



CENTRAL VICTORIAN
Greenhouse Alliance

ANNUAL REPORT
2021-22

The Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance acknowledge Victorian Traditional Owners as the original custodians of the lands and waters on which we live and work. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, whose knowledge and wisdom has ensured continuation of culture, traditional practices, and care for Country.

CVGA operates on the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurring, Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurugng, Wadawurrung, Eastern Maar, Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Jupagulk, Wergaia, Wamba Wamba, Tatti Tatti, Waddi Waddi, Barapa Barapa, First Peoples of the Millewa-Mallee, Latji Latji, and Ngintait Peoples.

We are committed to genuine and meaningful partnership with Traditional Owners, and to working together on climate action to heal people, Country, and climate in our region, and beyond.



Acknowledgement of Country

On behalf of DJAARA I am extremely pleased to provide this message for the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance.



Dja Dja Wurrung people know how to respectfully receive the gifts from Country and as modern people we are increasingly conscious of our demands on Bap Djandak our Mother Earth and the consequences posed by the climate crisis. The lands and waters across Central Victoria are and always have been Djandak our beautiful Dja Dja Wurrung Country. Djandak is a mosaic of cultural landscapes crafted over thousands of generations. Cultural landscapes are the product of the skills, traditions, and technology of Djaara (people) and reflect our way of engaging with the world.

Climate change is making Djandak and Djaara sick and making it unsafe for everyone in Central Victoria. Djaara-led climate solutions are uniquely placed to address climate change across Djandak.

Through holistic and transformative cultural landscape management and Djaara traditional knowledge we can help to mitigate climate change by capturing carbon in the land and water scape through revegetation, cultural burning, and forest gardening. At the same time, these holistic solutions can help to build social, ecological, community and climate resilience across the region for all that live and work on Djandak thereby helping us to adapt.

CVGA have supported DJAARA with our Nyauwi Mutjeka Dja Dja Wurrung Renewable Energy Strategy which seeks to put Djaara front and centre in the clean energy transition by being proud and active partners, owners and users of renewable energy. CGVA have also provided financial support towards our project to electrify DJAARA's new Corporate and Community Centre in Bendigo. Through these projects and together with our partners like CGVA we hope to heal People, heal Country and heal our climate.

Central Victoria has provided a place for Dja Dja Wurrung families and Elders to teach their children about how to survive, hand down and share stories, celebrate and live on Country. Reinserting Djaara in Djandak through public land and cultural landscape management, will restore and heal Country for all living in the region. The primary indicator of healthy Country, healthy People and a healthy climate is Djaara in Djandak. We hope that climate action in partnership between Dja Dja Wurrung and the CVGA will heal Country, heal people and heal the climate for Central Victoria and beyond.

Dhelkup Murrupuk Dhelkunya Dja we give good spirit to people and Country.

Rodney Carter
Dja Dja Wurrung Group CEO

Welcome

We started the 2021–22 year under the pall of COVID-19 and finished it with record breaking temperatures across the global north, severe flooding in NSW and Queensland, and further predictions of increased rainfall under a third consecutive year of La Niña.



Although we have (and continue) to face challenges in a rapidly changing climate, I find it more useful to focus on the political and community level actions that are achieving remarkable change: change that seeks to limit runaway global heating and associated loss of species and ecosystems, and change that sees a brighter future for the planet.

CVGA continues to demonstrate that our model of collaborative action across local councils is efficient and effective. We are proud of the practical work that has been undertaken across our region this year, and the impacts we have achieved through projects to drive down emissions, reduce costs for councils, and benefit communities, such as Charging the Regions, Lighting the Regions, our community solar programs, and the Victorian Energy Collaboration. Through involvement in alliance projects, advocacy, and knowledge sharing initiatives, member councils are also building organisational capacity for climate change adaptation and mitigation at a critical time.

As a local government Councillor, in my role as Chair of the CVGA, and since becoming a grandmother, I am more acutely aware of the importance of incorporating thought and action for the future in all that we do, considering the legacy that we are leaving to younger ones. In this context, it is pleasing to see progress by CVGA member councils across our region to strengthen climate risk identification and action planning.

