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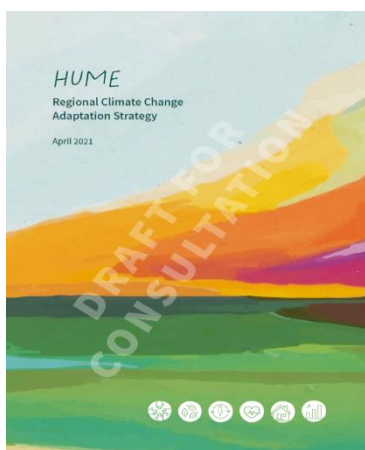
Welcome to our newsletter combining news and information on renewable energy and climate change adaptation in our region and beyond.

The Victorian Government is committed to [being climate ready and resilient by 2050](#) and is helping our regional communities and organisations work together to adapt to the impacts of climate change. \$9.3 million is being invested in the [Supporting our Regions to Adapt program](#).



The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Hume region is working with our communities to develop a Regional Climate Change Adaptation Strategy (RAS), which identifies our regional priorities, and the necessary skills and knowledge required by communities to adapt to climate change.

Special edition - RAS public consultation launch



We welcome you to our special launch of the public consultation phase for the draft Hume Regional Adaptation Strategy (RAS).

The draft RAS reflects climate change adaptation issues that Hume residents have identified as priorities through 18 months of consultation. We talked with youth groups and network projects, Climate Ready Hume working groups, community and youth mini-grants projects, regional grants projects, health services, agriculture research and projects, education and business projects, and community workshops.



Since commencement of engagement programs mid-2019, Climate Ready Hume has connected with over 5180 individuals (across youth, household, community groups, education and schools, business, renewable energy, agribusiness, natural environment services, agencies and local government). A summary of all activities will be shared with the final Strategy in July.

We invite you to read the draft RAS and give us your feedback through the [Climate Ready Hume page](#) on the Engage Victoria website.

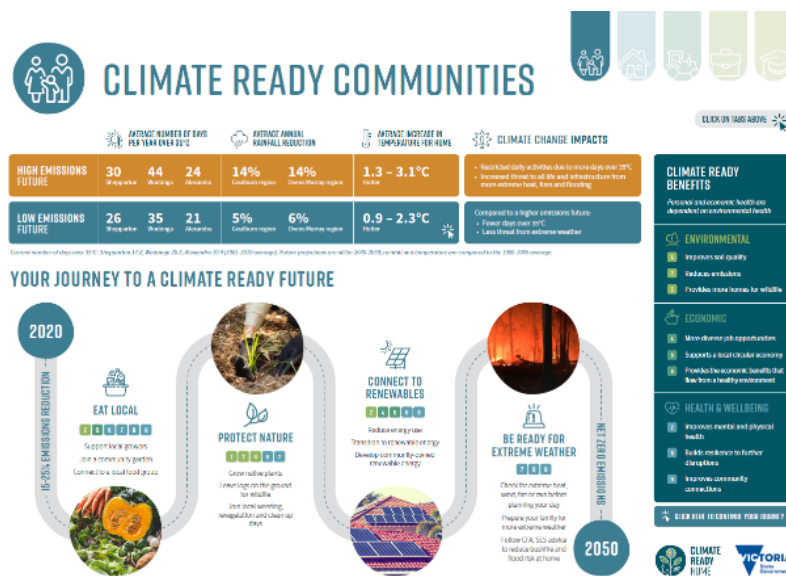
The consultation opens on 20 April and closes 25 May. Click [HERE](#) to access the consultation and a short (four question) survey.

You will also find these resources on the [EngageVic site](#):

- the *Journey* infographic and Digi-Kit series
- archived newsletters and subscription form
- latest climate and water projections
- policy and program weblinks (RE Roadmap included) and resources
- current project data
- case study booklet participation EOI form

Journey and Digi-Kit series

We are pleased to be able to share with you our free ‘*Journey*’ Infographic Series and ‘Digi-Kit’ as part of the draft RAS launch. Find these resources at [EngageVic](#).



This collection of infographics makes up the *Journey* series, which, along with the Digi-Kit, shares current climate predictions in an easy-to-understand way. The series is filled with tips and resources for practical adaptation measures you can take at home, work or at school.

The Digi-Kit will support users to undertake research with trusted sources of information about climate change and how to adapt to climate change. We are continuing to grow this series over the Climate Ready Hume Program.

The topics covered in the Digi-Kit are:

1. Building climate knowledge (climate change science and practical information)
2. Growing climate skills (a range of ways to adapt to a changing climate)
3. Taking climate action (ways to reduce the impacts of climate change)
4. Understanding the environmental, social and economic benefits of acting on climate change

Have we missed something? Please let us know if there are other useful links to resources we should include in the Digi-Kit. Contact us at climateready.hume@delwp.vic.gov.au

Would you, your community or organisation like to share your story on local climate change action?

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[Post your story](#)

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Sneak peek: celebrating adaptation in our community

Acres and Acres Co-operative's mission is to create a network of market gardens across the Upper Murray and North East Victoria that will build resilience through the production of fresh produce. It also raises awareness of climate change adaptation and to builds capacity within Hume Regional communities (North East and Goulburn Broken areas) to adapt to a changing climate.

Acres and Acres uses soil regeneration practices and world class innovation to make it financially viable and sustainable for local communities to grow their own food.

The co-operative hopes to share knowledge, tools and skills to provide people from all walks of life with an opportunity to grow their own business or community income with minimal outlay.

The Victorian Government is supporting Acres and Acres through the Climate Ready Hume program. For more, visit [Acres and Acres website](#) and check out the video on [Facebook](#)



Photo: Produce harvested from Acres and Acres market garden.

Source: Acres and Acres website.

2021 Across the Arts Forum: Elemental Art and Sustainability



NOW TAKING BOOKINGS!

The biennial Across the Arts forum returns to Wangaratta for a four-day focus on science in art from 29 April – 2 May 2021. Climate Ready Hume is excited to be supporting the 2021 Across the Arts Forum, a Goulburn and North East Arts Alliance event.

This year's program brings together practicing artists to host workshops exploring multiple art practices and the connection of art and science. The theme 'Elemental' will highlight experiences of our North East environment, and the care for our waterways and aquatic biodiversity in the face of climate change.

<https://ganeaa.com.au/ata-program/jodie-goldring-weaving-playpuses/>

DELWP is co-sponsoring the Environmental Evening, Youth Fish Puppet workshops, Platypus weaving workshop and the online Digital Photography Prize. For the full program and to make your bookings visit <https://ganeaa.com.au/across-the-arts-forum-2021/>. Workshops are open to everyone.



Across the Arts
WORKSHOPS
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Image courtesy Helen Hill 'Exotic Plants' (detail)

Goulburn And North East Arts Alliance
PRESENTS
ELEMENTAL
Across the Arts Forum 2021
29 April - 2 May
@ GOTAFE Wangaratta



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