. Expectations around climate risk management, emissions reporting and resilience planning are increasing across all levels of government and the private sector, reinforcing the need for a proactive and structured response.



Community emissions profile

Understanding where emissions are generated across the Mount Barker District helps target action where it will have the greatest impact. While Council can lead by example through its own operations, most emissions occur beyond Council's direct control, reinforcing the importance of partnerships, advocacy and community-led action.

The snapshot below provides an overview of community-wide emissions sources in the District, highlighting the relative contribution of transport, agriculture, residential and commercial energy use. This profile informs the focus of emissions reduction actions in this Plan and supports alignment with state and national pathways to net zero.

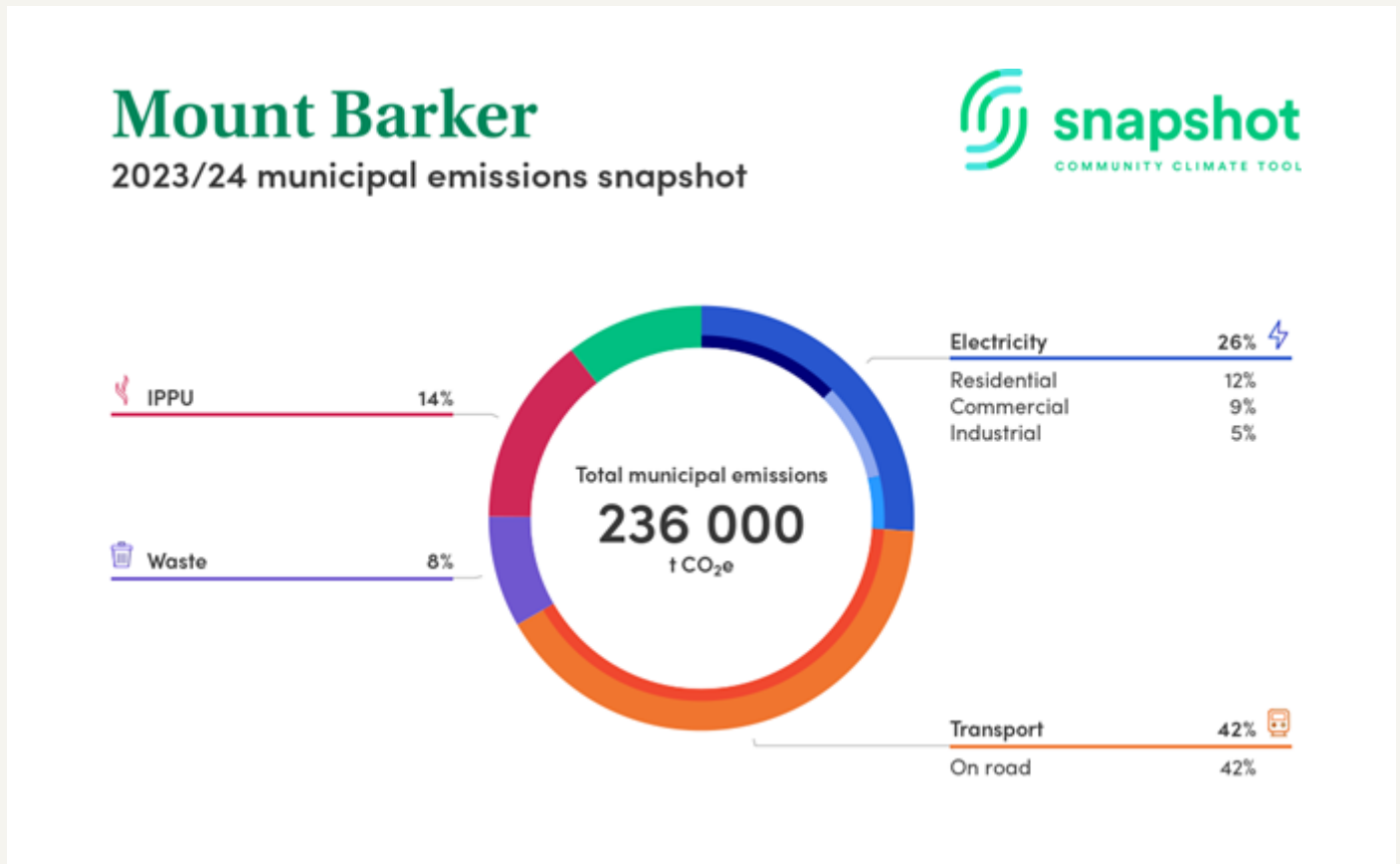


Figure 2: Estimated community-wide greenhouse gas emissions profile for the Mount Barker District (Snapshot Climate).

Key Achievements to Date

Since adopting its first Climate Change Action Plan and declaring a climate emergency in 2019, Council has made meaningful progress across mitigation, adaptation and climate risk management.

