Leadership and Governance

No	Action	Progress to date	Proposed Changes or Updates	Yes – this is great	Almost – this needs to change	No – this instead (or this is why)
7	Expand the Climate Governance and Leadership Program	Program no longer in existence	Support community leadership programs that empower climate action or environmental stewardship Yes			
8	Advocate for stronger climate action by State and Federal Governments	Ongoing. Advocacy priorities include advocating for funding and policy change for mitigation and adaptation as a result of the climate emergency.				this is powerful & authentic – and provides tangible examples to inspire more people.
10	Refresh the Economic Development Strategy	Completed	Strengthen alignment between economic development and regenerative tourism, highlighting benefits for climate resilience and supporting a circular economy		regenerative ↳ we need to give more back than we use because we are in deficit	

Implement Leadership + Governance Community Advisory Group.

Develop Citizens Assembleys - explore as a model, how it could contribute

Citizens Assembly in France vice National Govt
1. ~~towards~~ possible ~~wages~~
2- ~~towards~~ ~~fossil fuel~~ Cars
3. no ~~air~~ live flight
~~less than~~ 2 hours

Using powerful stories of individual change to influence change. How they did it and what resourcing required.

Shift to Community Wealth Building as economic policy

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			OR Showcase how regenerative tourism builds climate resilience, building on its strong ties to economic development and the circular economy		role of social enterprise needs understanding & resourcing	
11	Refresh the Visitor Economy Strategy	Suggest removing this action - as the Visitor Economy Strategy is no longer developed by Council - it now sits with Destination Phillip Island.	Combine with action 10 (revised) above. Agree - remove & incorporate in 10.			
24	Strengthen planning policy and practice	Commenced	Strengthen planning controls to better support integration of climate mitigation and adaptation measures (tree canopy cover, control land use development, etc.)			
31	Deliver climate emergency staff training and	Following the delivery of climate emergency staff	Continue to deliver climate awareness training to all staff			

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	awareness training	training in 2022 (see Action 31), all staff are now required to consider how their role contributes to climate action through annual performance planning on the climate emergenc				
32	Embed the Climate Emergency into all staff roles and responsibilities, and performance planning	Commenced	Continue to embed climate awareness into all staff roles and responsibilities, and performance planning.			
34	Integrate climate risk into financial decision making	Commenced – Council has embedded Asset Vulnerability Assessment data for all key council infrastructure assets into Asset	Continue to improve and integrate climate risk into financial decision-making			

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		Management Plans that inform the Long Term Financial Plan.				
35	Increase fossil fuel divestment	Incorporated into Investemnet Policy.	Continue to increase fossil fuel divestment ✓✓			
36	Update the Procurement Policy and procedures.	Commenced – policy has been updated, practice now needs to be strengthened.	Continue to support sustainable procurement across Council operations			
37	Integrate climate emergency into Council reporting processes	Complete				

Co-design elements of tenders & procurement to enable more social enterprises to emerge and innovate

To better leverage work done by social enterprises, develop more enduring partnership e.g. Landcare

Look to collaborate w community on reporting and bring in community data

link to procurement criteria ensuring not onerous

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38	Review Council's zero net emissions target	Underway	Continue to review and adjust council and community Net Zero goals in the plan		Is there real community data in reporting? Or is it modelled?	
40	Update Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) Policy for Council Buildings (2017)	Updated ESD policy endorsed in Oct 25	Implement and continually improve the updated ESD Policy			

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Council actions	3	Support the development of a local Climate Resilience Centre or hubs	Commenced	Support local hubs for climate resilience and regeneration		Needs Starlink Comms is an issue.	
	4	Deliver a climate resilience toolkit and campaign	Commenced – 25% complete	Could consider combining Actions 1, 2, and 4 together based on their shared purpose? I.e. bring together the Toolkit, the Community Action Portal and the Toolkit and Campaign ↳ agree to combine.		This is really important. CAP – needs to be easily accessible + advertised on main BCSC page.	
	9	Essential infrastructure working groups	Ongoing	Strengthen local resilience through coordination of a local, multi-stakeholder working group that deliver essential services to the community ↳ this is a more meaningful action.			