CVGA members have also been advocating alongside the Victorian Greenhouse Alliances, Council Alliance for a Sustainable Build Environment, and the Municipal Association of Victoria, to make the planning system in Victoria a more effective tool for building community resilience and responding to future climate forecasts. Investment in planning and action for emissions reduction to limit the damaging impacts of climate change not only make financial sense, but has an impact on the full quadruple bottom line, delivering environmental, financial, social and health benefits to communities. Our advocacy for stronger legislative mandates to better enable councils to prioritise climate change considerations in planning decisions continues.

In April this year, we were pleased to see the return of the annual Victorian Greenhouse Alliances Conference in Melbourne this year, where outgoing CVGA Executive Officer, Rob Law, gave an overview of the greenhouse alliances and their growth and impact across the state.

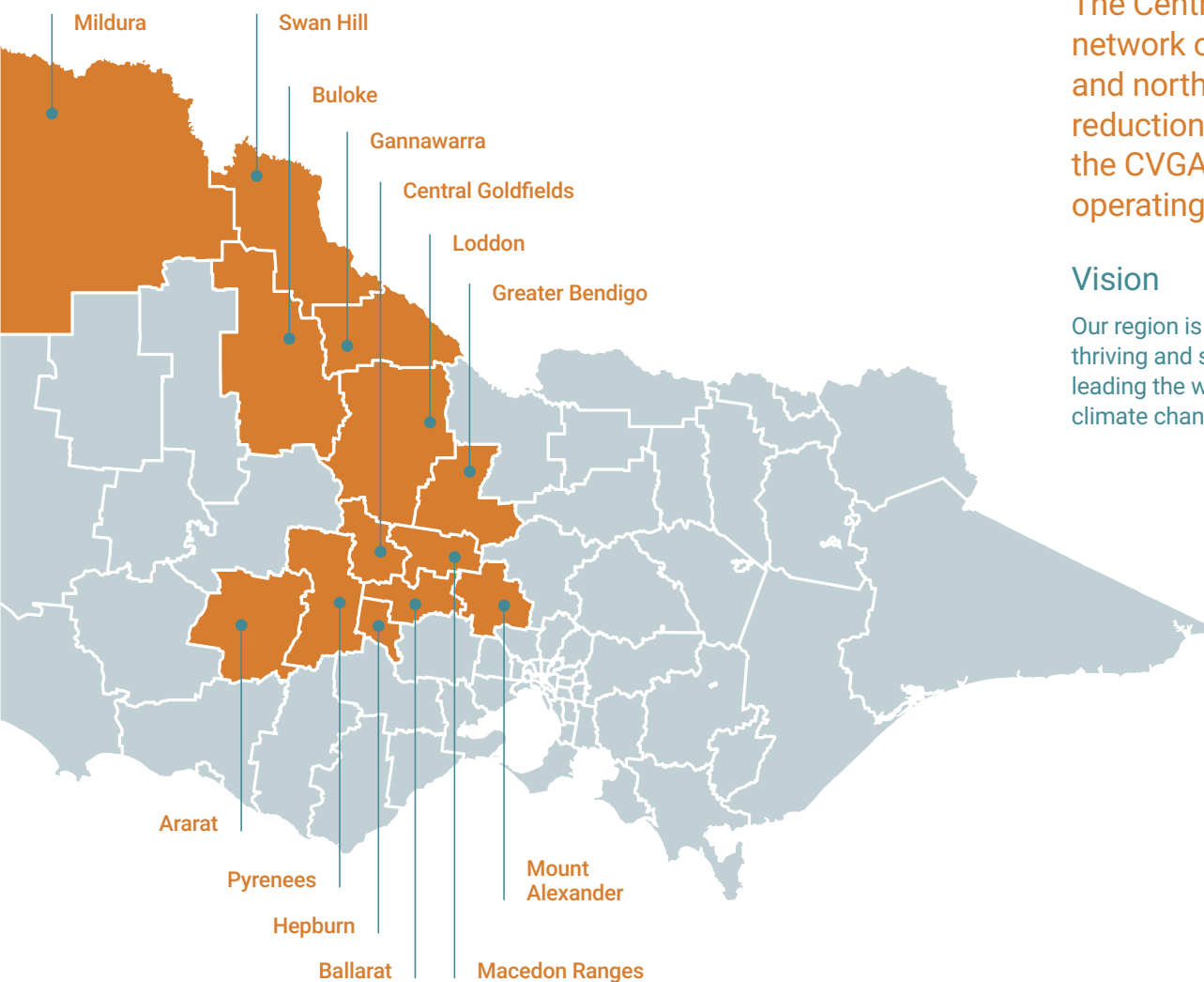
I was also pleased to present at the conference on the food system and its important role in emissions reduction and climate change adaptation, sharing an update on work undertaken at the City of Greater Bendigo in this space.