While these achievements provide a strong foundation, climate impacts are accelerating and expectations on Council continue to grow.

Key recent achievements include:

Building climate risk capability

- Completion of climate governance and risk assessments and high-level integration of climate considerations into public health, emergency management and asset planning.
- Completion of physical and transitional climate risk assessment in 2026 as part of development of the Environment and Sustainability Strategy.

Reducing emissions and improving energy performance

- Installation of solar PV across multiple Council facilities
- Transition of much of Council's light vehicle fleet to hybrid vehicles
- Development of a Corporate Energy and Emissions Reduction framework and participation in state-supported net zero programs

Supporting community climate action

- Delivery of education programs, forums and resources to support household and business action
- Ongoing partnerships to promote sustainable homes, low emissions living and active transport

Regional collaboration and advocacy

- Active participation in Resilient Hills and Coasts regional partnership, contributing to shared research, advocacy and delivery of climate adaptation and resilience initiatives
- Successful attraction of external funding for collaborative climate and resilience projects



Objective

Adapt and build resilience to the impacts of climate change and work towards reducing emissions in line with state and federal targets.

Why this matters

Climate change is impacting community resilience, health, the economy and nature across the Mount Barker District. There is an urgent need to adapt to climate risks while reducing emissions to mitigate its impacts. Strengthening climate risk management, sustainable procurement, and community-led initiatives will help safeguard our environment, infrastructure and liveability.

Proactively addressing climate change builds resilience to extreme weather, supports long-term sustainability, and aligns with state and federal targets—unlocking opportunities for innovation and economic growth.

Key priorities

Strengthen climate risk management

Identify and assess climate risks across Council operations and assets.

Demonstrate sustainable purchasing

Embed sustainability considerations and requirements into procurement practices.

Reduce emissions

Measure Council emissions and report progress towards net zero.

Support community climate action

Encourage and support residents and businesses to take climate action through education, information, promotion and incentives.

Related priorities and integration

Climate change priorities intersect with other sustainability areas, highlighting the interconnected nature of Council's approach. In particular:

- **Increase sustainable transport** is addressed through Council's Integrated Transport Strategy, which promotes electric vehicles, active and public transport options.
- **Stronger, more resilient food systems** are supported through public health planning and actions across water and waste.
- **Flood hazard management and circular economy / resource recovery** are addressed through the Integrated Water Management and Waste to Resources action plans respectively.

Actions

This section sets out the actions Council will deliver between 2026 and 2030.

Actions are organised into functional areas that reflect how Council operates, from strategy and decision-making, through to service delivery, partnerships and on-ground outcomes. Using a consistent functional structure across all action plans helps embed priorities into core business and supports coordinated implementation, monitoring and reporting. It also helps ensure responsibility, timing and budget allocations are aligned to the appropriate stage of work.

The actions listed are not intended to be exhaustive. They represent a prioritised set of actions where focused effort over the next four years will have the greatest impact in progressing Council's objectives and 'moving the needle' on outcomes, alongside the continued delivery of core services and existing programs.

Each action may contribute to multiple strategic priorities and may also support outcomes across other action plans, reflecting the interconnected nature of Council's work.

Governance, policy and processes

Establishing or updating the policies, frameworks and internal processes that guide Council decision-making and enable improved implementation.

Track, plan and manage

Building the evidence base, tools and systems needed to plan effectively, manage performance and support informed decisions over time.

Educate, inspire and involve

Supporting learning, engagement and participation to build capability, influence behaviour and enable action by Council and the community.

Protect and maintain

Managing risks, maintaining existing assets and services, and carrying out any relevant regulation roles.

Establish, expand or restore

Delivering new projects and on-ground actions that create or improve assets, services, systems or environments.

Partnerships and advocacy

Working with partners, stakeholders and other levels of government to align effort, leverage resources and influence outcomes beyond Council's direct control.

