

Adapting to a Changing Climate

Nillumbik Shire Council

The project will share information about the impacts of climate change across several generations of residents, developing a toolkit for use by households to identify risks to their own households and to plan actions that will mitigate those risks.

Key Activities

The major tasks you completed to successfully deliver the project.

- *Development of workshop program for community to participate in guiding the development of the toolkit*
- *Engagement with residents and stakeholders including Eltham Preschool, Health Ability, Senior Citizens groups.*
- *Key stages were developing project scope, engaging with stakeholders and drafting the document*
- *Editing and revision of document by council staff following development of draft*

A short series of workshops will be held, bringing together the different generations of residents from Senior Citizens groups, local high schools, preschools and community groups to learn about the impacts of climate change and to develop the toolkit format and content.

Upon completion of the toolkit it will be piloted with several households. A launch will be held with all stakeholder groups and the toolkit distributed to a number of community groups throughout Nillumbik.

Project Outcomes

The outcomes delivered through this project:

- *raise awareness of the potential impacts of climate change throughout the Nillumbik community*
- *make it easier for the community to prepare for the impacts climate change*
- *build the capacity of residents to protect their health and assets*
- *brought together a number of generations and groups across the community through discussing the project and developing the adaptation actions relevant to other residents*
- *raise the general awareness and action around dealing with the impacts of climate change.*
- *Developed a document to support future action in the community*

Project partners

Internal Teams:

Health and Community Services

Environment and Sustainability

Assets and Property

External:

Eltham High School

Eltham Preschool

Senior Citizens

Northern Environment Network Group

Individual community members with specialist knowledge or interest

What did we learn?

The process of developing this document has led to more learning than just that which results from engaging the community for input into a current issue, adapting to climate change. It has led to the analysis of a document that will be used to support future adaptation actions by council and our community. It has both reminded and reinforced the importance of our need to prepare for, and adapt to, a changing climate.

It has raised the interest of a number of people that were not involved in the project, or even part of council, when awarded or written. The original author departed council prior to completion of project. This has caused significant

delay due to responsibility for the project falling between teams and individuals following internal reshuffles and significant changes in council, staff and structure.

The incumbent council are supporters of climate change action policy though there is now a different approach to the development and presentation of documents, guides and toolkits. There was some concern about the language style which was considered occasionally alarmist, negative, overly detailed and prescriptive in the original draft. We anticipate wage costs eventually exceeded projected costs.

What is the project legacy?

The project is believed to have developed a good relationship with community stakeholders though it's difficult to gauge the effect of the project on the participants as the project came to a halt prior to full completion. It has been taken up, edited and reconsidered so reporting can be finished. It is recognised that council now has a body of work to support future adaption efforts and plans.

While the message was not an issue the delivery style and 'feel' was. Council is not committed to publishing the draft document though is looking to work with it in support of future documents and actions around climate change adaptation.

Budget schedule:

Total Budget (all figures are GST exclusive):

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Income Description	\$	Expenditure Description	\$
Funding requested from the Victorian Climate Change Grants 2015	\$9,970.00	Salaries/wage costs	\$5,950.00
Funds from lead council	\$595.00	Project administrative costs	\$1,340.00
In-kind from lead council	\$1,770.00	Communication and marketing costs	\$945.00
	\$	Learning and knowledge sharing	\$3,500.00
	\$	Monitoring and evaluation	\$600.00
	\$12,335.00		\$12,335.00

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