After saying farewell to Rob, who stepped down from the Executive Officer role in March, we welcomed Annika Kearton as CVGA's newly appointed CEO. We thank Rob for his hard work and many achievements for the sector, and we wish him all the best for the future. Annika's experience in international environmental work plus social justice and organisational management will position CVGA to continue growing and delivering impact under our new strategic plan and vision for a climate positive region by 2035.

This is the last annual report under CVGA's current strategic plan. Looking back, we can see the significant achievements of CVGA's work in the renewable energy, energy efficiency, and emissions reduction space. Looking ahead there are opportunities to expand our climate change adaptation work while continuing to support emissions reduction across a range of sectors. We look forward to another productive year as we continue to collaborate on climate outcomes for the region.

Cr. Dr. Jennifer Alden,
City of Greater Bendigo
CVGA Chairperson

Message
from the Chair



The Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance (CVGA) is a formal network of 13 local governments working together across central and north-west Victoria on climate change adaptation, emissions reduction, and renewable energy initiatives. Established in 2001, the CVGA is part of a broader network of greenhouse alliances operating across Victoria.

Vision

Our region is home to empowered, thriving and sustainable communities leading the way in addressing climate change.

Mission

Local governments working together to drive action on climate change across central and northwest Victoria.

Our core objectives

1. Developing and implementing innovative regional projects
2. Undertaking advocacy
3. Knowledge sharing and promoting best practice across local government

This year marks the end of our 2017–21 Strategic Plan period. As we reflect on our impact and collective achievements over this period, we also look forward to accelerating our work towards a carbon positive region by 2035 that is prepared for the impacts of climate change, under our new 2022–27 Strategic Plan: <https://www.cvga.org.au/governance-and-strategy.html>.

About Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance (CVGA)

Board Members

Dr Tim Harrison

Ararat Rural City Council

Cr Belinda Coates

City of Ballarat

Cr Jennifer Alden

City of Greater Bendigo (Chair)

Cr David Pollard

Buloke Shire Council

Cr Liesbeth Long

Central Goldfields Shire
Council (Deputy Chair)

Cr Ross Stanton

Gannawarra Shire Council

Bruce Lucas

Hepburn Shire Council

Cr Linda Jungwirth

Loddon Shire Council

Cr Anne Moore / Cr Annette Death

Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Cr Jodi Reynolds / Cr Jason Modica

Mildura Rural City Council

Jess Howard / Michael Annear

Mount Alexander Shire Council

Cr David Clark

Pyrenees Shire Council (Treasurer)

Cr Nicole McKay / Cr Bill Moar

Swan Hill Rural City Council

Employees

Annika Kearton

Chief Executive Officer

Sandra Ryan

Operations Manager

Dr. David Gormley O'Brien,

Programs Manager

We would also like to thank and acknowledge
the contributions of the following former staff,
who worked with CVGA this year:

Rob Law

Executive Officer

Jo Kaptein

MASH Program Lead

Gemma Watson

MASH Program Support / Program Lead

Stuart Nesbitt

Charging the Regions Project Manager

Andrew Reed

Small Business Energy Saver Officer

Sue Baker

Small Business Energy Saver Officer

Tim Drylie

Small Business Energy Saver Officer

Deborah Pach

Small Business Energy Saver Officer

Our People



Farewell Rob Law

In March, CVGA farewelled Executive Officer Rob Law after five years at the helm of CVGA, and three years working within the broader Victorian Greenhouse Alliances network. During his tenure, Rob oversaw the expansion of CVGA's emissions reduction and capacity building efforts across the region, and several major projects including the VECO Power Purchasing Agreement, Lighting the Regions major road lighting initiative, and Charging the Regions network of electric vehicle charging stations. Under his leadership, CVGA's collective impact has grown from strength to strength. We would like to thank Rob for his invaluable contribution to our work and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

