

AGENDA / MINUTES

Date 18 November 2021

Start 10am

Finish 1.48pm

Location Benalla Lakeside Community Centre
Benalla Showgrounds, Arundel St entry (off Bridge St W)
Or Zoom meeting
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Executive Officer, Carole Hammond, present.

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| Invited | Cr Rohan Webb CHAIR | Melissa Crane | Mansfield SC |
| | Cr J Walsh | Leigh Harrison, Julie Kirkwood | Murrindindi SC AUSPICE |
| | Cr Charlie Vincent | Sarah Buckley Bronwyn Westbrook | Alpine SC |
| | Cr Gail O'Brien | Adam Saddler, Bronwyn Chapman | Benalla SC |
| | Cr C Weller | Allison McCallum | Campaspe SC |
| | James Bramwell | | DELWP Hume [Associate] |
| | Kate Brunt | Bek Calwell | Goulburn Broken CMA |
| | Cr Diane Shepheard Cr Sophie Price | Sam Niedra | Indigo SC |
| | Cr Rob Eldridge | Elyse Kelly, Brendan Garrett Narelle Liepa | Mitchell SC |
| | Cr M Martin | James Steinfort, Scott Draper | Moira SC |
| | Helen Wilson | Lachlan Campbell | North East CMA |
| | Cr Sam Spinks | Sharon Terry [Chair Governance C'ttee] Marisa O'Halloran | Greater Shepparton |
| | Cr Sally Hayes-Burke Cr Paul Murray | Molly Odgers | Strathbogie SC [Lead Naturally Cooler Towns] |
| | Cr. Pete Dikschei | Anthony Dufty, Rachel Gadd | Towong SC [Lead EV Charging NE] |
| | Cr Jack Herry | Evelina Dudzinski | Rural City of Wangaratta |
| Cr Kat Bennett Cr Graeme Simpfendorfer | Leon Schultz, Robyn Nicholas | City of Wodonga | |

Apologies (known) S Terry (Shepparton); A Tingate (Mt Baw Baw); A Vogt (Mt Buller);

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| Acknowledgement of country | We wish to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet, the Taungurung, Yorta Yorta, and Wurrundjeri and pay our respects to elder's past present and emerging. |
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AGENDA

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| 10.06 | 1. WELCOME | CHAIR | Cr Rohan Webb welcomed Members with Acknowledgement of Country, and mention of the VECO Cities Power Partnership Award. Molly Odgers kindly managed comments from the zoom chat. |
| 10.08 | 2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION | CHAIR | nil |
| 10.10 | 3. PREVIOUS MINUTES | CHAIR | The minutes of the Ordinary meeting held online on 19 th August 2021 were distributed via email. |
| | <p>MOTION:</p> <p>That the minutes of the Goulburn Murray Climate Alliance's Ordinary Meeting of August 19th 2021 be endorsed.</p> <p>Moved: Cr C Vincent Seconded: Cr J Walsh</p> | | |
| 10.12 | 4. PREVIOUS MEETING ACTIONS | EO | See Appendix 1 |
| 10.12 | 6. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT | EO | See Appendix 2 & Appendix 3 Business Plan Carole gave a general update of activities outlined in the Agenda papers and thanked Bronwyn Chapman, outgoing EO for her generous time and energy in onboarding her in September/October. Carole also gave an overview of the current planning surrounding the GMCA Strategic Plan 2022-2026, and encouraged Members to do the member survey and to whiteboard/zoom-note their thoughts and inspirations regarding potential GMCA Vision and Purpose. |
| 10.20 | 7. GOVERNANCE 7.1 Alliance Committee Report 7.2 Annual Financial Report 20/21 7.3 Quarterly Financial Report 7.4 MoU Resolution 7.5 New Membership | Cr Charlie Vincent Leigh Harrison | 7.1 -- Cr Vincent as Deputy Chair of the GMCA Committee updated the Alliance on financial activities including the Annual Financial Report for last FY, and the most recent Quarter (Aug-Oct). 7.2 see Appendix 4 7.3 see Appendix 5 7.4--Murrindindi SC (Leigh Harrison and Julie Kirkwood) as GMCA Auspice updated the Alliance on the alignment work done on the MOU and Rules of Operation. A letter will be forwarded to Members in due course to attach to their MOU. 7.5 see Appendix 6 |

MOTION:

That the Annual Financial Report for the financial year 2020/21 be endorsed.

Moved: Cr J Herry

Seconded: R Nicholas

MOTION:

That the Quarterly Financial Report for August-October 2021 be endorsed.

Moved: Cr P Murray

Seconded: Cr J Herry

MOTION:

That letters clarifying an amendment to item 14 of the MoU be sent to all Members as follows:

“14. Termination of MoU

- a) *A Member may resign from the Alliance, provided a minimum of 6 months’ notice of its intention to do so (setting out the reasons) has been given to the Alliance Committee, and the date of such resignation taking effect coincides with the end of financial year.*
- b) *Should clause 14 a) not be achievable by a resigning Member, and the 6 month notice period overlaps the end of a financial year the resigning Member shall be bound and required to provide their membership contribution to the Alliance for the financial year in which their resignation occurs.”*

Moved: Cr J Herry

Seconded: Cr C Vincent

MOTION:

That the four Alpine Resort Management Boards be endorsed for a single Associate Membership of 12 months with the GMCA.