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13	Partner to deliver a whole municipality coastal management plan	Ongoing	Support Collaborative Coastal Resilience: Partnering for Long-Term Adaptation and Stewardship	Partnership is important		
14	Contribute to Inverloch Foreshore Erosion response	Complete	Support short-term coastal protection aligned with Victoria's coastal management principles - partnering with DEECA and the community to deliver evidence-based responses to erosion. Updated description - This includes establishing collaborative governance, progressing local hazard assessments, and implementing priority works while protecting dune systems and township values.	✓ Big yes to all of this	Opportunity to set a high level standard Lead in this space	

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15	Contribute to Cowes East Foreshore Erosion protection works	Completed	Suggest remove as action is complete and is covered in updated Action No. 14			
16	Participate in Regional Climate Adaptation Planning	Ongoing		Essential to work up ć agency partners.		
18	Review the critical communications partnership	On	Enhance Emergency Communications for Climate-Driven Events			
25	Township adaptation plans		Collaborate to support Coastal Township Adaptation Plans in Partnership with Communities			

See
- drainage
- cool places

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	33	Integrate and address climate risks in corporate processes	Completed	Continually review and improve the integration and management of climate risks in corporate processes	Y		
	39	Asset vulnerability assessment project	Completed	Continue climate resilient infrastructure planning and vulnerability assessments			
Community		Join your local community group Expand urban and rural gardens Improve the resilience of your household	No data available	Need to partner with local groups - Hospital, U3A - Sports clubs. to allow this to happen.			

Helping business up take
Fed + take opportunity

	No	Action	Progress to date	Proposed Changes or Updates	Yes – this is great	Almost – this needs to change	No – this instead (or this is why)
Business		Improve the resilience of your business	No data available	Small business support pack ? – re climate emergencies			
		Collaborate & share resources with other local businesses		"vulnerability assessment" ?			
Agriculture		Farm Climate Adaptation Plan					

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drainage - continual upgrade in towns (hubs) to cope w increased flash flooding - as predicted	Flash floods Infrastructure built to ↓ impact - ex. drainage.		
Cool places Hubs are one thing, but we need places for those who need to escape a heatwave ... as predicted. ie. spacious areas, w great air. con,	Buildings in every town that is a place of refuge. from heat → big places. relates to vulnerable folks...		

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Council Actions	41	Power Council with 100% renewable energy.	🥳 Complete (reducing emissions by 2000 tonnes per year)	Continue to power Council with 100% renewable energy.	✓	How much of that is locally generated? How can we expand to Council owned, externally managed sites?	
	43	Improve energy efficiency.	40% complete	Adjust to 'Prioritise Smart Energy Transitions Through Efficiency First'	✓	How much work has been done to audit Council buildings? Potential partnership with community groups. to carry out audits - stays in the community. Can we use this instead of consultants?	

Energy Transition

Energy Transition

	No	Action	Progress to date	Proposed Changes or Updates	Yes – this is great	Almost – this needs to change	No – this instead (or this is why)
	44	Accelerate the implementation of municipal solar.	🥳 Exceeded targets (310 kW PV + 120 kW storage installed)	Continue strategic solar installation accompanied by battery storage where there are clear benefits.		Virtual energy networks to support grid changes. Does Council understand how much solar could fit on buildings? Target based on total capacity. Solar carparks – consider. With own carparks and advocacy for non-council owned.	
	45	Transition all street lighting to energy efficient LED lighting.	40% complete. Progress slowed due to budget constraints but will be complete by 2030.	Support tailored and smart transition to LED streetlighting considering plans to reduce impacts to biodiversity and light polution to community, while balancing increased lighting to support safety where needed.	✓	Promote dark sky. Do we need the level of street lighting we have?	

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Residential / Community		Upgrade of energy efficient heating and cooling system Upgrade residential lighting to LED Insulate your home Upgrade hot water systems Upgrade to energy efficient appliances Switch to all-electric at home Install solar PV Install solar PV with battery storage	9770 dwellings in Bass Coast have solar (approx. 31.1% of houses – just above state averages).	To be discussed		Nursing homes are very reliant on gas. Idea for waste biogas to replace LPG. Some like having gas cooktops for resilience. Core fund - Mycelia and community groups to partner with council to fund.	

Removal of LPG

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Business		Upgrade business energy efficiency Install rooftop Solar PV	343 commercial installations of solar in Bass Coast (cannot distinguish between businesses and farms at this stage).		✓	Consider battery? Maybe not as necessary during business hours? SEC to expand solar and battery on schools - collaborative piece.	
Agriculture		Install solar PV on your farm	See above			Partner with Landcare?	

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Virtual Energy Networks	Support the grid, local trading structure		
EV chargers - for council staff and customers - slow chargers	Encourage uptake by staff, others can use as well. Could be part of work package.		

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Council Actions	20	Optimise multi-stakeholder waterway health management	~~Deferred~~	Strengthen collaborative waterway governance in line with the Healthy Waterways Strategy to support climate-resilient management.	✓	We could work closer with landowners to educate how to improve water quality.	Collaborative with MWL to assess WQ/MA to assess water quality. Agrochemical assessment is needed.
	21	Finalise the Integrated Water Management Plan	~~60% complete~~ (anticipate completion June 2026)	Support continual improvement & implementation of the IWM Plan.	✓	new partnerships with local orgs PLAN to review biolinks locations	

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	22	Update the climate resilient species list	90% complete (ongoing)	Finalise (and update when required) the climate resilient species list and ensure it is accessible to the community.	✓	Vital to keep up to date & plant appropriate species. Work closely with landowners	
	23	Improve vegetation cover in urban centres	80% complete	Continue to implement the Urban Forest Strategy Key actions - plant 1300 /y - 40% canopy coverage. –	✓✓	Publicise & Broaden advocacy & ~~Scope~~ of climate related species list to raise awareness. Continue to plant street trees using local nurseries.	