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Our People



New Chief Executive Officer

In April, CVGA welcomed Annika Kearton as our new Chief Executive Officer. Annika comes to CVGA from the community and international development sectors. For the last six years, Annika has worked for a local non-profit leading strategic and legal advocacy programs to protect and promote the rights of rural and regional Victorians. She has also worked extensively as a project manager and technical advisor on integrated water resource management, public health, and climate change adaptation projects with national government and civil society groups across Southeast Asia and the Pacific. Annika holds an interdisciplinary Master of Environment degree from the University of Melbourne, where she specialised in sustainable development, policy and management, and a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Political Science.

"Working in the community sector in Australia and overseas, I have seen the impact that climate change is having on regional communities, ecosystems, and economies. I have also seen ambitious and inspiring examples of climate action led by local councils and community groups who are at the forefront of our response to climate change. I am excited to be joining CVGA at this critical moment in the local and global movement for climate action."

Annika Kearton



In Memoriam—Vale Stuart Nesbitt

It's with great sadness that we share the news that Stuart Nesbitt, former Project Manager for the CVGA's Charging the Regions initiative, passed away earlier this year.

With a long history of work in the local government and sustainability sectors, Stuart was well known and an inspiration to many. He was admired for his immense knowledge of, and passion for, environmentally sustainable development and all things 'EV' (electric vehicle). Stuart will be remembered for his infectious energy, good humour, and the generosity he showed in sharing his skills and knowledge with his peers. His legacy will live on in the projects he contributed to across the region. Our thoughts are with Stuart's many friends and colleagues.

Mildura Rural City Council is privileged to be involved with the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance. The geographic footprint of the Councils involved with the CVGA is large and the organisation offers a collective approach to energy transition, generation, production, use, lobbying and mapping the future of renewable energy. The CVGA works tirelessly to build connections in local communities and local government. This is easily seen in the Victorian Energy Collaboration which grouped 46 Councils all benefiting from cost and emissions reductions. The CVGA and other Alliances are an integral part of how the broader state of Victoria engages with the necessity of energy transition and how the regions can benefit from transition.

Cr Jason Modica
Mildura Rural City Council

The Tarnagulla Urban Fire Brigade is grateful for the support from the CVGA, which assisted the brigade to install a solar and battery back-up system at the station. This project has increased our towns' resilience should the grid go down, by allowing us to maintain critical functions with self-generated power during emergency events. As part of the Microgrid Feasibility project, this is one way that small projects can offer energy reliability of service and independence to islanded towns like Tarnagulla. We as a community are excited to see what other engagement initiatives develop as the project continues into the future.

George Filiv
Tarnagulla Urban Fire Brigade

The CVGA serves and benefits the communities of 13 local governments across central and northern Victoria. It enables our vast swathe of Victoria to have a collective voice on policy positions, to develop projects which move the dial on regional sustainability, and to forge partnerships with each other and with others. The CVGA returns a 21:1 return on investment. At the officer level it provides camaraderie. I am proud to be a player.