Moved: E Kelly

Seconded: A McCallum

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| 11. | 6. OFFICER’S MEETING Held on 18 October | | See Appendix 7 Allison McCallum (Campaspe) gave an overview of the Officer’s meeting and its outcomes. There was a suggestion to undertake the word-cloud with all Members – to be taken from the current survey. |
| 1.30 | 11. Around the Regions (moved up the agenda) | All | See final Report Appendix 8 Each Member spoke to their organisation’s key activities since August 2021. |





12:00 LUNCH BREAK (lunch provided)

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| 12.45 | 7. Climate Change and Planning in Victoria : Online Presentation | Jane Keddie Hansen Partnership | Presentation by Jane Keddie, Hansen Partnership, on the extensive report commissioned by the Victorian Greenhouse Alliances to ensure Victoria’s planning system effectively tackles climate change. <u>Report sent separately on Friday 12 Nov</u> <u>Please see recording of presentation here</u> |
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| 1.15 | 8 Presentation: Alpine Resorts | Elise Armitage, Falls Creek Resort | <p>The GMCA was pleased to welcome the Alpine Resorts Management Boards as Associate Members. Also attending Lindsey Jackman (Zoom). Three members of the Falls Creek team attended the Ordinary Meeting in person and met with Members over lunch prior to their presentation.</p> <p>Please click here for the presentation from Alpine Resorts.</p> |
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1.48pm Close

APPENDIX 1 - ACTION PROGRESS

| Date |  Complete  in progress  not commenced | WHO | WHEN | |
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| 2020 | | | | |
| Feb 19 | EO to prioritise development of the Communications and Engagement Plan in the action plan. | EO | TBD |  |
| 2021 | | | | |
| August 2021 | The EO will circulate the preliminary advocacy for the AAPs and seek further input. | EO | | |
| August 2021 | EO to collate information about previous studies and experiences concerning officer resource sharing | EO | | |

APPENDIX 2 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

| | DESCRIPTION | PROGRESS AUGUST 2021 |
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| Naturally Cooler Towns | Lead Council: Strathbogie Research project across all GMCA member municipality urban forests, investigating benchmarks, climate-ready species, gap analysis, cost etc of implementation. Includes presentations of findings. | FUNDED \$60,000 (DELWP Climate Ready Hume Regional Grants) Urban Forest Consulting appointed. Project officer Laura Campbell started. Council interviews started. PCG= Euroa Arb, GBCMA, Shepparton Council, GMCA and Strathbogie. Project commenced week of 4/10/21 to finish with Forum 18/2/22 |
| Upgrade Main Rd MV lights to LED (Ausnet area) | Ausnet has proposed co-funding for a bulk changeover for 80W MV lights to 18W LED lights. This will have savings in energy use (alpine, benalla, mansfield, murrindindi, mitchell, murrindindi strathbogie, towong, wangaratta, wodonga) | Preliminary meetings have occurred with Ausnet (GMCA, EAGA and SECCA, plus Sarah Buckley rep from Alpine Shire, and council reps from other regions. Ausnet wishes to start this FY going through to 23/24 FY. Our members are included in all years. Ausnet will contribute to most lights for many councils ie up to \$1.3m for some councils. Would like Ironbark to calculate emissions savings for us too. |
| Climate Change & the planning scheme | Sustainable Subdivision Framework meeting on 20/10 between all councils and refinement of tools occurring with CASBE. | Ongoing. To discuss during GMCA strategic planning session. |
| Alliance of Alliances | Alliances Conference on 29 th April at the Exhibition and Conference Centre Melbourne. Contribute to fortnightly meetings between the MAV & Alliances | Discussed planning reform, advocacy, Hansen Report, Climate Resilient Councils project, SV2030, funding avenues |
| VECO for remaining Councils | Meeting for 28/10 - webinar #1 viewing, councils are going through the motions of approval internally | |
| EO Presentations & Representations on behalf of GMCA | Present to Alpine Resorts on 6 th October Mondo Community Advisory Group Wangaratta 4/11 Sit on Moira E&S Advisory Committee on 9/12 Briefing to Wodonga City Council on 20/12 | Completed. Invited to become Associate Members. |
| Strategic Planning | Framework for Strategic Plan - Vision, Purpose, Goals and Projects, align with SDGs. PART A: Facilitation component: Local Climate Alliance Workshop Facilitation for the Strategic Plan of the Goulburn Murray Climate Alliance PART B: Technical Research and Sustainable Development Goals Localisation Component: Research and Report integrating and localising relevant SDGs, targets and indicators into the Strategic Plan of the Goulburn Murray Climate Alliance. | RFQ/Brief sent out 11/11/21 to four consultants who would all like to quote. |

