

North Carlton Railway Neighbourhood House



Climate Action and Resilience Implementation Plan



In 2023, the nine neighbourhood houses in the City of Yarra worked together to consider how we could make our houses more sustainable and resilient to the impacts of climate change, and support the community to do the same. The result was the Yarra Neighbourhood House Network Climate Action & Resilience Plan. This is our house's commitment to implementing that plan.



Objective 1: Sustainable Houses

#	Action	Resourcing	Timeline
1.1	Investigate and advocate or seek funding for insulation and energy efficiency upgrades (i.e. double glazing, draught proofing, insulation)	Additional resourcing required	FY 2023-24
1.2	Minimise doors being left open through additional signage	Within existing resourcing	Ongoing
1.3	Include sustainability and climate resilience as a priority in the upcoming strategic plan	Within existing resourcing	Strategic Plan Review 2024
1.4	Minimise waste going to landfill across all programs and activities, including for third parties hiring our space	Within existing resourcing	Ongoing
1.5	Use "green" cleaning products and eliminate chemicals	Within existing resourcing	Ongoing



Objective 2: Resilient Houses

#	Action	Resourcing	Timeline
2.1	Provide training for staff and volunteers on climate change, climate justice, and the role of neighbourhood houses in adaptation and resilience building	Additional resourcing required	FY 2023-24
2.2	Ensure staff can work from home in the event of extreme weather or power outage	Within existing resourcing	Ongoing
2.3	Seek funding to install a solar battery to ensure that split systems can run in the event of a power outage	Additional resourcing required	FY 2023-24



Objective 3: Sustainable Community

#	Action	Resourcing	Timeline
3.1	Consider how to expand composting to the wider community	Within existing resourcing	FY 2023-24
3.2	Continue and expand where possible the recycling program	Within existing resourcing	Ongoing
3.3	Deliver a community cycling program, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cycling education program for kids and teens• Installing a bike pump station• Seek partnerships to offer free bike repairs	Additional resourcing required	FY 2023-24
3.4	Run repair popups and host an annual community garage sale	Within existing resourcing	FY 2023-24
3.5	Consider ways to encourage more people to grow food in the community garden	Within existing resourcing	Before end 2023
3.6	Strengthen food redistribution program	Within existing budget	FY 2023-24



Objective 4: Resilient Community

#	Action	Resourcing	Timeline
4.1	Consider how to inform the community that the house is open as a cool/warm space	Within existing resourcing	Before end 2023
4.2	Provide opportunities for learning about climate impacts and preparedness through embedding this learning into existing programs and projects, with a focus on children	Within existing resourcing	Ongoing
4.3	Distribute information on how to keep safe through summer	Within existing resourcing	Every summer
4.4	Encourage use of the pools in summer through: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promoting community gym memberships• Supporting community members to access swimming lessons	Within existing resourcing	Before end 2023

Neighbourhood house specific advocacy

#	Action	To whom
5.1	Advocate for shade on the outdoor area (BBQ, playground and seating area) adjacent to the house	Yarra City Council