Ben Bowman
Coordinator Environmental Sustainability,
City of Greater Bendigo

Feedback from Members and Stakeholders

	Initiatives	Outcomes
Projects	Charging the Regions II	CVGA has delivered the largest local government owned electric vehicle (EV) charging network in Australia. EV fast chargers have been installed across 23 sites, ensuring the region is not left behind in the transition to zero emission vehicles, and delivering economic and tourism benefits to communities through 'destination charging'. This project was completed in December 2021.
	Lighting the Regions II: Major Roads	CVGA has facilitated upgrades to lighting on major roads across eleven local government areas in the region. In total, 9560 lights have now been replaced with more energy efficient LED technology to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and lower Councils' energy bills.
	Small Business Energy Savers	CVGA has facilitated 480 engagements with small business across the region, providing information on energy efficient technologies and acting as an intermediary between businesses and authorised suppliers. The SBES Program, funded by the Victorian Government and managed by Sustainability Victoria, has helped drive uptake of more efficient technologies to reduce emissions and save businesses money on their energy bills. The project was completed in June 2022.
	MASH, Hepburn Solar, Mallee Sun, and Brimbank Community Solar Programs	102 solar PV systems (700kW) and 23 batteries have been installed this year through our community solar programs across the region. Five organisations have benefited from free or subsidised solar through the MASH Community Bonus Fund, sharing in a total of \$25,000, including Kyneton Caring Community, Chewton Primary School, Daylesford Dharma School, Tarnagulla Urban Fire Brigade, and Trentham Golf Club.
Advocacy	Planning for a Safe Climate	CVGA is part of the Planning for a Safe Climate advocacy campaign initiated by the Victorian Greenhouse Alliances and the Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment (CASBE), formal partnerships of over 70 councils and authorities across Victoria. The campaign calls for a legislative mandate to tackle climate change at all levels of the planning system to enable the delivery of a safe climate and resilient communities. It builds on recommendations from the Hansen Partnership Report on climate change and planning in Victoria. The Alliances and member Councils are meeting with government, opposition and crossbench MPs in the lead up to the state election, and our campaign asks have been mentioned in Parliament. http://www.victoriangreenhousealliances.org/planning-for-a-safe-climate.html .

Summary of 2021-22 Outcomes Against Our Strategic Plan

	Initiatives	Outcomes
Advocacy CONTINUED	Submissions and consultations	CVGA has contributed to multiple submissions on behalf of Councils this year, including a joint letter from Victorian local governments calling for an increase in minimum efficiency standards for 'new builds' in the National Construction Code; a joint submission by the Alliances and MAV to the Independent Panel on Victoria's interim greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets; and a submission to Victoria's Zero Emissions Vehicle Expert Panel.
Knowledge Sharing	Victorian Greenhouse Alliance Conference	After two years of cancelled events due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Annual Victorian Greenhouse Alliance Conference took place in April 2022. The event was held at the Melbourne Convention Centre with over 300 attendees. You can view the full program here: http://www.victoriangreenhousealliances.org/conferenceprogramme2022.html
	CVGA Working Group	The CVGA has continued to facilitate knowledge sharing between member councils through its regular working group of officers.
	Hydrogen Working Group	CVGA has established a subject-matter working group with four of our members Councils to explore opportunities presented by emerging hydrogen technology to support heavy vehicle fleet transition and waste-to-energy initiatives. This group is being supported The University of Melbourne and Swinburne University through the VH2 Hydrogen Hub.
	Strengthened monitoring of greenhouse gas emissions	CVGA has facilitated a group discount for access to software to improve the monitoring of greenhouse gas emissions from municipal metered sites. CVGA is partnering with the Goulburn Murray Climate Alliance to facilitate ongoing training and knowledge sharing between Councils using this software.

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Summary of 2021-22 Outcomes Against Our Strategic Plan

Charging the Regions II

Travelling off the major highways into regional Victorian towns is now much easier for electric vehicle (EV) drivers thanks to a new network of fast charging stations installed through CVGA's Charging the Regions project (completed in December 2021).

CVGA worked in partnership with 13 councils and the Victorian Government to install 23 fast chargers across the Loddon Campaspe and Mallee regions. This is the largest local government owned network of EV charges in Australia and is delivering economic and tourism benefits to communities through 'destination charging'.

"The charger has been an absolute boon to the economy, as its within walking distance to shops, so people go have a meal or coffee and a stroll while charging and spend some money. And there is a steady stream of cars charging here – totally amazing to see as we all thought there would be a charge once in a blue moon."

quote from a participating local council



In 2021–22, the Charging the Regions network has been used 5,534 times, saving an estimated 32,289 litres of petrol, and 76 tonnes of GHG emissions.

Funding was received from the Victorian Government's Building Works stimulus package to fill the charging station gaps identified in a detailed [scoping study](#) undertaken by CVGA on behalf of 55 Victorian councils in phase one of the Charging the Regions project. Councils participating in the phase two roll-out also contributed funds.

Ongoing maintenance of charging stations is managed by Evie Networks.



