VCRC Newsletter



Program timeline

To get a better understanding of the VCRC program development and its different stages we have developed a timeline as shown in the below figure. The current Program Development Project is a two year funded project that will finish in November 2024, with plans to move onto the full implementation of the program from 2025, if further funding is secured.



CONSULTATION

At the start of 2022 the VCRC team consulted with the local government sector on on key needs and preferences of councils. A consultation report was developed for the design and core components of the program.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

As part of the program development, we are:

- Developing the program model and identifying funding, resourcing and governance requirements for future implementation.
- Evaluating and preparing ongoing key components
- · Running two trial projects with councils:
 - * Adaptive Capacity assessments
- * Review of Community Emergency Risk Assessment (CERA)
- Collating and curating existing resources as part of a set of program resources (literature review)

IMPLEMENTATION

This stage of the program hasn't been funded. It will include the implementation of the online platform including the program model and key components. It will also include the provision of support to Council officers to implement the program model.

Trial Projects Update

Thank you to the Councils that have expressed their interest to be part of the trials, we are currently processing the applications and excited to start contacting participants soon.

The current number of Councils interested to participate for each trial is:

<u>Adaptive Capacity Checklist trial</u>: 3 rural councils; 1 regional council and 10 metro councils.

CERA trial: 5 rural councils; 8 metro councils and the SES.



VCRC Newsletter

Victorian Greenhouse Alliances Conference 2023

We are happy to announce that the VCRC team will be presenting at the conference at 11.40 am(rooms 101 &102).

The conference will be on 4 August 2023 at Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC), 9.30 to 4.30 pm. For more information and bookings please visit <u>VGA</u>.

This session will give you a good look at the program delivery model and a couple of important elements: adaptive capacity assessments and review of community emergency risk assessments.



Climate Risk Assesment Literature Review



We have engaged Nation Partners to conduct a desktop review of existing climate risk assessment tools and standards that are available for use by the local government sector. It will identify weaknesses and strengths of existing tools and standards and recommend fit-for-purpose for a local government context. It will provide us with a set of resources to be included as part of the platform.

What is next?

During the next month the team will be working on:

- Engaging with the participants of the working groups for the Adaptive Capacity Assessment pilot and the CERA pilot.
- Continue with the Literature review, including the risk assessment component.
- Refining the program, governance, funding and resourcing models.

Connect

If you would like further information about VCRC you can find more information on our <u>website</u> or contact our team on vcrcprogram@gmail.com

