

Borough of Queenscliffe Community Carbon Neutral Action Plan – Actions 2012 - 2020

No.	Action	Sector
1	Establish a sustainability alliance to work towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions across the Borough community.	General
2	Manage Council's own carbon footprint and lead by example (through the Corporate Carbon Neutral Action Plan)	General
3	Create a Carbon Audit Committee to assist in overseeing the implementation of the Corporate and Community Carbon Neutral Action Plans.	General
4	Develop education tools to raise awareness of energy reduction opportunities for holiday makers at caravan parks.	Energy / Education
5	Provide residents with information and tools to reduce water usage in the home and at work.	Energy / Water
6	Continue to investigate the establishment of a Sustainability Hub incorporating; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a building showcasing environmental sensitive design and operation a community vegetable garden 	General / Education
7	Assist residents to measure their own household energy usage by providing three home energy assessment kits on loan through Council offices.	Energy / Water
8	Engage one business to participate in the VECCI 'Grow me the Money' or similar project to act as a demonstration/case study for local businesses.	Energy / Education
9	Support local primary schools to monitor their greenhouse gas emissions and increase student awareness of environmental issues.	Energy / Education
10	Acknowledge the actions of residents and businesses who have installed solar panels and solar hot water systems by; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing homes and businesses with a small sticker/sign promoting their actions to reduce emissions Promoting the total number of homes and businesses within the Borough using solar energy 	Education
11	Investigate opportunities for a bulk-buy program for solar hot water, solar panels and water tanks.	Energy
12	Regularly report the progress of actions against the Community Carbon Neutral Action Plan.	General

13	Continue to upgrade bicycle pathways throughout the Borough and introduce bicycle infrastructure at suitable locations.	General
14	Advocate actions taken by the Borough community in working towards carbon neutrality using the following tools; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • signage • posters/ stickers • Council website (case studies) • newsletters/fliers 	General/Education
15	Inform residents and businesses of any rebate programs for energy, solar hot water and water saving products	Education / Energy / Water
16	Provide Borough caravan park users, residents and businesses with information/fact sheets on how GreenPower is created and audited and its environmental benefits.	Education/Energy
17	Continue working with the City of Greater Geelong to locate a suitable long term disposal site for green waste that would enable the introduction of a kerbside green waste bin for Borough residents.	Waste
18	Encourage and support businesses to establish a bicycle hire program at prominent tourist locations across the Borough.	General
19	Provide residents with information/fact sheets on the installation of solar panels for their homes.	Energy / Education
20	Support local farmer's markets by providing stallholders with relevant information and advice on selling produce/products.	General
21	Design and deliver an education program to divert recyclables from landfill by increasing residents' knowledge of items that can be put in kerbside recycling bins	Waste / Education
22	Provide residents in long-term rental properties with information on how to improve energy/water efficiencies.	Education / Energy / Water
23	Investigate funding opportunities to conduct research into the levels of energy usage in empty homes.	Energy
24	Publicise usage figures from public transport and community bus transport by Borough residents and visitors.	Transport
25	Establish a register of the amounts of waste and recycling generated by the Borough community.	Waste

26	Continue to engage with regional bodies including Future Proofing Geelong and neighbouring councils to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for changes to policies, laws and programs to enable the Borough community to reduce its carbon footprint; Investigate opportunities to establish project partnerships. 	General
27	Promote home vegetable gardens by supplying residents with free seeds and seedlings.	General
28	Develop a behaviour change program for users at domestic holiday homes and initiate a 'Sustainable Holiday House' awards.	Education
29	Promote and encourage public transport options to residents and visitors	Transport
30	Improve the operational sustainability of a local tourism event and use this event as a key community engagement activity.	Energy / Water
31	Acknowledge the actions of residents and businesses using 100% Green Power by; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> providing homes and businesses with a small sticker/sign promoting their actions to reduce emissions promoting the total number of homes and businesses within the Borough using 100% Green Power. 	Energy / Education
32	Investigate the feasibility of disposing of green waste within the Borough and providing residents with compost material for use on gardens.	Waste
33	Review Community CNAP actions and develop new actions and initiatives	General
34	Purchase 100% Green Power for the Point Lonsdale Christmas Tree and promote action to the wider community.	Energy
35	Support and promote a local Walking School Bus for school students.	Transport
36	Establish an awards program involving local businesses that provides residents who can demonstrate carbon neutrality (eg. using 100% Green Power) with a local shopping discount card for purchases at participating businesses and events.	Energy
37	Publicise the total amounts of energy and water used by the Borough community and the associated carbon emissions.	Energy / Water
38	Continue to support the delivery of a high quality taxi service for Borough residents and visitors	Transport
39	Encourage the inclusion of environmentally sustainable design features in building developments by creating and distributing fact sheets on solar hot water, solar panels, rain water tanks, grey water systems, window glazing etc.	General
40	Investigate opportunities to introduce a shared car scheme for Borough residents.	Transport

41	Consider the introduction of fruit trees at appropriate locations within existing parks and reserves.	General
42	Develop a Council policy to ensure all providers of recharge points for electric vehicles source 100% Green Power.	Energy
43	Investigate the establishment of a program for the collection and distribution of excess food from local restaurants and cafes to charities.	General
44	Investigate opportunities to introduce and administer a car pool scheme that enables residents to book seats via the internet and telephone.	Transport
45	Develop a Council policy ensuring that major event organisers in the Borough work with public transport providers to include free public transport from Melbourne and Geelong for event ticket holders.	Transport
46	Investigate opportunities for the bulk-buy of Green Power for Borough residents and businesses.	Energy
47	Establish a travel awards program encouraging residents to walk, cycle, take public transport or car pool for at least one trip more than usual per week.	Transport
48	Provide users of community buildings with information on becoming net producers of electricity through energy efficiency measures and the installation of solar panels.	Energy / Education
49	Advocate for the development of a bicycle path between Ocean Grove and Point Lonsdale	Transport
50	Increase community skills in establishing and managing 'at home' composting and worm farming to assist in diversion of organics from landfill.	Waste
51	Provide information to the community vegetable garden on requirements for supplying locally grown produce to local supermarkets and residents.	General
52	Investigate the establishment of a program for residents to share garden equipment and hand-tools.	General
53	Develop a report outlining steps towards carbon neutrality for the Council and the wider Borough community regarding Scope 3 (indirect emissions including business travel, commuting, supply chain, waste and water)	General