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| Capacity building | Victorian Climate Resilient Councils Working Group VCRC – Meeting 28/10: LG Adaptation – 28/10 Aust LG Accelerating Action at COP26 Forum ICLEI Webinar 21/10 | Upcoming adaptation capacity building for councils 10 attendees + Falls Creek 7 councils pledged to attend |
| Communications | Website domain, security, & content | |

| PROJECT | GRANT OPPORTUNITIES | Status |
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| EV charge stations-regional | Destination Chargers Across Victoria Closed 13/8/2021 Several applications submitted | EO assisted joint application by 5 councils in NE Vic (Lead – Towong Shire with Alpine, Benalla, Murrindindi and Wangaratta) And separate applications by Moira Shire and Mitchell Shire Many Councils also supported an application by Evie Networks |
| General | Potter Foundation Lord Mayors Charitable Foundation https://wettenhall.org.au/about/ | EOIs for Sustainable – Environment Open 14 March 2022 and Close 31 March 2022 Circular rounds of seed and scaling-up grants opening from 14 Jan 2022 |

APPENDIX 3 – BUSINESS PLAN UPDATE

| Strategy Ref | Strategy Time | STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-22 - ACTION | METHOD 2021-22 | NOTES | Achieved | |
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| | | | | | In progress | Yet to commence |
| 1.1(a) | ongoing | Provide information and resources to support member decision making and program delivery | Work to update members on information from Victorian alliance meetings, regional meetings, project control groups and other sources. | Basecamp | In progress | |
| 1.1(b) | completed | Information and support to influence the inclusion of climate change impacts during the renewal of Council Plans, Public Health and Wellbeing Plans and Regional Catchment Strategies | Co-development of DELWP <i>our Council and Climate Change: Understanding the Risk and Learning to Adapt</i> , training session for councillors on 9 April 2021. | Invitation to all councillors at all GMCA councils. Attended by: Alpine Benalla Campaspe Strathbogie Towong | Achieved | |
| 1.1(c) | 2019/20 | Support capacity building for identified projects including specific learning forums/webinars | EO to assist GMCA for key projects in 2020/21 | | | |
| | | | Development and implementation of electric vehicle charge station infrastructure program | | Project funding application submitted | Achieved |
| | | | Urban greening project to assist council planning for tree planting for urban cooling (Naturally Cooler Towns) | | Project underway | In progress |
| | | | 2021 NEW PROJECT: Liaison with Ausnet for efficient Main Rd streetlight upgrade (MV lights) | | In progress | |

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| | | | 2021 NEW PROJECT: Relevant sessions in Victorian Alliances Conference April 22 | Greening Euroa, urban forests, water stewardship, healthy country, healthy people, regional and rural councils showcased. | |
| | | | Review status of sequestration and carbon credit payments in agriculture (hold for Strategic Plan 2022-26) | EO & GBCMA in conversation re teal carbon opportunities | |
| | | | Other as identified by Alliance | | |
| 1.1(d) | ongoing | Communicate and scale smaller group action or projects to benefit all members eg GMCA Sustainability Indicators | Continue to assist member use of Sustainability Indicators tool and analysing relevance of outputs | Exploring the re-engagement with Trellis of the four Carbon Crunching Councils ie via a workshop | |
| | | | EO to support communication between small shire members to foster shared information -work with shires for suitable action in 2021/22 | VECO assistance to the remaining six councils, & Basecamp setup | |
| 1.2 | 2019/20 and 2020/21 | a) Understand and respond to opportunities arising from changes to the Local Government Act in 2019 and the implementation of the Climate Change Act | Identify and collate climate actions in adopted Council Plans and Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plans in preparation for GMCA Strategic Plan 2022-26 | Matrix sharepoint sent to staff GMCA to input 6/10/21 | |
| | | b) Work with partners to research, and build understanding of key partner issues listed on pg 4 | Monitor opportunities and develop connections to prepare for work in these actions. | | |
| | | c) Develop links with learning institutions and other agencies to access research for GMCA projects | Develop links to explore and advance adaptation opportunities in the Naturally Cooler Towns project | | |

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| 1.3 | 2018/19 | a) Create a Communications and Engagement Plan | EO develop Communications and Engagement Plan in conjunction with Officers Working Group in 2021 | Comms and Engagement Plan will rely on outcomes of the new Strategic Plan. Basic research underway with LinkedIn page set up ready to go. | |
| | ongoing | using social media, web, presentations, conferences, GMCA forums, webinars, showcase, videos, flyers etc including internal and external forums and networks | (The focus of Communication Plan will be implementation of the GMCA Strategy) | | |
| | | promote public access to the GMCA website | | Reviewed the website look and feel. New domain and further design implemented. | |
| | | b) Include public learning opportunities in all GMCA projects | Resource constraints limit the opportunity for public facing communications; Public focus will concentrate on item 2.1(b) | | |
| 2.1 | 2019/20 | a) Continue to develop a highly functional website with use and contribution by all members | EO to develop in 2021/22 in conjunction with Officer Working Group | Complete | |
| | | b) Develop a kit of key messages for use in education by all members | | | |
| | | c) Develop Regional Sustainability Indicators (web based) including training and support for members to use the tool | Prepare proposal to engage a web designer to review website | Metrics and localised indicators to be reviewed with SDGs as part of the new Strategic Plan | |
| | | | (c) Tool established on members section of GMCA website. Continue to assist members to enter data on the website. | See (a) idea | |
| 2.2 | ongoing | a) Use council, agency and Victorian Alliance networks to keep abreast of industry developments and communicate these around the GMCA. | Continue as active partner in Victorian Alliance network. Assist in proposed development of National Roundtable of alliance networks. | Alliances aquatic centre getting off gas Nov meeting 7/10/21 EV State Gov submission 15/10/21 VECO invitation 7/10/21 Alliances Conference 04/22 | |