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Saving an estimated

32,289 litres of petrol

571,290 electric kilometres provided

76 tonnes of GHG emissions

2,111 trees – equivalent of CO₂ saved

Project Highlights

Victorian Energy Collaboration (VECO)

<https://veco.org.au/>

The Victorian Energy Collaboration (VECO), Australia's largest ever local government emissions reduction project, was launched in May 2021 after many years of behind the scenes work by partner councils and the Victorian Greenhouse Alliances.

Twelve months on and the project is delivering significant benefits to participating councils, communities, and the environment.

Under VECO, 51 councils across Victoria (including 12 councils in the CVGA region) have now pooled their electricity needs into one big renewable energy contract called a Power Purchase Agreement or 'PPA'. This long-term contract is powering streetlights, libraries, recreational spaces, council infrastructure and public buildings with 100% renewable energy from Victorian wind farms.

VECO is saving 260,000 tonnes of carbon emissions from entering the atmosphere, equivalent to taking 90,000 cars off the road.

In addition to benefiting the environment, by joining together each council is also saving on electricity costs, paying an estimated 25% less for their power than if they sourced electricity individually. Councils can invest these savings back into community programs and services.

"VECO is a great example of the local government sector together to drive down operational costs and greenhouse emissions."

Jay Smith, Energy & Water Innovation Officer Mildura Rural City Council.

In June 2022, VECO was awarded the Sustainability Initiative Award at the LGPro Awards for Excellence, with judges describing the agreement as a 'game-changer' and 'outstanding collaboration'.

"The award recognises the benefits of councils coming together to use their joint purchasing power to help accelerate the transition towards renewable energy in Victoria".

Rebecca McKenzie, CEO, Glen Eira City Council

The VECO project was initially coordinated by Darebin City Council and is now being overseen by Glen Eira City Council. CVGA is an ongoing member of the VECO Steering Committee.



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Project Highlights

This year marks the end of our current strategic planning cycle.

In 2021, we commissioned an independent review by First Person Consulting to identify our impact over this period, and the return on investment that CVGA has delivered to its members.

Since 2018, the net benefits of CVGAs work in the region has amounted to

21 times the amount invested

by its member councils in the form of membership fees and project costs.

\$9.3M

net financial savings to councils

\$3.5M

in grants

\$6.6M

savings for households and businesses

\$42M

impact from the advocacy (to 2046)

569,000

tonnes of emissions reduced

As highlighted in this year's annual report, CVGA has continued to deliver strong emissions reductions, cost savings, and other benefits to councils and their communities through projects and advocacy undertaken in the final year of our current strategic plan.

Our Impact 2018–21

CVGA Total Income

\$1,198,037

CVGA Expenses

\$1,266,223

CVGA Profit / Loss

(\$28,186)

CVGA Grants and partner
contributions received

\$851,654

\$70,000

from DELWP
for Community
Sparks (\$140,000
over two years)

\$95,997

from DELWP
for Even Better
Homes and
Gardens

\$147,110

from Sustainability Victoria for Small
Business Energy Savers (\$188,000
over the life of the project)

MASH Community Bonus
grants awarded

\$25,717

The Year Ahead

In 2022–23 financial year, CVGA has set membership fees to be at the same rate as the previous year.

CVGA has also committed \$5,000 from the Hepburn Solar and MASH Community Bonus Funds to support a solar and battery project led by DJAARA in Bendigo.

CVGA 2021–22 Financial Overview

Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance Incorporated

For the year ended 30 June 2022

Profit & Loss Statement

Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance Incorporated
For the year ended 30 June 2022

