



**Pyrenees**  
Shire Council

# Climate Change Response and Mitigation Action Plan

*Adopted by Council 16 February 2021*

What is changing	How is this impacting on PSC and its communities?	How are we responding?	2021-2024 Ongoing Measures
Hotter and dryer weather	Impact on agriculture commodities	Use research to inform sector of mitigation options (e.g. Future Landscapes Project)	Continue to work with regional councils and other peak bodies to assist the sector to grow and to be efficient and productive.
	Impact on natural environment	Work with peak bodies (eg DELWP) and access govt funding to implement programs to protect and enhance biodiversity	Continue to work with peak bodies (eg DELWP) to access govt funding to implement programs to protect and enhance biodiversity
	Increased demand for water	Upgrade and maintain critical water points for emergency and for stock and domestic needs	Complete Drought Communities program of works including the upgrade of critical water points.
			Work with water authorities to investigate and deliver improved water supply systems for rural communities.
	Heatwave events	Heatwave Plan: Education and advise Places for relief (resource centres & pools)	Continue to review and implement Council's Heatwave plan.
	Increased tree planting in towns to provide cooler spaces	Continue the tree planting program and commit funds for ongoing tree maintenance	
More extreme weather events	Increased risk due to natural disaster	Investment in emergency management planning and response	Continue to invest and advocate for funding for Emergency Management.
		Invest in fire prevention works including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roadside and township slashing</li> </ul>	Continue to invest in fire prevention works including roadside slashing
		Ensure communities plan and prepare by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire education</li> <li>• free green waste disposal at transfer stations</li> <li>• property inspection and enforcement</li> </ul>	Continue to support communities to plan and prepare to manage fire risks.

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		Plan for flood events and incorporate into planning scheme	Undertake Planning Scheme Amendments to incorporate overlays for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upper Mt Emu creek</li> <li>• Avoca River</li> <li>• Raglan</li> </ul>
		Additional flood mitigation measures	Investigate and implement flood mitigation measures where appropriate
			Invest in resilient roads and bridges (e.g. floodway structures)
Greenhouse gas emissions continuing to increase impacting on future temperatures	Community expectation of Council's social responsibility to minimise environmental footprint	Measuring and reporting on Council's energy use	Monitor and report on Council's energy consumption
		Advocating for government leadership in setting targets and funding for GHG reduction	Continue to advocate for government leadership in setting targets and funding for GHG reduction.
		Participation with other bodies to investigate measures and bring about effective change (e.g. CVGA, DELWP Regional Climate Change Planning)	Participate with regional councils, GVGA, GNet and others where appropriate to identify measures and take action to bring about a reduction in net GHG emissions.
		Participate in joint procurement of renewable power	Seek to finalise contracts for the purchase of power from renewable energy sources in conjunction with other participating councils.
		Provide rooftop solar and other energy saving measures for Council buildings (\$100k + invested in 2020)	Utilise and seek to expand roof top solar on Council buildings.
			Participate in the CVGA MASH program to make it easier for Pyrenees residents to convert to solar.



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		Replace street lights with energy efficient lighting	Continue to replace remaining street lighting with energy efficient lights where funding allows.
		Reduce waste through improved Waste Management and Recycling practices by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and implement Transition Plan Community education</li> </ul>	Take steps to reduce waste to landfill and improve efficiencies in waste and recycling management through: Implementing a new waste contract commencing in 2021
		Participate in regional waste solutions	Participation with regional councils and others to identify measures and take action, prioritising regional waste solutions.
		Reduce vehicle travel by providing virtual meetings and remote working options for staff	Continue to cater for remote working and virtual meetings to reduce reliance on vehicle travel.
		Promote and support use of Electric Vehicles	Advocate and consider funding for EV charging stations at Avoca and Beaufort
		Review and enhance climate change commitment and policy. (including Council's 2016 Take 2 Climate Change Pledge.)	Council to review its position and to consider making a pledge to formalise commitment to reducing GHG emissions.
		Review Council's procurement policy to encourage sustainable procurement and local content.	Review Council's procurement policy to encourage sustainable procurement and local content.
		Investigate and support waste to energy innovation and opportunities	Deliver Straw Pellet (stage 1) project – Skipton Hospital