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| | | b) Build GMCA capability to link others to credible knowledge, grants and government policy | | Sending info via Basecamp. Ongoing. | |
| | | c) Promote the work of the GMCA to member organisations overall (all units, not just committee members) | | This will be part of the new Communications Plan. | |
| | | | EO to liaise with regional networks eg Hume Climate Partners Advisory Group (DELWP), Hume Economic Development Forum, Hume Planners Forum, using projects of interest to each group. | | |
| 2.3 | 2018/19 | a) Create an Advocacy Strategy based on GMCA strategy – where to put the advocacy effort? | Advocacy | To be included in 2022-26 Strategic Planning, currently underway | |
| | And ongoing | b) Also be prepared to consult with the membership and provide advocacy on emerging issues | Assess advocacy strategy in Strategic Planning process | | |
| | | c) Link to agency responses and strategy development regarding climate change e.g 3.1(a) | | | |
| | | | Join with other organisations and alliances in planned advocacy see GMCA and Vic Alliances Universal Advocacy Priorities 2021.docx | | |
| 3.1(a) | 2018/19 | Work with DELWP, CMAs and other regional partnerships to influence and contribute to regional policy eg Hume Regional Adaptation Strategy, planning policy | | Completed for Hume Regional Adaptation Strategy and Regional Catchment Strategies | |
| | | | EO to contribute to Victorian Alliances on Planning Scheme Advocacy project | Report completed. Advocacy campaign commencing Dec 2021. | |

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| 3.1(b) | 2018/19 | To reduce the extreme risks of climate change, develop GMCA member mitigation projects - energy efficient main roads streetlights | EO and officers to develop forward plan to implement changeover of lights. Identify other joint mitigation projects | Underway. | |
| 3.1(c) | 2019/20 | Develop a skills matrix of GMCA members to leverage internal skills for benefit of members | EO to Develop in conjunction with Officers Working Group in 2021-22 | | |
| 3.1(d) | Ongoing | Formally involve other organisational units in project work | Involve other units in streetlight upgrades, and Naturally Cooler Towns | | |
| 3.1(e) | 2019/20 | Conduct a snapshot assessment of TAKE2 pledges for success and future approach and plan implementation | | Complete | |
| 3.1(f) | 2019/20 | Review past projects for reflection and learnings and ongoing skill and project development | EO to action in conjunction with Officers Working Group in 2021 | Review as process of Strategic Plan workshop 2021. | |
| 3.1(g) | 2018/19 | Investigate and develop adaptation and mitigation through appropriate action and education to support programs for low income households and vulnerable groups | Naturally Greener Towns project to include action to benefit low income and vulnerable areas. | | |
| | | | Energy poverty is an issue for inclusion in Strategic Planning in 2021/2 | | |
| 3.1(h) | ongoing | Implement collaborative projects approved by the Alliance. | See 1.1(c) and 4.1(a) | | |
| 3.2(a) | 2019/20 | Investigate formalising the partnership with Alliances | Continue conversations, assist Gippsland councils with liaison with Vic Alliances | | |
| 3.2(b) | ongoing | Link with community networks leading the development areas on pg 4 | Consider opportunities as they arise in these areas | | |

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| 3.2(c) | ongoing | Effectively share projects and results through member organisations, and other agencies and networks and into the community | Include in development of communications and engagement plan see 1.3(a) | Review as process of Strategic Plan workshop 2021. | |
| 3.2(d) | ongoing | Develop strategic relationships with networks that can contribute to GMCA projects eg climate change & MHWP | Include in development of communications and engagement plan see 1.3 (a) | Review as process of Strategic Plan workshop 2021. | |
| 4.1(a) | 2018/19 | Research and report funding opportunities to members and develop project proposals as appropriate | Investigate 2021/2022 funding options for | | |
| | | | changeover of main road streetlights | | |
| | | | Electric vehicle charge station network implementation; | | |
| | | | Opportunities for adaptation projects in agreed sectors | | |
| | | | Impacts of climate change on low income households | | |
| | | | Further areas for investigation of collaborative funding to be decided during GMCA strategic planning process | | |
| 4.1(b) | ongoing | Include internal project officer resource in any application for grant and other external funds | ongoing | Included in Naturally Cooler Towns. | |
| 4.2(a) | 2019/20 | Investigate options for non- members to be partners in projects as appropriate | For Alliance Committee to consider as required | For discussion at November 2021 meetings of AC and OM. | |
| 4.2(b) | Ongoing | Improve understanding of GMCA role and work across member and non-member organisations (part of Communications Plan) | Include in development of communications and engagement plan see 1.3(a) | Also part of strategic plan 22-26 process. | |
| 4.2c | ongoing | Ensure that communication, projects and programs consider all members | Include in development of communications and engagement plan see 1.3(a) | Review as process of Strategic Plan workshop 2021. | |