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	30	Deliver the Biolinks project	Delivery is ongoing – all targets exceeded to date	Continue the Bass Coast Biolinks tree planting project. Put on front of CCAP.	✓	Weed management should be considered in reveg works.	
Agriculture		Climate Smart Farms Soil carbon sequestration Agriculture: Herd Management For Beef Cattle Forestry and revegetation of farms	TBC	Change how we engage & educate farmers. Make a business case for sustainability & fireproof benefits Change name to remove climate to ensure farmers not agreeable with this term will engage.	x	Respond well with face to face. Run workshops with leaders in Ag: Empower leaders to be heard.	

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Regional partnerships with other local councils e.g. in SE Melb. to be the nature positive ~~location~~ to ~~offset~~ increase biodiversity. 🟢🟢🟢	Leverage & build on existing partnerships to link biolinks, restore nature. & become nature positive.	Create large scale linkages for koalas & other species & allowing Melbourne residents to get involved.	
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1	Expand the Future Farms, Homes and Festivals	Ongoing - post	Could consider combining Actions 1, 2, and 4 together based on their shared purpose? (like - Supporting resilient homes, farms and communities)		- Regular / continued - homes work - Festival = celebrate ⇒ 'its not a catch all. - celebrate planning for the design → theme.	
2	Develop a climate change community portal	Still being regularly updated. Under review so the structure is better suited to the whole of Environmental Programs Delivery Team	Could consider combining Actions 1, 2, and 4 together based on their shared purpose? (like - Supporting resilient homes, farms and communities)		Dynamic, Organic Narrative based	Libraries. ✗ Significant sites for info + connection

Community, Equity & Climate Justice

No	Action	Progress to date	Proposed Changes or Updates	Yes – this is great	Almost – this needs to change	No – this instead (or this is why)
5	Promote financial solutions and incentives.	Subscriptions and support from Renew and Solar Savers. These are good for people with higher levels of literacy & finances			Mycelia Renewables Partner with St Vincents & God Shepherd to provide micro-loans. We need more support for people who have lower literacy and resources.	
6	Climate emergency community funds	Extended via Environmental Partnerships Program funding	Empower community action through tailored funding (Climate Action Grants) and/or in-kind support		Mycelia Renewables – Community-Fund. More funds for Mycelia Renewables. $s leveraged.	This is an agile, community-led and accessible fund that can respond quickly to individual household, business and community needs. CEO + CFO needed P.D. needed

Collaborative partnerships/governance
Authorised at senior levels. Investment needed + understanding of its significance

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19	Establish a Bunurong climate change partnership also tackle Boonwurrung as well → this is community	Partnership is established and ongoing projects being delivered, but the partnership is dynamic and needs ongoing commitment and effort	Continue the climate change partnership with Bunurong Aboriginal Land Council building climate resilience		→ Collaborate in Boss Coast Reconciliation Network:	
26	Deliver targeted assistance* for vulnerable@ Households	Commenced (ongoing) – leveraging Victorian Government program funding	Mycelia Renewables is doing this and leveraging funds ↳ hope to do more. ↳ focussing on energy efficiency first then electrification * sequence matters.	✓	Mycelia is looking for longer-term partnership and certainty of funding so we can build and sustain momentum and innovate in this space.	Why: households experiencing vulnerability require individual and relational support, reducing stigma and being care based.

* tailored advice to each household.

@ vulnerable = 1. those who will suffer immediate health impacts
2. those who would benefit from a cozier, more sustainable home; incl dignity & social inclusion.

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Support Youth-led climate justice/action initiatives e.g. create board roles specifically for Youth reps; provide support for delegations / youth advocacy	Opportunity for Youth to lead action is not recognised in current CAP. Inter-links with renewables, biodiversity, social change programs, etc are not adequately acknowledged. Young people have so much invested in us getting this right.		

