

# CLIMATE ADAPTATION

## WORKSHOP FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE GRAMPIANS REGION



**CRESWICK**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 15**

9am - 3pm

Creswick University of Melbourne Campus  
4 Water St, Creswick, Victoria

*Hepburn*  
SHIRE COUNCIL

**Adapt  
Grampians**  
working together to adapt to the changing climate

**VICTORIA**  
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Energy,  
Environment  
and Climate Action

# ABOUT

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This workshop aims to assist sustainability and community-facing teams from local governments in the Grampians region to develop effective projects and policy on climate adaptation through:

- learning about the Grampians Region Climate Adaptation Strategy 2021 and how LGAs are already applying it in their own planning and strategies;
  - sharing and comparing existing strategies and projects that align and build on the Strategy;
  - reflecting on how Local Government Act roles and responsibilities for adaptation affect your work; and
  - networking to consider opportunities for regional collaboration.
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# AGENDA

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- 9 AM
- Introduction & Acknowledgement of Country
  - Empowering Djaara-led responses: walking together to heal people, country and climate - *Julian Cleary, Dhelkunya Dja Policy Officer, DJAARA*
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- 9.30 AM
- Session 1: Context**
- Our current and future climate - *John Clarke, CSIRO*
  - The Grampians Region Climate Adaptation Strategy and the role of Councils - *La Verne Lehmann, Yarriambiack Shire Council*
  - Hepburn's Climate Adaptation Toolkit - *Manny Pasquolini and Jodi Newcombe, Hepburn Shire Council*
  - Towards a national database of best practice in adaptation - *Tia Brullo, University of Melbourne*
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- 10.30 AM
- Morning tea (and preview of Adaptation Game film plus Q&A with the makers)
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- 11.15 AM
- Session 2: Adaptation in action**
- Biodiversity - putting a face on Climate adaptation - *Brian Bainbridge, Hepburn Shire Council*
  - Building Community Resilience after a Natural Disaster - *Sue-Ellen Cook, Hepburn Shire Council*
  - Urban Trees Project - Climate adapted plantings for Cooling - *Nick Moll, Ararat Landcare Group*
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- 12.00 PM
- Session 3: Workshop in World Cafe format**
- Format: 3-5 tables with different adaptation themes are hosted for collective conversation in three rounds, where participants are free to move between tables as knowledge is built up in response to key questions, agreed in advance.
- Round 1 (30 mins): Urban Cooling & Biodiversity, Community Resilience & Wellbeing, Economy & Built Environment
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- 12.30 PM
- LUNCH
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- 1:30 PM
- Session 3 continued...**
- Round 2 and 3 (30 mins each): moving to new tables
  - Reporting back: each table hosts reports back on the group discussions and key insights (15 mins)
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- 2:45 PM
- Session 4 - Wrapping Up**
- Insights & Next Steps
  - Feedback & Evaluation questionnaire

# FACILITATORS / SPEAKERS

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## **BRIAN BAINBRIDGE**

*Biodiversity Officer, Hepburn Shire Council*

Trained as a Forest Scientist, Brian's committed over 20 years to furthering community-based urban ecological restoration with the Merri Creek Management Committee. In his five years as Biodiversity officer with Hepburn Shire Council, Brian has resourced the Shire's Strategic Planning, Parks and Open Space, Infrastructure and Storm recovery teams as well as leading the Shire's support for community-based conservation.



## **TIA BRULLO**

*Research Fellow - Enabling Climate Change Adaptation, School of Geography, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, The University of Melbourne*

Tia is a social scientist who conducts research on climate change adaptation, urban sustainability, and community development. In her current role as Research Fellow at the University of Melbourne, she is exploring examples of adaptation planning and practice undertaken in Australia to understand what enables 'best practice' adaptation. Previously, her professional work has included impact evaluation for social enterprise and international disaster response.