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| 4.3(a) | 2018/19 | Develop effective officer meetings to benefit the work of the GMCA | Executive Officer to continue to develop effective working group with support of Alliance Committee | | |
| 4.3(b) | 2018/19 | Every 12 months review the operation of the GMCA for the next year eg meeting locations and program | Review by Alliance Committee and report with AGM | Complete? | |
| 4.3(c) | 2019/20 | Proactively plan the next MOU and auspice (to commence mid 2021) | Develop agreed process to form the GMCA Strategic Plan 2021-25 | Complete | |
| 4.3(d) | 2019-22 | Monitor and consider responses to challenges and opportunities related to government policy (eg rate capping, planning policies, energy policy, Local Govt Act) and political electoral cycles | Alliance Committee and EO to review policies, issues as they arise for GMCA action | MOU Review complete. | |
| 4.3(e) | 2018/19 | Refine and strengthen the Alliance Committee through a clear role, action plan and effective membership | The committee has planned the transition of the auspice from GSCC to MSC | Part of Strategic plan 22-26 | |
| 4.3(f) | 2019/20 | From member information, review and update the DELWP 'Analysis of Climate Change Adaptation Governance Across Local Governments in Victoria' | EO to develop project and seek external resources | | |
| 4.3(g) | 2020-22 | Support members to include climate change in governance and policies | EO to deliver on themes developed in conjunction with Officers Working Group | Next Officers meeting. Nov 2021 Is the role to add to capacity of councils or facilitate that aspect? | |
| 4.3(h) | ongoing | Alliance Committee and EO develop governance policies as directed (eg use of GMCA logo) | As required – Alliance Committee to monitor and recommend action | Part of 1.3a Communications Plan. | |
| 4.3(i) | 2018/19 | Develop a criteria list to evaluate the relevance and suitability of any proposal for GMCA action | Alliance Committee to develop in 2021 | | |
| 4.4(a) | 2018/19 | Develop a process for review of all projects undertaken to identify learnings and continuous improvement | Develop in conjunction with Officers Working Group | | |

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| 4.4(b) | 2018/19 | Develop a tool to assess the health and effectiveness of the GMCA Committee and the Alliance Committee over time | Alliance Committee to develop in 2021 | | |
| 4.4(c) | 2019/20 | From the GMCA Strategy, produce the Business Plan and report against it each financial year, Analyse performance and demonstrate value for money | Prepare 2022/23 Business Plan by 31 May 2022. | | |
| | | | Plan for preparation of the next GMCA Strategic Plan in 2022-26 | | |

APPENDIX 4 – ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2020/21

GMCA Financial Report for year ended 30 June 2021 - Actuals at 30/06/2021

| Revenue | | | |
|-----------------|---|----------------|-----------------------|
| | Member Council contributions | -\$ 149,117.93 | ¹ |
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| Expenses | | | |
| | Salaries | \$ 100,081.33 | |
| | Super, LSL & Workcover costs | \$ 13,480.67 | |
| | Staff Training | \$ - | |
| | Contractors & Services | \$ 1,735.00 | |
| | Advertising, Marketing & Promotions | \$ - | |
| | Subscriptions, Contributions & Sponsorships | \$ 310.57 | |
| | GSCC Auspice Council Admin Cost | \$ 16,316.07 | |
| | Telephone & Internet | \$ 400.02 | |
| | External Hire | \$ - | |
| | General materials | \$ 1,117.55 | |
| | Catering costs | \$ 148.73 | ² |
| | Travel costs | \$ 193.72 | ² |
| | Software Purchase | \$ 412.80 | |
| | | | \$ 134,196.46 |
| | 2019/20 Surplus | | -\$ 14,921.47 |
| | GBGA Trust Holdings | | |
| | Opening balance 1st July 2020 | -\$ 57,349.41 | |
| | Plus: 2019/20 Adjusted Surplus | -\$ 14,921.47 | |
| | Closing Balance | | -\$ 72,270.88 |

Notes to the financial statement year ended 30 June 2020.

1 includes GSCC member contribution

2 reduced expenditure due to the impact of COVID-19 restrictions

Financial Statement

Goulburn Murray Climate Alliance

Expended & Committed 2021/22 FY (as at 30/10/21)

| Income | | | |
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| .0271.0301 | Memberships (received to date) | 141,914.43 | |
| | Grants | | |
| | Net Revenue | | 141,914.43 |
| | Gross Profit (Loss) | | 141,914.43 |
| Expenses | | | |
| .0250.0301 | Advertising | | |
| | Alliance Project Expenses | | |
| 2010.0301 | Auspice Admin Expenses | 15,000.00 | |
| 1363.0301 | Catering Costs | 500.00 | |
| | Contractors & Services | | |
| | External Hire | | |
| .0270.0301 | Fees and Subscriptions | 334.71 | |
| .0665.0301 | General Materials | | |
| | Administration Support | | |
| | Miscellaneous | | |
| | Office Expense | | |
| .0010.0011 | Salaries and oncosts | 7,177.80 | |
| | Software | | |
| .0280.0301 | Staff Training | | |
| .0475.0021 | Travel | | |
| | Utilities | | |
| | Total Expenses | | 23,012.51 |
| | Net Operating Income | | 118,901.92 |
| Other Income | | | |
| | Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets | | |
| | Surplus | 72,270.88 | |
| | Total Other Income | | 72,270.88 |
| | Net Income (Loss) | | 191,172.80 |

APPENDIX 6 – NEW MEMBERSHIP: ALPINE RESORTS MANAGEMENT BOARDS

All Alpine Resorts have now committed a request to join the GMCA for an initial 12 month Associate membership as one group. The groups include:

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| Falls Creek Alpine Resort Management Board | Elise Armitage |
| Alpine Resorts Management Board (Mt Stirling, Mt Buller) | Amanda Vogt |
| Mt Hotham Alpine Resort Management Board | Lyndsey Jackman |
| Southern Alpine Resorts Management Board (Lake Mtn & Mt Baw Baw) | Andrew Tingate |

Joining as an Associate for 12 months is usually offered by the GMCA to newcomers, and it is advised that the Resorts or Resort Management Boards as they are known, join as one group because they are so small individually and their interests closely aligned. Additionally in 2023 the Victorian Government will amalgamate them to become “Alpine Resorts Victoria”.

