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CLIMATE EMERGENCY CONFERENCE 2024

*Councils and communities
reclaiming the climate emergency*



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Everywhere on this continent, we are all on unceded Aboriginal land. We acknowledge that we are meeting today on the land of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung.

We thank and acknowledge the elders of all First Nations for looking after Country since the Dreamtime.

We will do all we can to look after it too, and to restore a safe climate for current and future generations of all species.



Break-out Block 1

Getting started on your climate emergency response

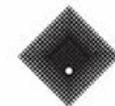


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Speakers:

- Dale Martin – Local Government Climate Emergency Toolkit
- Cr Jude Dwight, Mayor, Knox City Council
- Tiffany Harrison, Gippsland Alliance for Climate Action



Facilitator:

Tiffany Harrison

Gippsland Alliance for Climate Action



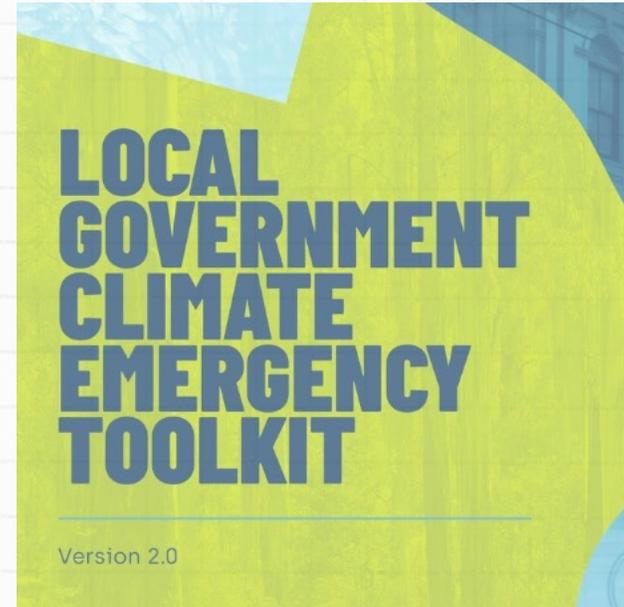
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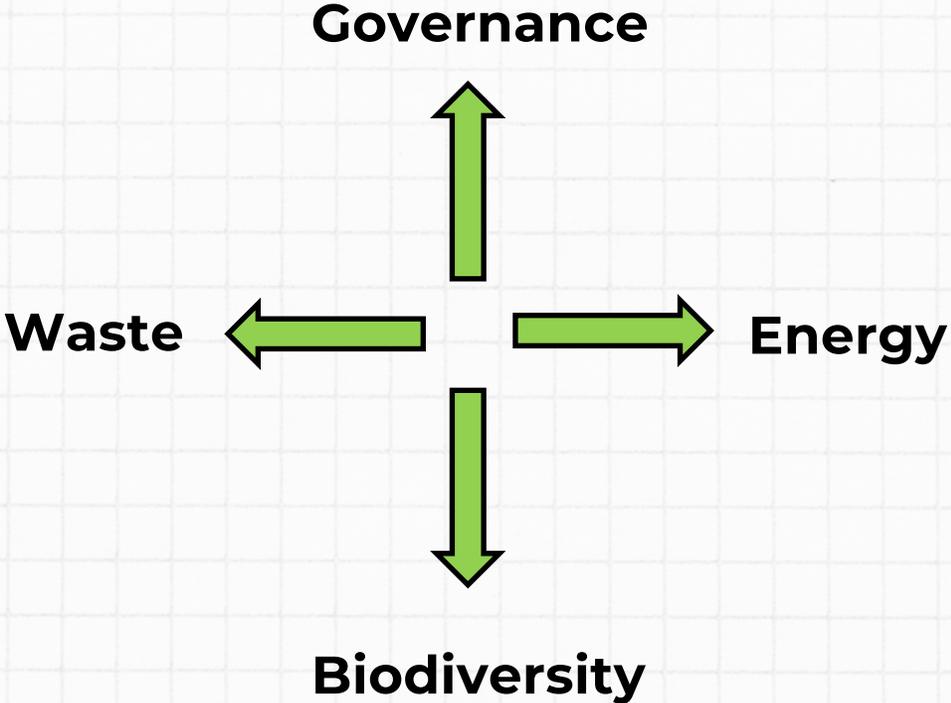
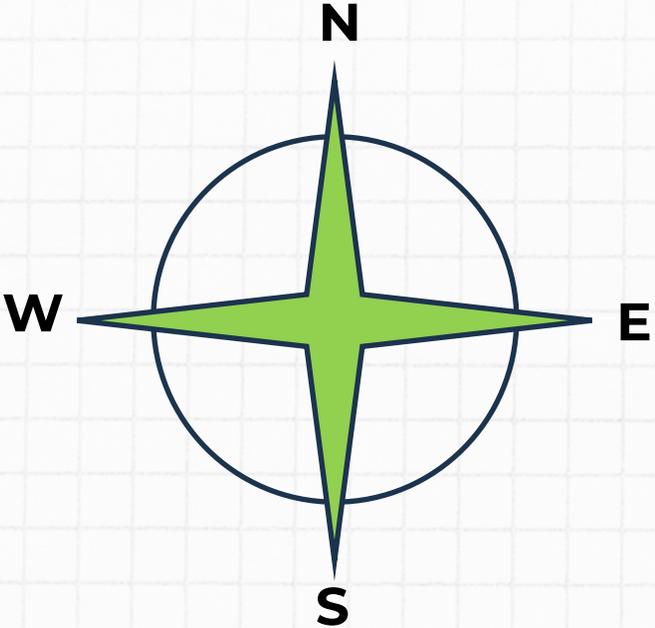
climate emergency:
Getting Started