Climate Change Actions Table

ACTION	KPI	INDICATIVE RESOURCING*	TIMING				LEAD	PLAN LINKS			
			26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30		R	G	N	W
Governance, Policy and Processes											
C1. Climate change policy Develop and adopt a climate change policy aligned with Council’s Environment and Sustainability Strategy principles to help prioritise environmental outcomes across Council supported activities.	Policy adopted	Additional staff time	X	X			Strategic Planning	X	X	X	X
C2. Environmentally Sustainable Design Guidelines Develop Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) guidelines for council projects, aligned to ESS principles and mitigation hierarchy. Once endorsed, update relevant project planning and decision-making processes to embed biodiversity and climate risk considerations across operations.	Guidelines developed and integrated into Council processes	Existing staff time and expert help \$11-\$50K	X	X			Assets	X	X	X	X
Track, Plan and Manage											
C3. Fleet and Plant Transition Planning Develop an electric vehicle and plant transition plan to reduce emissions over time and improve operational resilience. Integrate into Council Solar and battery storage to amplify assets and energy efficiency.	Transition plan completed	Project \$11-\$50K	X	X			Financial services	X			
C4. Public reporting on climate risk and emissions performance Establish a consistent approach to tracking and reporting Council’s climate risks and emissions performance including progress reporting in the Annual Report.	Climate reporting included in Annual report	Existing staff time and expert help \$10K-\$20K	X	X	X	X	Strategic Planning				
C5. Embed climate risk in project decision making Establish staff guidance on standard positions to support consideration of climate risks, resilience measures and whole-of life costs in Council projects, proportionate to project scale.	Support tool created	Project \$5-\$50K	X	X			Assets and Projects and Capital Delivery	X	X	X	X
C6. Strengthen Climate Considerations in Emergency Management Build Council’s Emergency Management Plan with considerations of climate change. e.g. scenario exercises for compound events and consider establishing climate resilience and disaster recovery reserve in LTFP.	Climate triggers integrated	Existing staff time			X	X	Operations			X	X

ACTION	KPI	INDICATIVE RESOURCING*	TIMING				LEAD	PLAN LINKS			
			26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30		R	G	N	W
Educate, Inspire and Involve											
C7. Community climate education and awareness Provide community education on local climate hazards, energy efficiency, housing, human health and adaptation. This includes communicating about the scale of climate impacts affecting the district, so that community members understand the urgency and their role alongside Council action. Showcase local low-emission business and residential demonstration projects to inspire broader participation.	At least 6 activities or resources delivered per year	Existing staff time	X	X	X	X	Strategic Planning	X	X	X	X
C8. Foster Community-led Emissions reduction and resilience Deliver programs that promote sustainable housing, active transport, and community-led resilience such as <i>Living Lightly Locally and Homes for Tomorrow</i>	Number participants engaged	Existing staff time / grants leveraged	X	X			Strategic Planning	X	X	X	X
Protect and Maintain											
C9. Build and Apply Internal Climate Risk Capability Strengthen internal capability on climate risk management for risk owners and risk managers, maintain a corporate Climate Risk Register to support informed decision making and treatment of high and very high climate risks to council operations.	At least 1 capability session per year Climate Risk Register reviewed and updated annually	Existing staff time. New projects via annual business plan costs TBD	X	X	X	X	Risk and Governance				
C10. Explore township refuge and recovery hub functions Explore opportunities to support township refuge and recovery hub functions in key council facilities, in partnership with local community groups and emergency services organisations, with backup power, water and communications for extreme events.	Feasibility options identified and prioritised	Additional staff time or \$11-\$50K				X	Property				
Establish, Expand or Restore											
C11. Deliver the Corporate Energy and Emissions Reduction Plan Deliver Council’s Corporate Energy Plan including implementation of priority actions such as solar PV, lighting, HVAC, ICT upgrades.	Priority actions delivered in line with the plans	Existing staff time plus capital project costs TBD	X	X	X		Assets	X			

ACTION	KPI	INDICATIVE RESOURCING*	TIMING				LEAD	PLAN LINKS			
			26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30		R	G	N	W
Partnerships and Advocacy											
C12. Strategic Climate and Energy Partnerships¹ Continue as active partnership member with Resilient Hills and Coast and strengthen key partnerships (regional, academic, industry, and State Government) and pursue opportunities for adaptation, renewable energy and storage projects, trials and advocacy.	At least one joint initiative or funding bid per year	Annual contribution \$11-\$50K	X	X	X	X	Strategic Planning	X	X	X	X
C13. Climate-responsive development partnerships¹ Foster proactive partnership with developers to raise product and development standards and advocate for climate risks assessment for major land divisions.	At least 1 formal developer engagement per year	Existing staff time	X	X			City Development	X	X	X	X
C14. Support climate-resilient local food systems Support sustainable and climate responsive local food systems including through involvement in the Hills and Fleurieu Local Food Futures Project and local food hub investigations.	At least 1 initiative per year	Existing staff time/\$5-\$10K	X	X	X	X	Strategic Planning	X	X	X	X
C15. Strengthen environment through Council’s Advocacy Plan Review and update Council’s Advocacy Plan to explicitly include climate resilience and environmental priorities, with a focus on systemic issues such as nature positive, township greening outcomes, health and wellbeing impacts, climate-responsive development standards, infrastructure funding, waste and resource recovery, and integrated water management.	Advocacy Plan updates to includes environment priorities	Existing staff time	X	X	X	X	Strategic Planning	X	X	X	X

*Resourcing is indicative only and subject to annual budget processes. Existing staff time = action can be delivered within existing roles and workloads | Additional staff time = action is not currently resourced but may be delivered through reprioritisation or existing workloads | FTE establishment = delivery of action is expected to require new staff capacity, subject to future Council consideration and approval.