The Resorts will attend the Ordinary Meeting on 18th November for lunch and a presentation to the Members at 1.15pm.

ALLIANCE COMMITTEE OUT OF SESSION MOTION 9th November 2021

MOTION:

That the Alliance Committee recommend the four Alpine Resort Management Boards for a single Associate Membership of 12 months with the GMCA, for endorsement by the Goulburn Murray Climate Alliance.

Moved: Cr C Vincent

Seconded: J Kirkwood

Carried

| GMCA AROUND THE REGION UPDATES AUG-NOV 2021 | |
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| ALPINE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Action Plan was adopted on 8th of September. Committing Councils to net zero emissions by July 2023 for its corporate GHG emissions. • Recently Council; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Recognised that the world is in a state of emergency that requires urgent and sustained action by all levels of government; including local government – Noted the indicative roadmap for community climate action and allocates resources to determine and prioritise Community Climate Action Initiatives as soon as possible but no later than the 22/23 budget. • Engage Ironbark to complete the audit and project management services for the installation of 1,319 streetlights to LED's. |
| BENALLA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part time Environment Sustainability Coordinator appointed (Bronwyn Chapman) while recruiting for ongoing officer • Benalla Council considered a climate emergency petition and resolved to consider it with a review of the Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan, and affirmed that all Council policies and procedures must account for climate change. • IN the last stage of grant funded weed and pest works for 2021. |
| CAMPASPE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaspe Shire Council's Council Plan 2021-2025 and Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan have been endorsed by Council. Great to see 'resilient protected and healthy natural environment' as one of four priorities of the Plan. • Both EV chargers are up and running after repairs due to a power surge during a storm. The <i>Charging the Regions 2</i> project is officially complete with thirteen local councils installing 23 chargers across the North and North West of the state. • An article about the success of Echuca's Basketball Stadium solar and battery installation was published in the <i>Climate Change & Renewable Energy Newsletter October 2021</i> from DELWP and ADAPT Loddon Mallee, the newsletter is available online. • Treatment for weeds continues under the Roadside Weeds and Pests Program. This spring, all rural roads have been surveyed and treated at least once. • The Goulburn Murray Valley Fruit Fly Area Wide Management Program was announced as a Winner of the 2021 Australian Biosecurity Awards – Community. This program operates across the local governments of Campaspe, Shepparton, Moira and Strathbogie. Queensland Fruit Fly is one of many pests that can increase their area of survival due to the warmer climate. |

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| <p>INDIGO</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing - Sam Niedra is Coordinator Environment & Sustainability (appointed FT in mid-August), Flo Meredith is Sustainability Projects Officer (0.4 FTE), and Helen Jones is on long-service leave until Jan 2022. Council will be advertising in late November for a Climate Change & Environment Officer, an on-going 0.5-0.6 FTE position. • Our recent focus has been to maximise the return from our Trellis carbon accounting platform. This has involved Flo interrogating the system and addressing anomalies and vastly improved the accuracy of the asset information, alignment of invoicing with the appropriate facilities and NMLs, asset naming and groupings, plus a bunch of other stuff. Ultimately the accuracy / reliability and presentation of the information is now much better. • We are also now in the process (with Ndevr Environmental and Trellis) of automating our Scope 3 emissions – we previously only had Scope 1 and 2 emissions on Trellis, and Scope 3 emissions represent 75% of our emissions profile. That is happening now and by the end of 2021 we are aiming to have our 2019/20 and 2020/21 emissions data on Trellis. • Our 2020/21 community sustainability grants are currently being implemented, and we are nearing advertising for the 2021/22 program which will commit \$20,000 to supporting community organisations undertake energy efficiency and other sustainability initiatives. • Council submitted two applications to Sustainability Victoria’s Community Climate Change & Energy Action Program (Stream 1) - we are yet to find out the outcome, hopefully soon. • Council’s Procurement Policy has been updated to improve environmental sustainability considerations – e.g. GHG emissions and the role of contracted goods and services in reducing council’s emissions. The document is on public exhibition via council’s website until 19th November. • In October, Council (particularly Darryn Arnold, Building Maintenance Officer) supported Totally Renewable Indigo North (TRIN) to install a 13.5kWh Tesla solar battery to the Rutherglen Senior Citizens clubrooms. TRIN secured a Stronger Communities grant via the office of Helen Haines MP to purchase and install the battery. |
| <p>MANSFIELD</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council’s Climate Action Plan draft has been received and will go on public exhibition in the new year. • New environment officer appointment to be resolved very soon • Council is looking changing over all contracts to renewable energy via VECO or Procurement Australia • Have been successful in receiving a grant to undertake energy audits at both the Jamieson Hall and the Cubby. |
| <p>MITCHELL</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission made to DCAV funding opportunity for 2 x 25kWDC charging stations at the Broadford Civic Centre carpark as well as support for Evie’s proposal. • ESD Policy for Council Buildings adopted by Council and associated standards endorsed • Council acknowledged we are facing a Climate Emergency at September Council meeting, allocating \$110,000 for the development of a Climate Emergency Action Plan. • RFQ out for rooftop solar at Broadford Leisure Centre • Joined the Cities Power Partnership in October • Planning a ‘Sustainable Homes’ day event for early next year in collaboration with Mitchell Community Energy. • Have set standards to increase our purchase of 100% recycled paper. • Have updated our website to include information on sustainable living • Part of CASBE ‘Elevating ESD in the planning scheme’ project • Community cycling consultative forum first meeting held • Developing Home Energy and Water efficiency auditing kits – to be loaned out at libraries • RFQs out for ESD assessment of SSAC/Kilmore Leisure Centres. Includes electricity, gas, and water • Investigating potential to join VECO • Held webinar on Platypus and planning next webinar on understanding household solar – engaging AEF • Special meeting of Council on Monday night a new Cr rep. on the GMCA - Cr Eldridge |