Dale Martin



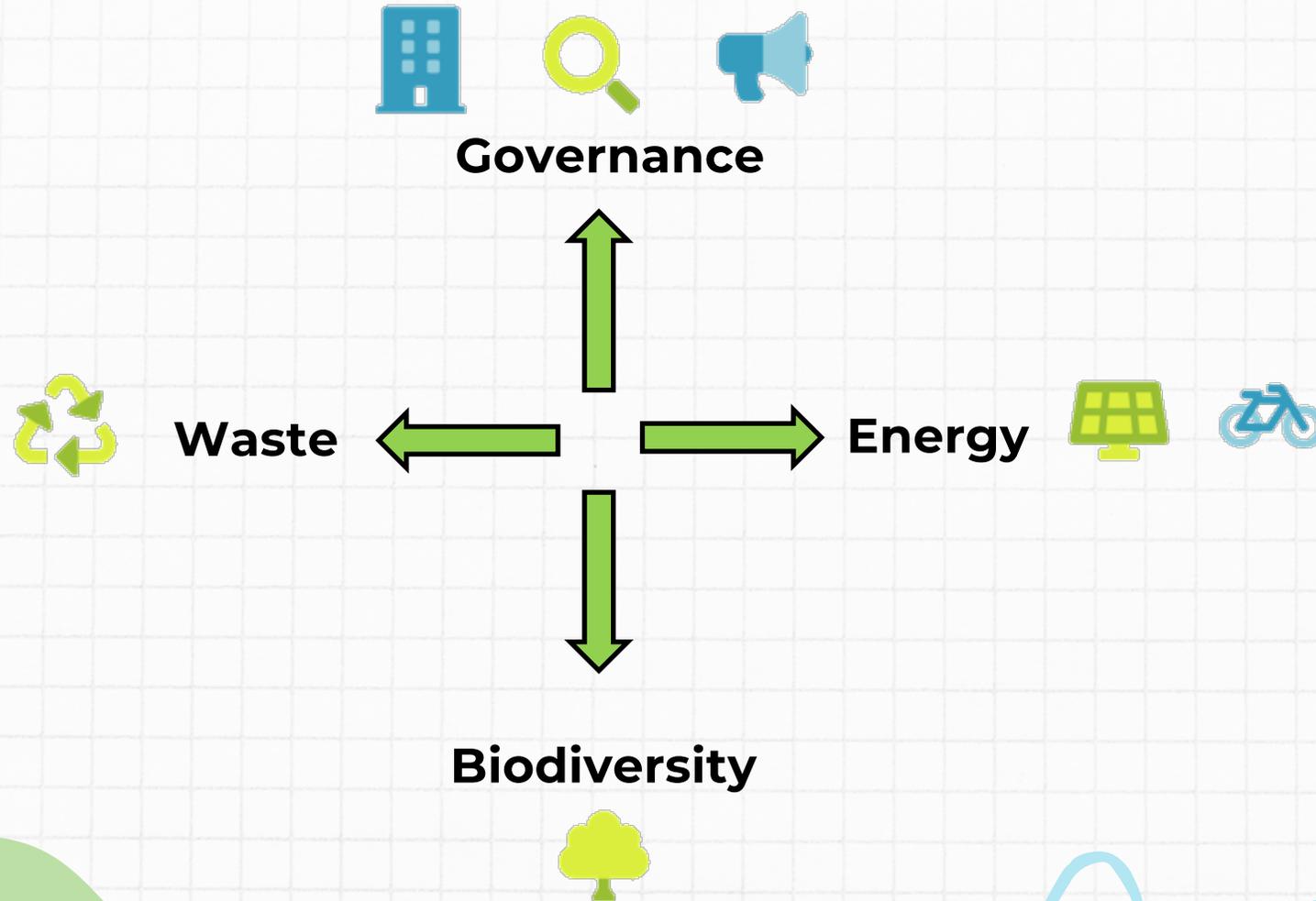
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Where to start?



