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Wollongong City Council

# CLIMATE EMERGENCY UPDATE

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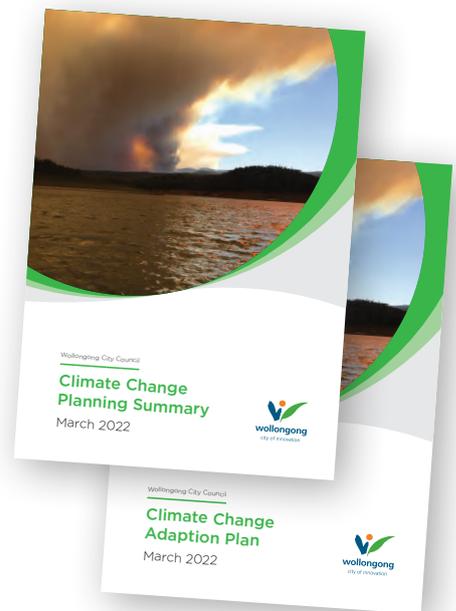
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## Climate Change Adaptation Plan Update

At its meeting on March 14, 2022, Council adopted the Wollongong Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2022 (CCAP). The CCAP outlines the key hazards and risks our city faces from climate change and sets out the recommended steps we can take to respond to these risks and reduce their potential impacts.

The CCAP has 73 actions for Council to implement, with 27 of them expected to be delivered between now and 2026. Many of these actions are focused on continuing the work already underway by Council to reduce the risk of hazards such as heat, flooding, bushfire and coastal erosion. These actions broken up into short (2021-2030), medium (2030-2050) and long term (2050-2070) goals.

You can read a summary of the Plan [here](#) and the full Plan [here](#).



## Climate Change Mitigation Plan Update

We are currently undertaking a review of our Climate Change Mitigation Plan 2020-2022 (CCMP) in preparation for developing the next CCMP.

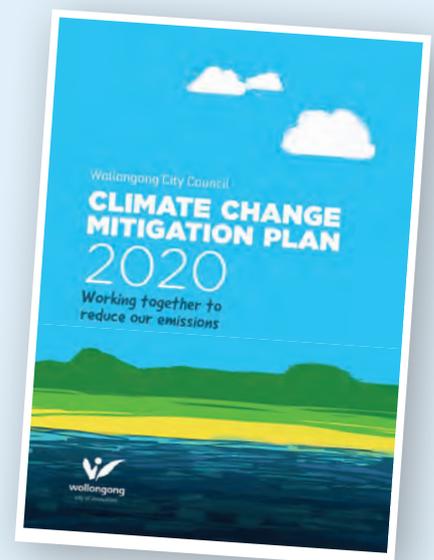
Our current CCMP has set the initial scene for how Council intends to move forward on the journey to meeting the emissions reduction targets, establishing preliminary actions to provide information and establish strong relationships for continued success.

To date, 75 of the 98 actions in the current CCMP have been completed and/or are being implemented or are in the planning phase.

The next CCMP will include an update to both Council's and the City of Wollongong's emissions inventories, which detail the main sources of emissions for both areas and will provide an analysis of the impact of Council's actions to date. The learnings we have gained during the implementation of the first CCMP will guide us in the development of this next CCMP.

We will be engaging with the community and key stakeholders over the coming months to seek their input.

You can read the current CCMP [here](#).



## Sustainable Transport Update

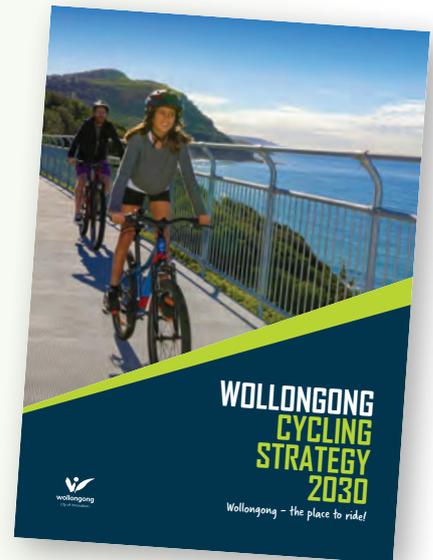
Council is investigating current and emerging ways to gather pedestrian and cyclist data across the Local Government Area (LGA). To effectively plan transport for the future for people to move between places, we need to understand how and where our community moves. Cycling reduces congestion dramatically on our road network and helps to reduce emissions that would have been otherwise produced by cars and other vehicles.

Fixed counters are in place along the Wollongong Pop-Up Cycleways in Smith Street and Kembla Street, to log the number of cycling trips, their direction and speed.

The use of the Coastline Cycleway and Blue Mile Shared Path is continuing to grow. To help us better understand this use we have also installed three new pedestrian/cyclist counters at key locations along this route. These counters do not capture personal information, but they do count the number of the people using the path, the direction they are travelling and whether they are a pedestrian or a cyclist.

The data collected from the counters will help us achieve key priorities outlined in the Cycling Strategy 2030 and uphold our prestigious label of UCI Bike city. We will be able to measure our performance against the targets set in the strategy such as increasing weekly cycling activity participation from 12.9% to 20% by 2030. An increase in cycling participation will help to decrease the city's carbon emissions and supports our Climate emergency commitments.

You can read the Cycling Strategy 2030 [here](#).



## Calling for Coastal Conversations!

The Wollongong LGA has approximately 60km of coastline, from the Royal National Park in the north to Lake Illawarra in the south. Our unique coastline is valued and used by our community in many ways and is a key part of the identity of the City of Wollongong. We want to hear from our community and other stakeholders so that we can manage these valuable assets in the best way to make an Extraordinary Wollongong.