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| MOIRA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of financial year reporting completed together with completion of four-year strategy reporting (Corporate Emissions Reduction Plan 2018-2021) • Completed review of the 'Sports lighting' at Councils recreation reserves. Lux readings at each site have been examined to determine the existing safety conditions. Infrastructure upgrade recommendations and estimated costings also included • Investigating alternative water supply from Lake Mulwala for Yarrowonga Showgrounds Victoria Park complex • Developing project plan for LED light upgrade and solar system installation on the Numurkah Town Hall |
| MURRINDINDI | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As new Auspice of the GMCA, finalising transfer of the Alliance and budget etc to Murrindindi ; and happy to welcome Carole who started as new EO in September. • Completed climate change risk analysis for Council • Continuing with initial stages of climate change action plan, including developing a community engagement strategy. • Currently installing solar panels on Yea Community / Pottery Shed in partnership with community group 2030Yea • Installation of EV chargers are currently underway at Kinglake – with 2 x 22kw AC chargers (each with 2 plugs) being installed, one at the Kinglake Library and one in the main street, as part of a streetscape upgrade project. AC chargers were deemed the most suitable for this location and project. • Murrindindi Shire Council has just joined the Cities Power Partnership |
| SHEPPARTON | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2030 Zero Emissions Plan – undertaken significant internal consultation and now developing action plan, aiming for adoption by end of 2021 • Climate Emergency Action Plan – undertaken targeted consultation, and draft plan currently in development for adoption in 2022 • Shepparton and Mooroopna DC chargers now operational, with multiple charge sessions to date • Submission to Victorian Zero Emission Vehicle Expert Panel • Submission to Market Facilitation Platform • Awaiting Minister approval for Climate Change and Energy audit grants • One Tree Per Child – preparation of major launch of program with John Dee • Tender awarded for Solar PV installations on 5 council buildings • Joined Cities Power Partnership • Sustainable Subdivisions Framework – re-engaging with project • Youth Climate Change Leadership Program grant, DELWP, through Council's youth committee • Climate Change Officer advertised through end of November |
| STRATHBOGIE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently undertaking community engagement for our Climate Change Action Plan online • Council plan has been adopted. • 4 Applications under the Climate Change and Energy Action Grants (3 for stream 1 and 1 for stream 2) Have heard back about stream 1 but not stream 2. • Naturally Cooler Towns has kicked off, some interviews already completed • Greening Euroa has a preliminary design. Lobbying plan has been adopted by Council and we are in the process of finalising the design. |
| TOWONG | No update |
| WANGARATTA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on securing consultant for energy audits as part of the emissions reduction plan. • Renewable Energy Working Group is currently looking at options of sourcing council's electricity from renewable sources. • Council has signed up to Plastic Oceans for 12 months (to start May next year) to help deliver workshops and behaviour change within council regarding single use plastic usage. • Awaiting response from DVAC grant. • Waterwatch training provided to volunteers & NECMA staff. • Communities Combating Pests & Weeds Program - Weed identification booklet in development & Contractors continue to deliver weed control works. |