Stop the needle spinning

All directions build momentum



the LGCET skeleton

Recommendations

Transparent and Accountable (Culture)

- 1.1 – 2030 target
- 1.2 – Climate Emergency Response
- 1.3 – Traditional Owner knowledge
- 1.4 – Climate emergency key performance indicators (CEKPI)
- 1.5 – Meeting transparency
- 1.6 – Digitisation of operations
- 1.7 – Environmental risk management
- 1.8 – Climate emergency training and education
- 1.9 - Climate Emergency Coalition

Communication

- 2.1 – Public declaration
- 2.2 – Ease of access to climate emergency information
- 2.3 – Emergency communications
- 2.4 – Fund and provide resources for community leadership
- 2.5 – Community climate emergency festival or forum
- 2.6 – Culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communication

Energy

- 3.1 – Renewable energy operations
- 3.2 – Renewable community energy
- 3.3 – Energy budget
- 3.4 – Energy efficient assets
- 3.5 – All electric community
- 3.6 – Energy bulk buy
- 3.7 – Energy storage

Transport

- 4.1 – Transport budget
- 4.2 – Active transport priority
- 4.3 – Transport advocacy
- 4.4 – Fleet policy
- 4.5 – Zero emissions refuelling
- 4.6 – Transport bulk buy
- 4.7 – Air travel policy

Circular economy

- 5.1 – Divestment policy
- 5.2 – Recycling targets
- 5.3 – The sharing economy
- 5.4 – Procurement policy
- 5.5 – Environmental contract management
- 5.6 – Best practice materials

Industry and built environment

- 6.1 – Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD)
- 6.2 – Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD)
- 6.3 – Plastic Wise
- 6.4 – Climate Emergency Businesses

Open space and agriculture

- 7.1 – Pest animal and weed management
- 7.2 – Urban heat
- 7.3 – Sustainable food system strategy
- 7.4 – Operational catering
- 7.5 – Open space local laws
- 7.6 – Local biodiversity
- 7.7 – Access to green open space



