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How can we protect and develop the Strathbogie Shire as the climate changes?

What do you think Council and the community should be prioritising to protect and develop in Strathbogie Shire as the climate changes?

Council is calling on the community to review its Sustainable Strathbogie 2030 Strategy which is currently out for public feedback until 5pm Friday 3rd May.

Council encourages the community to read the draft strategy, post an idea or comment on the forum and complete the survey by clicking the Sustainable Strathbogie 2030 button on Council's homepage www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au.

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Cr Amanda McClaren said the Sustainable Strathbogie 2030 Strategy is going to be Council's road map to sustainably managing the shire's natural and built environment.

"We feel, as community leaders, we have a responsibility to protect our environment and support our communities into a sustainable future," Mayor McClaren explained.

"In this strategy we have focused on key areas of climate resilience, reducing carbon in the atmosphere, sensitively using water resources, building on our strong commitment to waste management, promoting an ecologically rich landscape and an active and connected community.

The draft strategy contains ambitious targets focusing on two key areas; both in Council's own operations and helping our community across the Strathbogie Shire.

"This is a really important document, created by our Sustainable Development Reference Group and Council, that plans for our future and we'd love to hear your thoughts on our priority areas, the deliverables we're setting out to achieve, or anything about climate change and ways we can all work together for a more sustainable future," Cr McClaren said.

Council also encourages the community to come along to a drop-in session to provide feedback on the strategy:

- Euroa – Council Conference Room, 1B Bury St, Monday 15 April, 3pm – 6.00pm
- Avenel – Avenel Bowls Club, 7 Queen St, Tuesday 16 April 3pm – 6.00pm
- Nagambie – Nagambie Bowls Club, 6-12 Marie St, Nagambie, Thursday 18 April 3pm – 6pm
- Violet Town – Violet Town Community Complex, 35 Cowslip St, Monday 29 April 3pm – 6pm
- Strathbogie – Strathbogie Recreation Reserve, Tuesday 30 April 3pm – 6pm

“Face-to-face discussions at our drop-in sessions are totally invaluable and give us the opportunity to really tap into the knowledge and ideas out there in our community, so we really encourage people to come along,” Cr McClaren said.

Copies of the strategy are available for viewing at Council Offices at 109A Binney Street and at the libraries across the Strathbogie Shire.

Those who provide submissions to the draft strategy will have the opportunity to speak to those submissions before Council at the Special Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 14 May 2019, commencing at 5pm in the Euroa Community Conference Centre.

Following consideration of submissions, Council will review and amend the strategy as appropriate and the final strategy will be submitted to Council for formal consideration at a date to be determined.

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