Council is inviting residents, visitors and other stakeholders to join the conversation as part of the first stage of development of the new Wollongong Coastal Management Program (CMP). The CMP will set the long-term strategy for the coordinated management of our coast and estuaries, guided by the Coastal Management Act 2016.

Stage 1 is the scoping phase, which will determine what the CMP needs to include, what studies need to be prepared and who needs to be involved. To do this we will be engaging to the community to understand what you love about our coastline, how you

use and enjoy our beaches, headlands and rock platforms, and coastal creeks as well any concerns you may have about the way the coast is managed. We will also review the work that has been undertaken in the past to manage issues and challenges in our coastal areas.

Engagement for the scoping phase started on 1 June 2022 with the launch of an interactive online mapping tool and online survey which are open until 30 June 2022. There will be a series of pop-up stalls held across the city in late June to provide residents and visitors the opportunity to speak directly with the project team.



Head online and join the conversation or come and talk to us at one of our pop-up stalls. For more information about the CMP or how to join the conversation, head to [our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/cmp](http://our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/cmp) or scan QR code.



This project is supported by the NSW Government's Coastal and Estuary Program.

# Climate Friendly Planning Framework: Discussion Paper

Our local planning assessment framework is undergoing a review to align with our goals and objectives for the city and community of Wollongong. This includes our net zero greenhouse gas emissions targets and actions in our Climate Change Mitigation Plan 2020-2022 and Sustainable Wollongong 2030 Strategy. If we can facilitate sustainable development through a climate friendly planning framework, we can transition to net zero emissions and be better prepared to help our community prepare for and adapt to climate change.

Our review is planned to be a 3-stage process. We are currently in stage 1 and are seeking community and stakeholder feedback on our ideas to inform draft changes to our framework via a Discussion Paper. As this is a discussion document, nothing is locked in. Options are open for input and ideas.

The Discussion Paper is an easy-to-navigate document focusing on five key areas for potential change within our local planning assessment framework. Within these areas, key Objectives and Discussion Points are proposed. The current focus areas for change are as follows:

- Landscaping and Urban Greening
- Solar and Energy Efficiency
- Materials, Building Form and Waste
- Transport and Car Parking
- Policies and Incentives

We aim to promote climate friendly development across our planning framework through LGA specific environmental controls, enhancements to existing controls or the implementation of additional supporting tools and materials to help guide and inform.

We encourage feedback on all aspects of the Discussion Paper. We will then use this to make decisions on what changes could be incorporated into the framework and how best to proceed.

Comments and feedback can be made via our engagement page [here](#).



# Urban Greening Update

## Tiny Forests, Big Impact! Bringing the benefits of the forests to the suburbs

Delivering on our Urban Greening Strategy keeps growing! We're trialling the planting of some Tiny Forests across Wollongong to make better use of our outdoor spaces.

By swapping grass with a range of plants and trees, these multi-layered forests will create around 30 times more green surface area compared to grass alone. This increase in green surface area will provide more shade, help cool the air, create homes and food for wildlife, restore local biodiversity and absorb harmful emissions to create a more liveable future.

They will be maintained in the early years to help them mature in record time, eventually becoming self-sustaining with less maintenance.

First up we're creating new Tiny Forests in Dapto, Tarrawanna, and Wollongong Botanic Garden. We hope to roll out to more locations in the future.

Learn more [wollongong.nsw.gov.au/tiny-forests](https://wollongong.nsw.gov.au/tiny-forests)

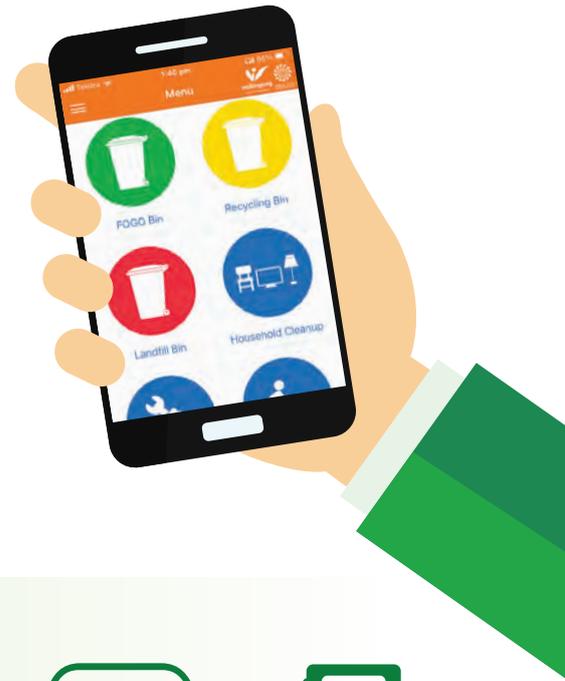


## Wollongong Waste App

Not sure what goes in your recycling bin or your FOGO bin, or want to keep up to date with your bin collections or book in an on-call household cleanup? Time to download the Wollongong Waste App! It is a free app that's a one stop shop for up-to-date information on Council's FOGO, recycling, and waste services.

The app includes a personalised bin collection calendar, reporting avenue for illegal dumping, an A-Z guide of Waste and Recycling, booking link for a household clean-up, booking link for bin repairs and much more. You can also find in-depth information on which of the three household bins to use and details on what's accepted at the Community Recycling Centre at Kembla Grange.

You can download the app by searching 'Wollongong Waste' on the App Store for Apple users or Google Play for Android users.



## Electric Vehicle Charging Update

Installation of the super-fast electric vehicle charging station at the Stewart Street East carpark is still running on track, with electricity grid upgrades completed and ready for the EV charging station to be installed. Council is working in partnership with NRMA on this project.



## LED Lighting Upgrades Update

Currently we have changed approximately 50% of our streetlights to LEDs.



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