Start with one star

Local Government Climate Emergency Toolkit Version 2.0

Recommended energy actions

Objective	★ Action	★★ Action	★★★ Action	Who	Key Document	Method	Outcome
3.1 Renewable energy operations	Ensure council operates on 100% green electricity through the direct purchase of green electricity and/or a power purchase arrangement. Carbon neutral certification must be provided while fossil fuels, including gas connections, are phased out within 5 years.	Domestic offsets purchased	No offsets required	Councillors, CEO, executive team	Council Plan or monthly report or annual budget	Seek inclusion via Council Plan adoption or monthly report, and funding to be sought from the budget	No operational emissions from energy
3.2 Renewable community energy	Commit to lead and facilitate a 100% renewable energy power purchase, microgrid, virtual power plant or similar agreement for at least 1% of residents and businesses within the council area.	>5% and dedicated resource	>10% and dedicated resource	Councillors, CEO, executive team	Council Plan or monthly report or annual budget	Seek inclusion via Council Plan adoption or monthly report, and funding to be sought from the budget	Provide access to and benefits of renewable energy to the community
3.3 Energy budget	Commit at least 2% of the council budget or \$10 per capita [whichever is higher] to energy efficiency or renewable energy grants, programs and upgrades for sporting clubs and residential and commercial properties. Low-income residents could be targeted in the first instance.	3% / \$10 per capita	5% / \$20 per capita and gas disconnection fee rebate program	Councillors, CEO, executive team	Council Plan or monthly report or annual budget	Seek inclusion via Council Plan adoption or monthly report, and funding to be sought from the budget	Provide access to and benefits of energy efficiency and renewable energy to the community

Undertake an audit

Objective	One Star Action	Outcome sought	Current Council Action	Suggested next steps
3.1	Ensure council operates on 100% green electricity through the direct purchase of green electricity and/or a power purchase arrangement. Carbon neutral certification must be provided while fossil fuels, including gas connections, are phased out within 5 years.	No operational emissions from energy	Solar on council roofs – not sure how much, no green power, no plan to phase out gas	Quantify current on-site renewable energy generation (%), investigate joining PPA/ green power, develop plan in line with Objective 3.4
3.2	Commit to lead and facilitate a 100% renewable energy power purchase, microgrid, virtual power plant or similar agreement for at least 1% of residents and businesses within the council area.	Provide access to and benefits of renewable energy to the community	No current action with businesses or residents in LGA	Quantify current energy consumption of residents/ businesses in LGA, seek expressions of interest from businesses/associations to run a trial PPA or microgrid

Implement actions

- Compounding action – consistency is key (each budget CAPEX and OPEX)
- Ensure plan is robust with SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Timely) actions delivered within current term
- Build in ambition
- Communicate internally and externally

Stamina building for all stakeholders

- Share stories of success – talk to your peers for examples
- Understand the motivations of your stakeholders
- Support your officers and celebrate success (even the little wins)
- Participate in community engagement
- Take care of yourself

Can you spare 5 minutes?



SURVEY LINK [HERE](#)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CLIMATE EMERGENCY TOOLKIT SURVEY

Is this a *“Climate Emergency?”*

What difference does it make?

Cr Jude Dwight
Mayor, Knox City Council 2024
Wurundjeri & Bunurong Country,
Kulin Nation





