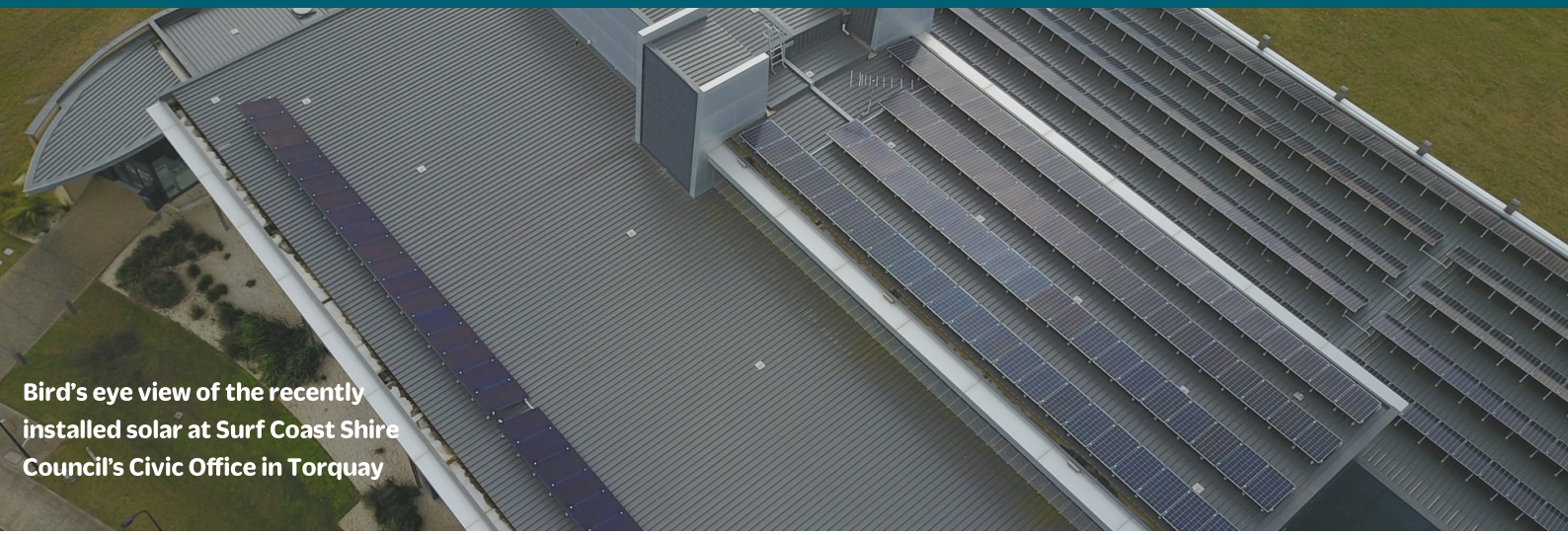
TOWARDS ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP

# Climate Emergency Short Term Corporate Action Plan JUNE UPDATE

**Find out about the progress of Surf Coast Shire Council's Climate Emergency Short Term Corporate Action Plan below.**

**View the Plan on Council's Towards Environment Leadership website**

**environmentsurfcoast.com.au (under climate emergency tab)**



Bird's eye view of the recently installed solar at Surf Coast Shire Council's Civic Office in Torquay

## COMPLETE ACTIONS

Towards Environmental Leadership website redeveloped, launched and currently live at environmentsurfcoast.com.au Lead team: Environmental Sustainability

Art Seed Development Funds directed to climate emergency theme 'Creative Action For The Climate Emergency'. Lead team: Arts

Climate emergency considerations included in the new project charter template. Lead team: Project Management Office

Corporate targets established in the areas of Energy, Emissions, Water, Waste and Land-use/biodiversity. Lead team: Environmental Sustainability

## ONGOING ACTIONS

Promoting Council's Local Food Program. This includes the recent Homegrown online series, holding 35 workshops across 33 topics and 1,189 participants, and developing local food resources. Lead team: Environmental Sustainability

Establishing a climate youth network, Surf Coast Youth for Climate, and delivering a series of online workshops identified by participants. Lead team: Youth

Engaging staff across the organization in climate emergency sessions to build knowledge and inform future work and operations. Two sessions held with approx. 50 staff attending each session. Lead team: Environmental Sustainability

## ACTIONS IN PROGRESS

**Installation of 135kW of new solar on Council facilities, including Anglesea Landfill, Torquay and Winchelsea Depots and Torquay Civic Office.**

**Lead team: Environmental Sustainability**

**Exploring green and fossil fuel free divestment options. Lead team: Finance**

**Investigating active transport improvements through the Pathway Strategy review and identification of potential sites for bicycle racks at bus shelters.**

**Lead team: Engineering**

**Assessing suitable locations for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations at Council facilities and depots. Lead team: Fleet**

**Developing a climate emergency guide to direct Council report authors on how their recommendations relate to the climate emergency.**

**Lead team: Environmental Sustainability**

**Exploring options to procure 100% renewable electricity to power Council operations. Lead team: Environmental Sustainability**

**Preparation for rollout of shire-wide kerbside Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) and fourth bin for glass for introduction in early 2021.**

**Lead team: Waste Management**

Participants in one of Council's local food workshops improving their gardening skills

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