



Brimbank
City Council

Brimbank Climate Emergency Strategy 2026–2036

Easy Read version



Acknowledgement of Country



We recognise the Wurundjeri and Bunurong peoples as the First People of Brimbank.



First Nations peoples are the First Peoples of Australia.



They have always looked after Country.

Country means the land, water, sky and everything within them.



We respect the important connection that First Nations peoples have with Country.



And we respect their Elders from the past and now.

How to use this document



We are Brimbank City Council.

We wrote this document.



We wrote some words in **bold**.

We explain what these words mean.

There is also a list of these words on page 25.



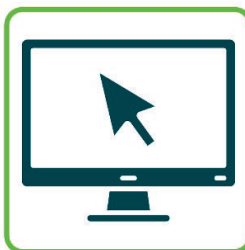
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About our strategy



A **strategy** is a plan for how we will do things in the future.



This is our new Climate Emergency Strategy 2026–2036.

In this document we just call it our strategy.



Our strategy is about **climate change**.



Climate change is when the weather changes over a long time because we don't take care of our environment.



Because of climate change, Brimbank will have bad weather events:

- now
- in the future.

This includes:



- very hot weather or droughts



- changing rainfall



- more flooding and storms.



Our strategy explains what we will do over the next 10 years.



It includes ideas about what we will do to protect our community from the effects of climate change.

What we want for Brimbank



We want to keep our community safe from the effects of climate change.

For example, we want to:



- support people to be healthy



- care for the plants and wildlife in Brimbank



- get ready for the effects of climate change.



We want to improve how we:

- deal with rubbish
- use energy – like electricity and gas.



We also want to stop climate change from getting worse.



Climate change gets worse when we burn fuel.



For example:

- coal
- oil
- gas.



We also want Brimbank to be 'net zero' by 2040.



This means:

- burning a lot less fuel
- planting a lot more trees to clean the air.

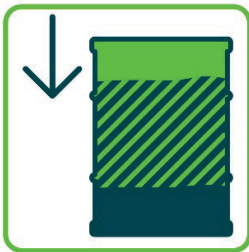
What we have done so far



Our last strategy helped us work towards many of our goals.



Fuel burnt by the community went down by 5%.



And fuel burnt by our Council work went down by 78%.



We started using **renewable energy** for all our Council buildings.



Renewable energy is power made from nature.

For example, the sun and wind.



Renewable energy:

- doesn't burn fuel
- can be used forever.

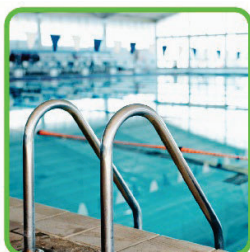
We also:



- planted more trees in our parks and streets



- improved our waste and energy programs



- built the first swimming pool in Australia that uses renewable energy



- started using light bulbs that use less energy.

What our strategy focuses on



Our strategy focuses on 5 areas.



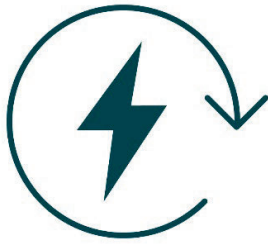
1. Community health and wellbeing



2. Protecting nature



3. Buildings and transport



4. Renewable energy



5. Rubbish and recycling



We explain these areas over the following pages.

1. Community health and wellbeing



We want to protect people from the effects of climate change.

For example, very hot weather.

What we will do



We will make community buildings cool.



This will help protect people when it's very hot outside.



We will teach people how to grow their own food.

We will also:



- support the community to take care of our environment



- support people who are at risk from the effects of climate change.

For example:



- young children
- older people
- people who are sick.

2. Protecting nature



We want to use nature to keep Brimbank cool.

What we will do

We will:



- plant more trees in our parks and streets
- protect the animals and birds that live in our environment.



We will collect and use water when it rains.

For example, to water our parks.



We will also support the community to use less water.

This can help make sure we have enough water when the weather is very hot.

3. Buildings and transport



We want our buildings and transport to burn less fuel.

What we will do



We will make sure our buildings use electricity instead of gas.



We will drive electric cars more so we burn less fuel.



We will burn less fuel when we build buildings.



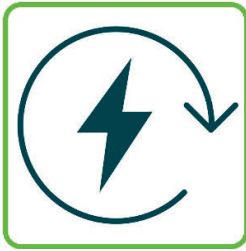
We will make it easier for people to:

- walk
- ride their bicycle
- use public transport.



We will support people to use electric cars.

4. Renewable energy



We want Brimbank to use renewable energy instead of coal, oil or gas.

What we will do



We will support people and businesses to use electricity instead of gas.



We will share information with the community about how much fuel we burn.

We will also:



- make sure our Council buildings use electricity instead of gas



- buy electric cars that our staff can use.

5. Rubbish and recycling



We want to make less rubbish.



We want the community to recycle more.

What we will do



We will support the community to make less rubbish.



We will share information with the community about how to use their:

- recycling bins
- food and garden waste bins.

We will support the community to:



- repair things that are broken



- reuse things that other people don't want



- recycle their rubbish – like plastic, paper and glass.



We will use more recycled rubbish in our projects.

For example, we will use garden waste to make compost for public spaces.

What happens next



Our strategy will last for 10 years.



We will check how well we are working toward the goals in our strategy.



We will do this in:

- 2030
- 2035.

Contact us



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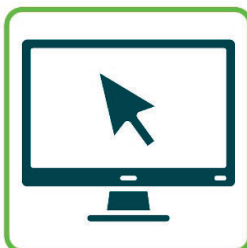


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Word list

This list explains what the **bold** words in this document mean.



Climate change

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Renewable energy

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For example, the sun and wind.



Strategy

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