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| <p>WODONGA</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rewriting the Sustainability strategy for early 2022 • Working with consultants to develop evidence-based targets and action plan for rewrite of CCAAP by mid 2022 • Undertaking single use plastics audit at council owned and managed facilities 15 – 18 November • Albury Wodonga Sustainable Living Festival was successful despite the events being modified for current COVID numbers locally during week of 6-14 November many topics still available on line https://www.alburywodonga.gov.au/slf • Working for Vic. Sustainability projects officer has completed contract. • <u>Reusable Menstrual Products – Halve Waste</u> Menstrual products rebate link • <u>Cloth Nappies Vs Disposable Nappies – Halve Waste</u> |
| <p>GB CMA</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Goulburn Broken Regional Catchment Strategy has been approved by the GB CMA Board at their October 2021 meeting. The blue tabs on the strategy website (https://goulburnbroken.rcs.vic.gov.au/) have now been submitted to the Victorian Water Minister for endorsement. The project team will now start planning for the implementation of the strategy, including communication, engagement, and monitoring. A joint presentation with NE CMA on the Regional Catchment Strategies was given to Regional Development Australia – Hume on 5 November. • There is a continued effort to build the number of individuals and organisations pledging to support the RCS. At last check, we have 40 individuals and 21 organisations. Letters were sent to partners, including Councils seeking pledges of support. • The Goulburn Broken Catchment Biodiversity Strategy is being reviewed as part of renewal of Regional Catchment Strategy. A ‘Biodiversity’ theme paper is being written as part of DELWP requirements for RCS renewal. • We are working with DELWP to deliver on Climate Ready Hume through the Climate Change Adaptation in Agriculture – Goulburn Broken project. The project will deliver communication materials highlighting how local farmers are adapting to and mitigating climate change. The project is due for completion 30 May 2022, however additional services will continue to be delivered by partners into 2022-23. Five community projects and one university project have been funded through the project, identified through the Sustainable Agriculture Small Grants EOI round run in 2020-21. The projects are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milking regeneratively in the Goulburn Broken Catchment, Goulburn Murray Landcare Network • Trial to measure the benefits of soil moisture and pasture growth from deep cultivation at • Strathbogie, Strathbogie Tableland Landcare Group • Towards the future land management, Warby Ranges Landcare Group • Soils ain’t soils II, Delatite Landcare Group • Engaging farmers to begin the carbon journey, Molyullah Tatong Tree and Land Protection Group • Effect of shelterbelts on soil health and pasture production, University of Melbourne • We will also be creating five short videos to share farmer actions, progress, and learnings in addressing climate change on their farms. |
| <p>NECMA</p> | <p>Activities that have been undertaken in the last period include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 workshops with wine industry participants about the effects of climate change on the future of the wine industry for each of the 5 regions in the North East. Workshops have been booked out with presenters Paul Ryan, Snow Barlow and Ben Rose all providing a broad range of commentary around the theme. • A joint project with GBCMA on our water futures exploring the effects of climate change on water yield and how that will be communicated with the broader community. This is planned to be a 4-workshop series over the next 5 months. • Presentations on the NECMA climate tool have been provided to the Walnut growers AGM and a couple of Landcare groups. • The Alpine Valleys Dairy climate adaptation strategy has been completed and work is underway to access funding to support its role out. |

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| <p>DELWP</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro – Climate Ready Hume team now consists of Daniel Cocking, Leah Cornell-Morrissey, and Chelsea Cherry as of 29 Nov • <u>A reminder that our Climate Ready Hume Community Mini Grants are open! Up to \$10,000 available to successful applicants!</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team have been working with Greater Shepparton City Council and have begun the process of creating a Goulburn Youth Climate Change Leadership project. The program will run a four phase project beginning with youth consultation before running facilitation training. • The Localising climate resilience in Hume workshops also began in the last week of October, working with ARUP and Enviroplan to explore the Business and Insurance Risks of Climate Change. • Upcoming events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ YDP funding - ARUP + ENVIROPLAN Scenario Planning workshop series ○ <u>Link here for flyer</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Workshop 1: November 24th 09:30am – 11.30am • <i>Develop four plausible scenarios for the future of Hume</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Workshop 2: December 8th 1:30pm – 4.30pm • <i>Scenario testing workshop</i> • To register complete the form here: <u>Registration Form</u> • Please share information about this exciting workshop series amongst your networks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The NE Youth Climate Summit (Day 1-3) Indigo Shire Youth for Climate Action (ISYCA) is working with OzGREEN and a number of local councils in north east Victoria including the Indigo, Alpine and Wangaratta Councils and US (DELWP) to run a North East Youth Climate Summit for three days in December. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participants: Fully vaccinated participants aged between 12 and 30 from around NE Victoria are welcome ▪ Registration: https://forms.gle/ikHUKBZGCmEzdDXt9 ▪ Date: Monday 13th to Wednesday 15th December 2021 - 9.30am to 3pm each day ▪ Venue: Beechworth, specific venue TBD. • <u>New CRH newsletter format</u> |
| <p>SV</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Business Energy Saver Program active across all of Victoria – bonuses worth on average \$1000 per eligible small business to upgrade equipment like hot water, cooling, heating, refrigeration. SV have engaged GV Community Energy and Indigo Power as ‘intermediaries’ to assist small businesses in the Hume region • Hume Community Power Hub, being delivered by Indigo Power in partnership with GV Community Energy. Active with various working groups and projects to help the community develop and install renewable energy and energy efficiency. • Premier’s sustainability awards – finalists announced - <u>Premier's Sustainability Awards – 2021... Sustainability Victoria</u> - register to attend the awards on the 23 November. Albury Wodonga Multicultural Community Events and Mount Hotham Alpine Resort Management Board are nominated • Detox your home events are back on - <u>Detox Your Home - Shepparton Registration, Sat 27/11/2021 at 9:00 am Eventbrite</u> - please promote • Thanks to everyone who contributed to the SV2030 strategy via the engage.vic site. • James Bramwell will be back as Hume Regional Engagement Lead from 30th November – contact me about anything james.bramwell@sustainability.vic.gov.au |