## **JOHN CLARKE**

*Research Team Leader - Regional Projections, CSIRO Climate Science Centre*

John leads Regional Projections Team in the CSIRO Climate Science Centre where he has worked since 2009. John has a passion for ensuring the vital research undertaken by the climate science community is used to inform real world decisions. His current work has a strong focus on helping Australians get the most out of climate change projections. John recently co-lead the production of the State of the Climate 2022 Report for Australia.



## **JULIAN CLEARY**

*Dhelkunya Dja Policy Officer, DJAARA*

Julian has worked in policy, advocacy and strategy roles with Aboriginal and human rights organisations, and in government and community health. His formal qualifications are in arts and law. He is passionate about social and environmental justice, and supporting Traditional Owner self-determination and leadership.

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## **SUE-ELLEN COOK**

*Storm recovery community engagement officer, Hepburn Shire Council*

Sue-Ellen joined the Storm Recovery Team after the June 2021 storms which impacted much of Victoria, including herself. Bringing her Inclusion and Diversity lens to the role, she strives to provide support to all residents. She is passionate about building resilience in the community and changing the narrative to focus on the individual rather than the reliance official resources.



## **NICK MOLL**

*Lamdcare facilitator, Ararat Landcare Group*

Trained as an environmental scientist, Nick has worked for 4 years in revegetation, focusing on best practise planting techniques to maximise survival rates and researching how species selection impacts on biodiversity. His current role as a landcare facilitator involves working closely within the farming community to improve biodiversity and soil health on farms. He is passionate about trees and how they can influence microclimates and improve conditions for life.



## **LA VERGNE LEHMANN**

*Waste and Sustainability Coordinator, Yarriambiack Shire Council*

La Vergne has been the Co-Chair of the Grampians Regional Climate Adaptation Group since it began in 2019 and has been involved in the development of the Regional Adaptation Strategy. La Vergne's main role is as the Waste & Sustainability Coordinator for the Yarriambiack Shire Council and has worked in waste, sustainability, climate change and natural resource management for more than 20 years.



## **JODI NEWCOMBE**

*Circular Economy Officer, Hepburn Shire Council*

Trained as an engineer, environmental economist and strategic designer, Jodi's 25 year career has spanned government, NGO and business sectors in sustainability and creative industries in Australia and internationally. Resident in the Goldfields of Victoria now for 8 years, Jodi has invested in community-driven, place-based climate responses including at Mount Alexander Shire Council as climate change coordinator and as co-founder of the Castlemaine Institute. She started in Hepburn Shire this year as their first circular economy officer.

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## MANNY PASQUALINI

*Sustainability and Climate Resilience Coordinator, Hepburn Shire Council*

Manny has managed the sustainability and climate portfolio at Hepburn Shire Council since early 2021, following a 20-year career in community-led climate action, energy transition and diverse areas of the sustainability field. Manny specialises in bringing people together to design, and implement appropriate local solutions to complex, global problems. Manny works as part of the local community to deliver practical on-ground pilots and projects to take the shire beyond net-zero emissions towards a climate positive, highly resilient and connected community, with a thriving circular economy at its core.



## ZHARA ZANAIL

*Graphic recorder*

Zahra Zainal is a Melbourne-based graphic recorder and illustrator. Graphic recording is a process of simplifying and amplifying spoken content into beautiful illustrations, in real-time. Zahra is known for her clean, lively and expressive style, and illustrates for both international and local clients.

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## THE ADAPTATION GAME

*The Adaptation Game is sponsored by Deakin University, in partnership with Merri-bek Council, with creative design and production by Goodmorningbeautiful, Amble Studio, Collabforge, and Wax Wings Games.*

The Adaptation Game is a workshop for local governments to raise awareness and grow capacity towards climate-resilient communities. It is designed for people who accept climate change, but may feel uncertain about what they can do about it. During the lunch break we will be showing a film about the application of TAG in Merri-bek Council followed by a short Q&A with the makers.

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