¹ C12 and C13 connect with Council's Integrated Transport Strategy which address transport emissions and set out Council's approach to active transport infrastructure and climate responsive transport development standards.

Implementation

The Climate Change Action Plan 2026–2030 will be implemented through Council’s existing governance, planning and delivery processes. Actions will be led by nominated business units, with delivery supported through collaboration across Council where required.

Implementation will be staged over the four-year period, recognising that some actions focus on developing or updating policies, plans or tools, while others relate to delivery or on-ground outcomes. Where actions require additional resourcing, these will be considered through Council’s annual business planning and budget processes.

Council will actively seek to leverage external funding, partnerships and collaborative delivery opportunities to support implementation. This includes pursuing grants and joint initiatives with regional partners, State Government, research organisations and industry, particularly where shared challenges or economies of scale exist.

Delivery of this Plan will be coordinated alongside Council’s other Environment and Sustainability Strategy action plans to maximise alignment, manage dependencies and avoid duplication. Where appropriate, Council will adapt and build on existing tools, guidelines, policies and resources developed by Council or partner organisations, rather than duplicating effort. For example, shared templates, regional guidance or co-developed programs may be tailored to local needs.



Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting

Progress against actions will be monitored internally on a regular basis, using the success measures identified for each action.

Key climate indicators, including Council emissions and priority climate risks, will be tracked over time and reported through existing corporate reporting mechanisms. This includes public reporting where appropriate, such as inclusion in Council's Annual Report and other relevant publications.

Climate science, policy settings, funding opportunities and community expectations continue to evolve. Actions, priorities and delivery approaches may be refined over time in response to new evidence or data, changes in state or federal policy or targets, emerging climate risks or events and organisational learning and feedback.

Contribute towards 2035 targets

The actions in this Plan also directly contribute to Council's longer-term climate targets to 2035 in the Environment Sustainability Strategy:

1. Reduce Council emissions by at least 60% from 2023 levels by 2035, on a pathway to net zero by 2050.

(Council emissions in 2023 were 5,643 tonnes CO₂e. Organisational emissions inventory to be repeated annually.)

2. Support South Australia's community emissions target by reducing local emissions to under 164,000 tonnes CO₂e per year by 2035, on a pathway to net zero by 2050.

(Mount Barker District Council community emissions in 2022/23 were 234,000 tonnes CO₂e. Source updated annually at snapshotclimate.com.au)

3. Treat all priority climate risks to Council operations and services to acceptable levels.

(First-pass climate risk assessment to identify, assess and prioritise risks by 2026, with action plans reviewed at least every two years. "Acceptable levels" refer to Council's defined risk tolerance thresholds, which may differ by risk type or service area.)

Glossary of Terms

TERM	DEFINITION
Adaptation	Actions that help people, infrastructure, services and ecosystems adjust to climate impacts that are already occurring or locked in, to reduce harm and take advantage of emerging opportunities as the climate changes.
Biodiversity / biodiverse	The variety of all plants, animals and microorganisms, their genes, and the ecosystems they live in.
Biodiversity Sensitive Urban Design (BSUD)	An approach to planning, design and development that seeks to protect, enhance and connect habitats, support native species, and embed nature into streets, buildings and public spaces alongside other urban functions.
Climate change	Long-term changes in temperature, rainfall patterns and the frequency and severity of extreme weather events, driven primarily by greenhouse gas emissions from human activities.
Climate risk	The potential impacts of climate change on Council operations, assets, services, communities and the environment. Climate risk includes physical risks (such as heat, bushfire and flooding), as well as transition and governance risks associated with policy, technology and changing expectations.
Ecosystem	A community of living organisms interacting with each other in their habitat.
Emissions	The release of gases, such as carbon dioxide and methane, into the atmosphere from activities like burning fossil fuels
Emissions reduction (mitigation)	Actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions from Council operations and support emissions reduction across the community, contributing to state and federal targets and net zero pathways.
Infrastructure	Human-engineered structures like roads, buildings, footpaths and carparks.
Mitigation	See <i>Emissions reduction</i> .
Net zero emissions	A state where the amount of greenhouse gas emissions released into the atmosphere is balanced by the amount removed or offset, resulting in no net increase in atmospheric greenhouse gases.
Resilient / resilience	Able to survive, adapt and thrive no matter what kind of chronic stresses and acute shocks are experienced.
Risk treatment	Actions taken to reduce, manage or accept identified risks to levels consistent with Council's risk tolerance.
Resource recovery	The process of obtaining materials or energy from discarded materials.
Sustainable / sustainability	Responsibly managing our current needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. This includes social, financial and environmental resources.
Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD)	Planning that manages the water cycle sustainably, promoting rainwater reuse, reducing runoff and incorporating green infrastructure.



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