**Mount Alexander Shire Council Climate Change Strategy 2023 - 2033**

Council is committed to addressing the current and future impacts of climate change on the health, economy and wellbeing of the people of the Mount Alexander Shire and to its environment.

We recognise the significant expertise and good will within our communities, and that we need to develop our climate response together.

We are developing a 10-year Climate Change Strategy to guide our urgent and ongoing actions.

The Strategy will provide informed strategic direction on how Council can best prioritise its resources to reduce emissions and increase resilience within Council operations and the broader community.

**Key selection criteria:**

We are looking for:

* people who have demonstrated knowledge of local climate challenges
* active community members who can bring ‘word on the street’ into the conversation
* people who have an ability and willingness to work within the Reference Group’s Terms of Reference (please find document attached)
* people who possess skills, experiences and knowledge deemed helpful in supporting the aims of the Reference Group
* representation from a variety of walks of life.

**Selection process:**

A panel of Council officers will assess all expressions of interest and select up to 7 community members to join the Reference Group based on the key selection criteria above.

**Expression of Interest**

To be considered to become a member of the Climate Change Strategy Community Reference Group, please complete the form below. If any assistance is required in completing this form, please Michael Billington, Mount Alexander Shire Council, Acting Climate Change Coordinator, via m.billington@mountalexander.vic.gov.au or telephone 5471 1700 after 20 October 2022.

1. Name:
2. Pronoun identification (e.g. she/they/he):
3. Date of birth:
4. Address:
5. Contact details:
6. Phone:
7. Email:
8. What is your interest in being involved in the Climate Change Strategy Community Reference Group?
9. Is your expression of interest as a community member, or on behalf of a group, organisation or business?
10. What do you see as the local challenges and opportunities posed by climate change, specifically within Mount Alexander Shire?
11. What is Council’s role in responding to climate change?
12. What skills, experiences and knowledge would you bring to the Climate Change Strategy Community Reference Group?
13. What times could you be available for the initial 3 hr workshop meeting? (further meetings will be 1.5hrs max)

 1:30-4:30pm Mon 14 November               Available              Possibly available             Not available

 6:30-9:30pm Mon 14 November               Available              Possibly available             Not available

 6:30-9:30pm Tues 15 November               Available              Possibly available             Not available

**Signed:**                                                                              Date:

Please send expressions of interest to Michael Billington, Acting Climate Change Coordinator, via m.billington@mountalexander.vic.gov.au by 5pm Wednesday 2 November.