



In 2023, the nine neighbourhood houses in the City of Yarra worked together to consider how we could make our houses more sustainable and resilient to the impacts of climate change, and support the community to do the same. The result was the Yarra Neighbourhood House Network Climate Action & Resilience Plan. This is our house's commitment to implementing that plan.

These objectives are subject to modification upon relocation to the new site.



Objective 1: Sustainable Houses

| # | Action | Resourcing | Timeline |
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| 1.1 | Investigate how to create an efficient, effective and sustainable composting system at new site | LLP / CORE | Dec 23 |
| 1.2 | Investigate energy efficiency opportunities (i.e. insulation, LED lighting) | CSF grant | Jul 24 |
| 1.3 | Make alternative transport modes easier for staff, volunteers and community (i.e. through undercover, secure bike storage) | CSF grant | Jul 24 |



Objective 2: Resilient Houses

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| 2.1 | Investigate opportunities to improve efficiency and resilience of the new site (i.e. draught proofing) | CSF grant or fundraising or working bee | Jul 24 |
| 2.2 | If spaces are not heated/cooled, seek support for the installation of electric appliances | CSF grant or fundraising | Jul 24 |
| 2.3 | Refine systems and processes to keep staff and volunteers safe during extreme weather | CORE | Dec 23 |



Objective 3: Sustainable Community

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| 3.1 | Support the community to reduce the quantity of waste to landfill (i.e. through composting, reusing, TerraCycle) | Student Placement / CORE | Dec 23 |
| 3.2 | Explore initiatives to encourage community use of bicycles (i.e. a free bike repair program/ how to ride) | Student Placement / CORE | Dec 23 |
| 3.3 | Consider how to encourage use of space by groups with a focus on climate or sustainability | Student Placement / CORE | Dec 23 |
| 3.4 | Investigate ways to save produce that would otherwise go to waste (i.e. neighbourhood audit of fruit trees, host a food swap) | Student Placement / CORE | Dec 23 |



Objective 4: Resilient Community

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| 4.1 | Engage with the 'Connecting Fitzroy Network' about climate resilience | Student Placement / CORE | Oct 23 |
| 4.2 | Build capacity for neighbours to check on each other during extreme weather (i.e. Be a Neighbour program) | ATP / CORE | Dec 23 |
| 4.3 | Improve kitchen infrastructure and processes to maximise capacity to produce community meals from rescued food | CORE / Volunteers | Ongoing |
| 4.4 | Explore opportunity to open as a cool space for the community during extreme heat events | CORE | Oct 23 |
| 4.5 | Integrate climate resilience communications (i.e. heatwave safety) into programs and classes | ATP / CORE | Dec 23 |
| 4.6 | Provide support to access government payments and incentives (i.e. Power Saving Bonus) | NHP | Ongoing |

Neighbourhood house specific advocacy

| # | Action | To whom |
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| 5.1 | Advocate for improved thermal comfort and financial support for public housing residents | Victorian Government, DHHS |