

VCRC Newsletter



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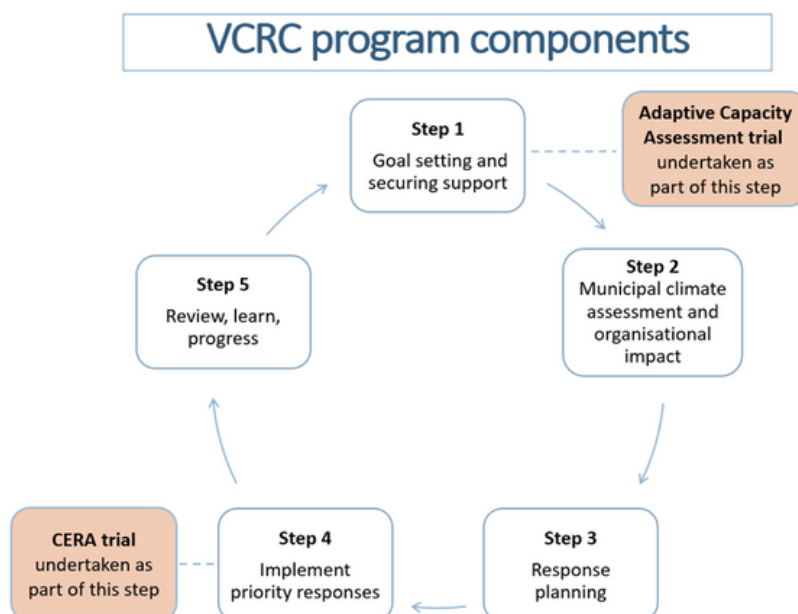
Welcome to our second edition!

It's been a busy month for the VCRC team with a second meeting with the Project Steering Committee (PSC). We also had a meeting with the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) and Sustainability Victoria (SV) to update them on the development of the VCRC program and explain why the VCRC is important for the local government sector.

Draft Program Model

During this development phase of the VCRC, we are working collaboratively to develop the program framework, components and pilot two modules with councils.

The draft VCRC program model has been developed based on the results of [the consultation](#) from 2022. The initial detailed draft program model has been presented to the PSC and it will become the 'working model' to inform the development of the program components now that has been endorsed by the PSC. The program model and the components will be confirmed following an evaluation process at the end of this development project (October 2024). The proposed program components are below.



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Adaptive Capacity Checklist Pilot

Would you like to better understand what opportunities and barriers exist within your council to enable a whole-of-organisation shift to prioritising climate change adaptation across all services and operations?



Would you also like to understand how to effectively engage with your leadership team on climate change and get support for climate change adaptation initiatives within your council?

If your answer is 'yes' you may be interested to participate in a working group to review and update the [Adaptive Capacity Checklist \(ACC\)](#) and incorporate it as a key tool in the first step of the VCRC program: Goal setting and securing support.

To know more about this opportunity please visit [ACC Pilot](#)
To express your interest in participating in the working group, please send an email to VCRCprogram@gmail.com by 7 July 2023.

Community Emergency Risk Assessment (CERA) review

Would you like to be part of a group of Councils to develop an approach which enables consideration of climate change in the existing CERA Tool's framework?
Currently the CERA tool uses only past historical events to identify and plan for risks, so there is no specific opportunity for the consideration of climate change in the tool.

The findings from this project to review the CERA Tool by councils will then be used to demonstrate to the Victorian Government, Emergency Management Victoria (EMV), other relevant emergency management authorities and the local government sector how the current CERA Tool may be updated to be fit for purpose and assist councils to comply with requirements to consider climate change.

To know more about this opportunity please visit [CERA Review](#)
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Literature Review

As part of the development of the program component's the VCRC team has started a review to identify relevant resources and materials to support each of the proposed components (Step 1 – step 5). Resources and materials include existing guidance materials i.e., documents, reports, case studies, websites, summaries, that support a local government adaptation response.

The high quality resources will be defined as:

- Directly useful in enabling the development of a local government adaptation response that is aligned to the fulfillment of the specific steps of the VCRC program model.
- Current and up-to-date;
- Relevant to a Victorian context.

Topics include:

- Climate risk assessment methods and resources
- climate adaptation response planning methodologies and resources
- Adaptation case studies

If you think you have relevant information that can be part of the program, please send us an email to VCRCprogram@gmail.com

What is next?

During the next month the team will be working on:

- Establishing working groups for the Adaptive Capacity Assessment pilot and the CERA pilot.
- Literature review.
- Establishing the Project Advocacy Group – meeting with a broad range of project stakeholders

Thank You