The Basin, August 2020



Yarra Ranges, June 2021



Mt Dandenong, June 2021





Sydney floods, 2021





Black summer fires 2020



Black summer fires 2020



Europe fires 2022



Glacial collapse India 2022

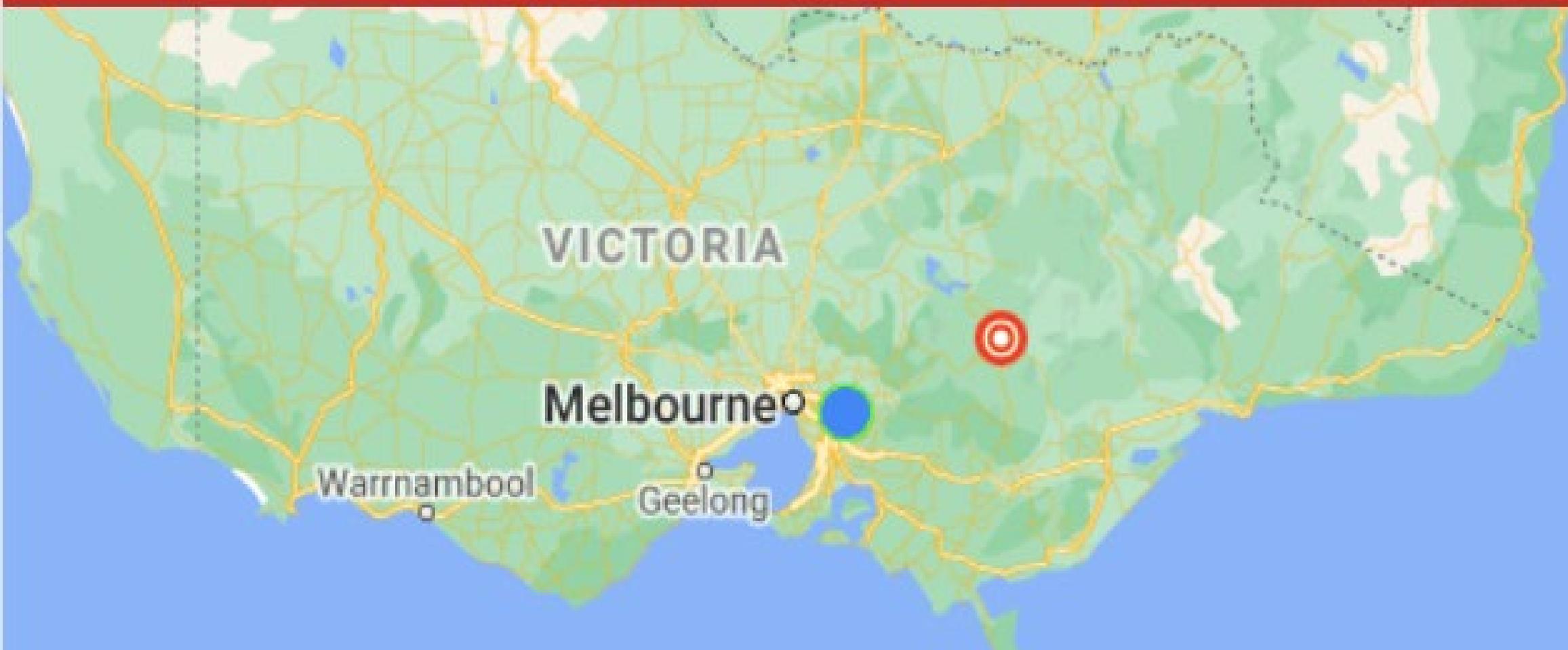


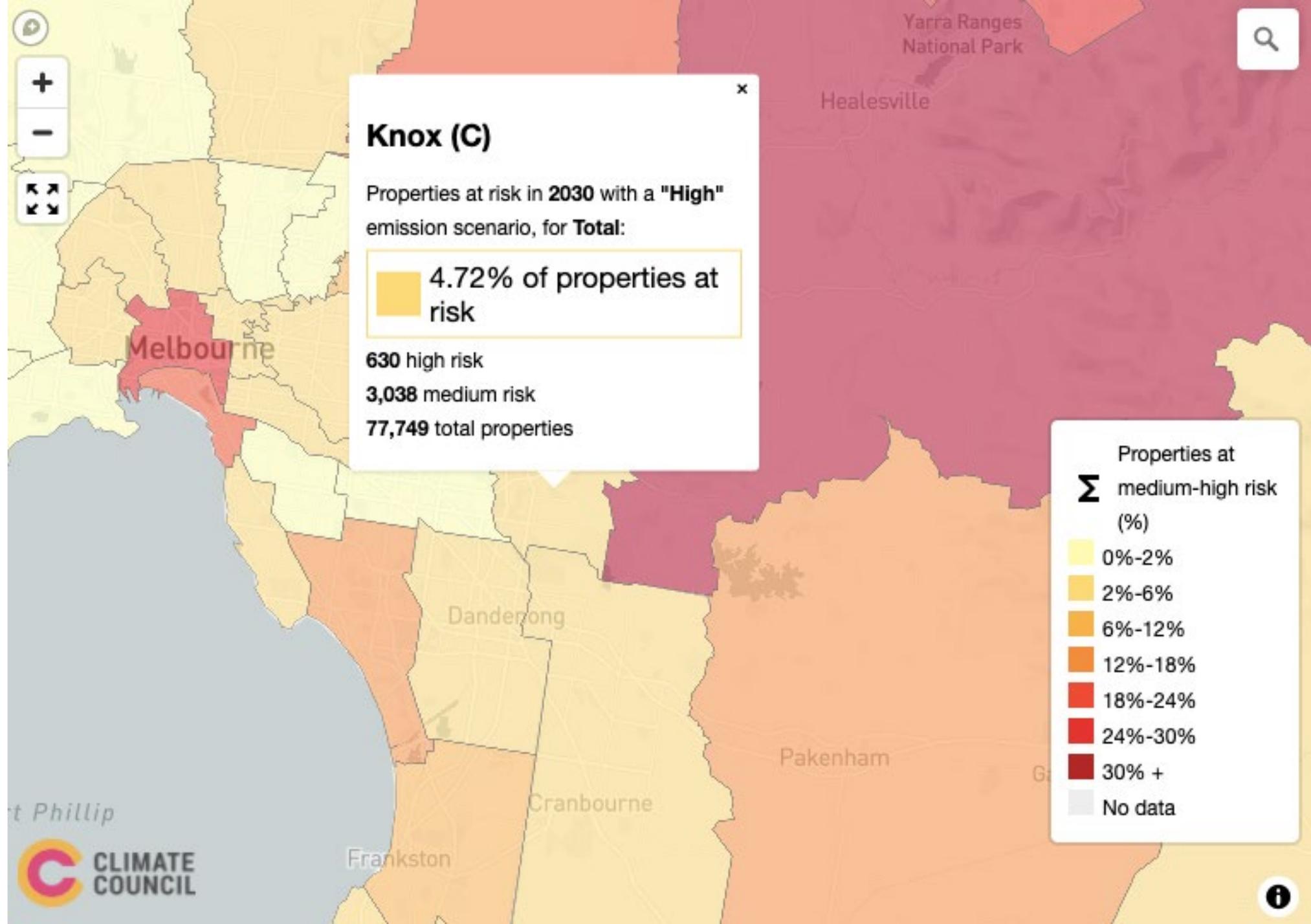
Water catchment decline



Magnitude 5.8 earthquake

129 km from Melbourne VIC · 9:15 am





Food shortages 2020



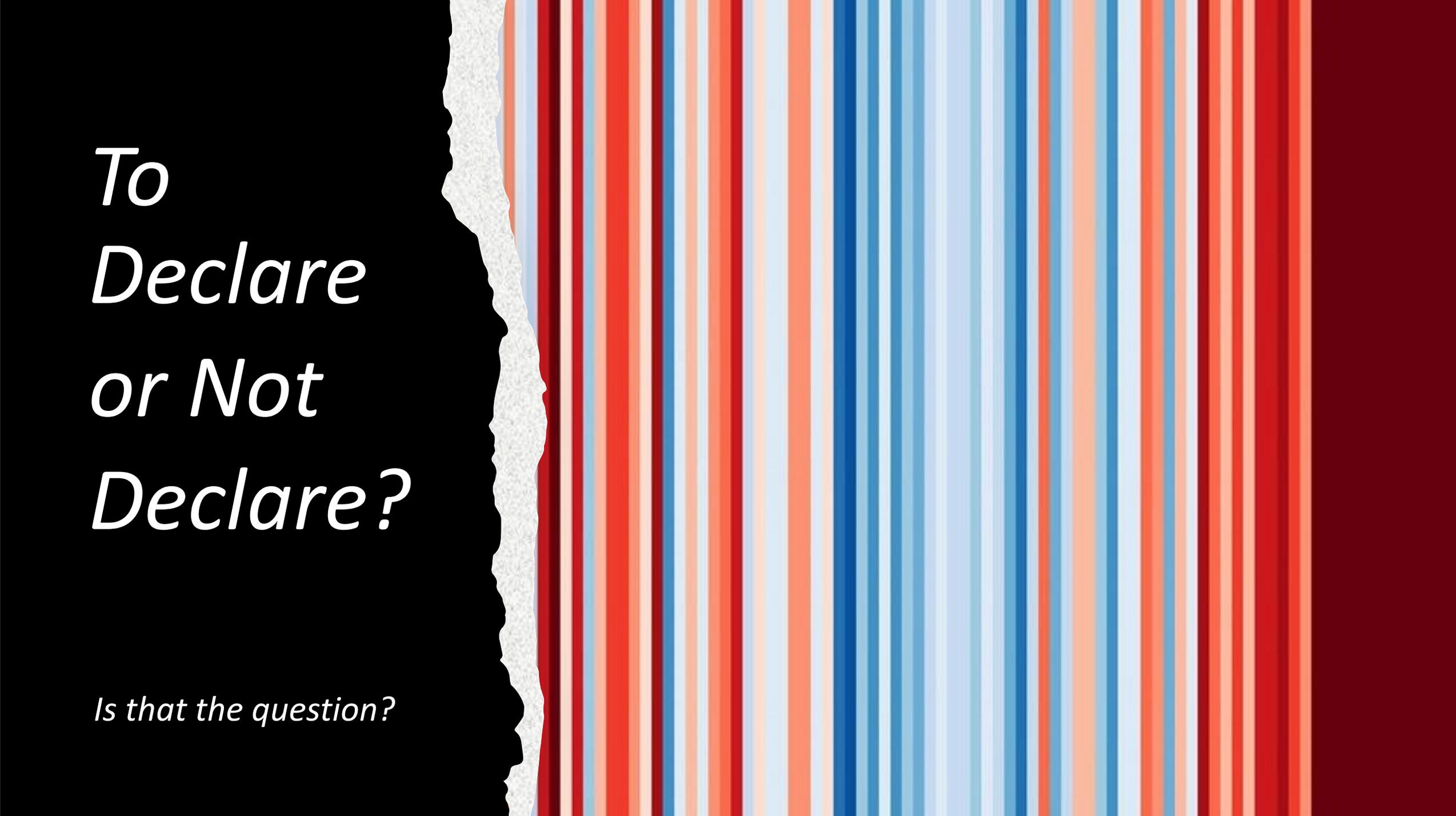


Case Studies:

2019: City of Wagga Wagga
- Urban Cooling Strategy, 2022

2022: Port-Macquarie-Hastings Council

*“Of the Councils in Australia that have made these declarations, few if any have allocated budget towards the **outcomes** of declaring that emergency”*



*To
Declare
or Not
Declare?*

Is that the question?



*Remember.
You are dealing with a climate and
ecological emergency of a scale not
experienced before.*

And you are dealing with people.

*If the word 'emergency' is a blocker find an
action that can gain support – there are plenty!*

And, importantly, it's an election year!

A photograph showing a man lying on a mat on a cobblestone street. In the foreground, a cardboard sign is propped up, with the words "ONCE I WAS LIKE YOU" written in black marker. The man is wearing a dark head covering and a light-colored shirt. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people and structures. A small red and yellow square logo is visible in the upper left corner of the image.

