

# Climate Emergency Corporate Response Plan 2021-2031

## Quarterly Update

**October – December 2021**

Progress summary of our **Climate Emergency Corporate Response Plan**.

View the plan at:  
[environmentsurfcoast.com.au](http://environmentsurfcoast.com.au)

Council and community action on climate change is progressing with **87%** of the **67** actions in the *Climate Emergency Corporate Response Plan for 2021-2023* either completed or on track.

The actions are all aimed at mitigating the impacts of climate change by cutting greenhouse emissions and adapting to those impacts that our community is already experiencing.

### Key actions taken during the **October to December 2021** quarter include:

- ✔ **Adopting an Environmentally Sustainable Council Facilities Policy.**
  - Commencing the process for Council becoming a certified carbon neutral organisation using the Australian Government's Climate Active certification.
  - Planning for the next installation of solar panels, which will be at the Winchelsea Community House. A budget bid has been submitted to continue this program in 2022-23.
  - Planning to install four new electric vehicle charging stations across the shire, following a successful state government grant application.
- ✔ **Completing assessments for energy efficiency and gas transition works in the Torquay civic precinct.**
  - Submitting budget bids to expand Council's street tree program in hinterland areas at risk of urban heat impacts and to improve sustainable water use.
  - Supporting climate action projects through small grants, including a Climate Revolution Summit led by Surfers for Climate, community garden improvement projects and the development of a locally based ecological footprint calculator led by the Surf Coast Energy Group (SCEG).
- ✔ **Completing the Youth for Climate 2021 program.**
  - Working with Monash University and SCEG on the Active Energy Precincts project to explore community batteries and micro-grid opportunities.

**Of the actions for 2021-2023, which form part of Council's 10-year Climate Emergency Response Plan:**



**15%**  
Completed

**72%**

On track to be delivered within  
the two-year time frame

**13%**

Subject to funding or delayed.

THE LATEST ACTIONS BUILD ON COUNCIL RECENTLY ACHIEVING **100% RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY** FOR ALL ITS OPERATIONS AND AT A LOWER COST.



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