

Shire adopts new climate action plan



The Mount Alexander Shire Council adopted a new Climate Change Action Plan at last week's council meeting.

Director of Sustainable Development Jason Taylor said the plan features more than 60 actions and clarifies council's commitment to becoming carbon neutral by 2025.

"Council is serious about reducing emissions and the action plan provides us with a clear pathway to responsibly reduce emissions and to become more resilient to climate change," he said.

The plan looks at key ways to reduce carbon emissions by reducing waste emissions and gradually replacing fossil fuel energy with renewable energy for transport, buildings and public lighting.

Mr Taylor said the largest source of carbon emissions for the shire is landfill, which accounts for around 90 per cent of the shire's emissions.

"Residents can make a big impact in reducing emissions simply by keeping food and green waste out of their bins," he said.

"Organic waste is compostable and makes a great food source for the garden so it is best to make use of this resource at home."

To read the action plan visit www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au