ONCE
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LIKE YOU



Tiffany Harrison

Gippsland Alliance for Climate Action

Making it happen in resource-constrained councils



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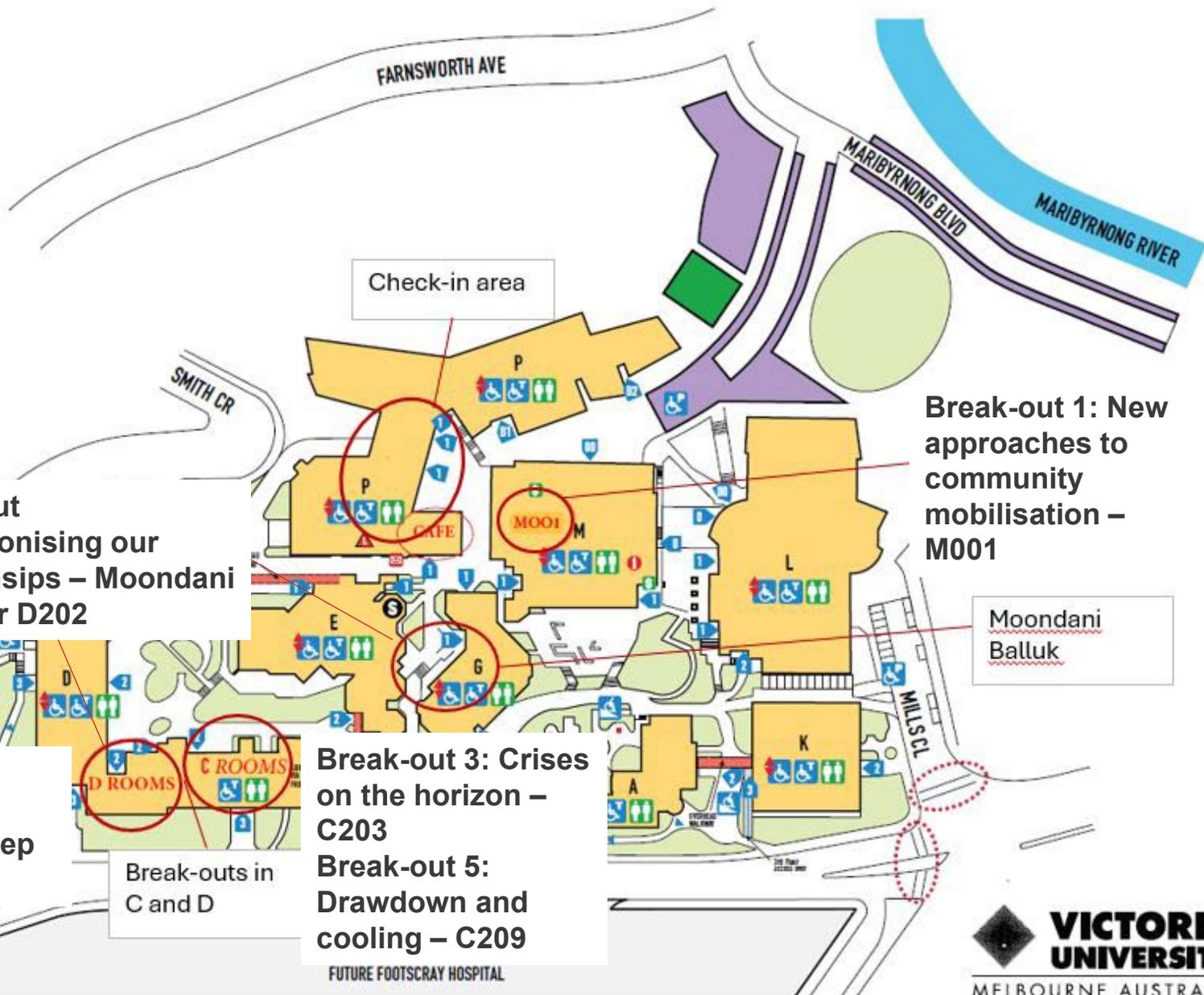


FOOTSCRAY PARK CAMPUS ACCESS AND MOBILITY MAP



LEGEND

- Accessible Parking
- Accessible Toilet
- Accessible Lift
- Steep Gradient
- Toilets
- Public Telephone - SMS
- Bus Stop
- ATM
- Student Service Centre
- Car Parks
- University Buildings
- Overhead Walkways
- Tennis Courts
- Bar-B-Q
- Accessible Building Entry
- Library
- Traffic Sign
- Security



Updates:



Break-out 4: Decolonising our partnerships – Moondani Balluk or D202

Break-out 1: New approaches to community mobilisation – M001

Moondani Balluk

Break-out 2: Council mobilisation deep dive – D200

Break-out 3: Crises on the horizon – C203

Break-out 5: Drawdown and cooling – C209

Break-outs in C and D