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Council actions	12	Refresh the Waste Management Strategy with a circular economy lens.	See Circular Economy Framework launched in in June 2025.	Implement the Circular Economy Framework highlighting emission reduction and resilience benefits		Explain the "Why" i.e. "This is Why" we need or do separate collection of different wastestreams?	Should emphasis on this be focussed on household waste
	27	Support businesses to build a circular economy (linked with Action 10 to refresh the Economic Development Strategy). This action aims to establish an Economic Development program that supports local businesses to work together to exchange waste as a resource.	Council piloted the Circular Economy Business Accelerator Program in 2024/25 This informed the development of the Circular Economy Framework and the 2030 Economic Development Framework.	Ensure the "procened" FOGO materials come back to households FOGO & sludge should/could be procened together (FOGO needs more reliability of no contamination)		Get more material out of "red" bin & account for that, then you account for reductions, without emissions targets driving the task.	Work with Landcare on achieving agric waste reductions

Waste & Circular Economy

Less Emphasis on Targets, more on Actions Taken! (Metrics)

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Community		Reduce waste to landfill (target of 10% by 2030)	Has been a 28% increase in tonnes of household rubbish collected since 2020 (from 4750 tonnes to 6100 tonnes) and a 13% decrease in recycling from 5,020 tonnes to 4380)	%'s doesn't always reflect +vely on emissions target	Maybe Yes	Allow a long term change - ie. 'generational' for recycling	People like rewards or incentives to help them create the necessary change.
Business		Reduce waste to landfill (target of 10% by 2030)	See above – no distinction in available data.	Similar example eg. waste sludge from W'port Water, What re-use is applied.	Not necessarily	Ag + dairy (lack of Council direct involvement) Eg - Abbatoir incre impacts -vely on target	Govt regulatory control should establish beneficial impacts as opposed to LG role.
Agriculture		No actions listed		Not necessarily			

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	Less focus on metrics/targets but focus on results of actions taken		Focuses on a number/metric but need to better explain the "why" about wastestream collections.

(1) Plastics used excenively for everything

(3a) → e.g. hefty fines if they were serious

(2) Incentives to design out change of plastics waste

* Advocacy for:

(3) Ban plastics beyond single-use plastics

(4) Communicate more on what ~~is~~ is being recovered eg. polystyrene recovery

(4a) ← Polystyrene recovery is ~~used~~ available at Grantville

(4b) ← Paint drop off is available

(4c) Ag plastics i.e.
- silage ~~plo~~ bales
- drum masters

(4d) 'Thin' or 'soft' plastics is a must for drop-off & recovery

Circular Economy & Wasle

(9) Could use via:
- library presentations
- on-line presentations

e.g. African country

(8) Eg. supermarkets success in providing plastic bags for sale

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(11) Explore offset areas within Barn Coast for Barn Coast?

(10) If Grantville landfill provides > 70% of Council emissions ⇒ then all attention should be on Grantville and/or the household waste going into it.

No 'Greenwash'

(5) If there really is Solutions or alternatives

(6) Less Waste
Eat all your ~~pets~~ food, create less waste.

(7) What is point of having public place recycling when contents go straight into waste bins due to contamination?

Grantville landfill produces 70% of greenhouse emissions

(9) Fuel used by garbage tracks

Sustainable Transport

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17	Collaborate to deliver climate resilient transport infrastructure	Sustainable Transport team has been established since the CCAP was developed. This action needs to be reviewed in the context of disaster resilience planning and adaptation work.		✓		
28	Support a shift to climate resilient transport for Bass Coast Community	Commenced - being delivered through the Integrated Transport Study -> Tracks & Trails. -> Gaps footpath, projects.		✓		

Council actions

Sustainable Transport

No	Action	Progress to date	Proposed Changes or Updates	Yes – this is great	Almost – this needs to change	No – this instead (or this is why)
29	Support local electric vehicle charging infrastructure and usage	Commenced – 50% complete		✓	✗ older + slow / not local benefit - at central site / high power fast charge especially E bus nimbus Jolyon $ look new	
42	Transition to electric vehicles	35% complete - 83 total vehicles, 15 EV, 14 hybrid, 54 internal combustion engine	Transition fleet to electric and low-emission vehicles	✓ ✓	No car Sundays Goes out of Cowes cost of finance less than cost fossil fuels	

Sustainable Transport

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Community		Switch to low or no carbon transport Purchase more efficient passenger vehicles Purchase an electric vehicle (EV)	No data available		✓		But will take time.
Business		Purchase efficient passenger and light commercial vehicles Purchase an electric vehicle Switch to biodiesel for trucks	No data available		✓		
Agriculture		No actions listed					

in Volvo factory Community – Hawaii Council support Farmers

HVO

for Trucks

Sustainable Transport

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Town Bus - smaller electric vehicles - on demand	Council to advocate to state GOV't	the need to get around without a car by everyday residents.	
~~Event~~ public transport Park & Ride. Additional bus terminals	Reduce cars on network		

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Portable /hire mobility scooter	Support people that need mobility scooters ~~bar~~ to walk so that they can use public transport, then have assistance for the walking section of trip.		
Electric powered Grader + Garbage trucks. (procurement)	- Reduced CO_2 - Publicity of using elect maintenance vehicles.		