	NOTES	2022	2021
Income			
Expense Reimbursements	2	15,207	15,239
MASH Commissions & Bonuses	3	102,243	181,926
Membership Fees		159,630	159,630
Project Grants & Contributions		851,654	974,162
Project Management Fees		53,036	43,242
Total Income		1,181,770	1,374,200
Expenses			
Accounting & Audit Fees		4,500	13,052
Advertising		14,193	15,582
Bad Debts		3,455	4,216
Bank Charges		195	210
Bookkeeping		9,861	3,616
Consultancy		730,864	824,668
Debt Collection		-	1,603
Depreciation		13,562	16,065
Entertainment		-	249
Low Cost Assets (write off)		575	1,431
Gifts		211	-
Interest		369	1
Project Management Fees		38,024	18,808
Leave Provision Movement		-	4,235
Legal		-	1,680
MASH Community Bonus		25,717	31,281
Meetings		4,229	3,768
Motor Vehicles	4	5,132	3,346
Printing, Postage & Stationery		2,182	2,486
Rent & Outgoings		11,023	13,675
Software & Subscriptions		7,448	12,013
Superannuation		33,469	25,285
Telephone And Internet		1,784	3,273
Travel		5,578	3,022
Wages		349,374	268,411
WorkCover Insurance		4,476	1,537
Total Expenses		1,266,223	1,273,513
Other Income			
Cash Flow Boost		-	31,690
Hot Desking		4,500	4,463
Interest Earned		704	1,639
Leave Provision Movement		11,619	-
Profit/(Loss) on Disposal of Non-current Assets		(555)	-
Total Other Income		16,267	37,792
Profit/(Loss)		(68,186)	138,479

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Appropriation Statement

Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance Incorporated

For the year ended 30 June 2022

	NOTES	2022	2021
Retained Earnings After Appropriation			
Retained Earnings at Start of Year		313,809	175,330
Profit/(Loss)		(68,186)	138,479
Retained Earnings After Appropriation		245,623	313,809

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Balance Sheet

Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance Incorporated
As at 30 June 2022

	NOTES	30 JUN 2022	30 JUN 2021
Assets			
Current Assets			
Accounts Receivable		21,389	178,067
Accrued Interest		105	105
ATO Activity Statement Account		-	1
Bank Australia 5484		233,844	390,300
Bank Australia 5606		46,616	46,500
Bank Australia 5625		51,915	51,734
Bank Australia 5626		25,971	25,880
Rental Bond - Salvage Yard		978	978
Sundry Debtors		458	-
Total Current Assets		381,276	693,565
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	35,527	46,060
Total Non-Current Assets		35,527	46,060
Total Assets		416,803	739,625
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable		541	96,861
Annual Leave Provision		10,664	22,283
Bank Australia Credit Cards		243	573
CVGA Deposits Held		-	55
Goods & Services Tax	6	2,265	16,152
PAYG Withholding Tax Payable		17,494	13,762
Project Income In Advance		139,973	269,996
Superannuation Payable		-	6,134
Total Current Liabilities		171,180	425,817
Total Liabilities		171,180	425,817
Net Assets		245,623	313,809
Equity			
Retained Earnings		245,623	313,809
Total Equity		245,623	313,809

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Depreciation Schedule

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NAME	METHOD	RATE	COST	OPENING VALUE	PURCHASES	DISPOSALS	DEPRECIATION	CLOSING ACCUM DEP	CLOSING VALUE
In-House Software									
Mallee Sun Solar Website	SL	20.00%	6,409	3,639	-	-	1,282	4,052	2,357
MASH HSBB Website	SL	20.00%	1,818	840	-	-	364	1,342	477
MASH Website Upgrade	SL	20.00%	2,000	-	2,000	-	395	395	1,605
Total In-House Software			10,227	4,479	2,000	-	2,040	5,788	4,439
Motor Vehicles									
2019 Hyundai Kona	DV	25.00%	53,589	36,760	-	-	9,190	26,019	27,570
Toyota Prius	DV	25.00%	11,200	2,658	-	-	665	9,207	1,994
Total Motor Vehicles			64,789	39,418	-	-	9,855	35,226	29,563
Plant And Equipment									
Asus F515 Laptop	DV	100.00%	680	-	680	555	125	-	-
Chair	DV	100.00%	145	45	-	-	45	145	-
Computer Monitor	DV	100.00%	163	25	-	-	25	163	-
CVGA Pull-Up Banners	DV	40.00%	3,657	1,641	-	-	656	2,672	984
Desk	DV	100.00%	154	48	-	-	48	154	-
HP i5 Laptop	DV	100.00%	904	-	904	-	364	364	540
iPad	DV	100.00%	225	-	-	-	-	225	-
Laptop	DV	100.00%	816	-	-	-	-	816	-
Laptop (2)	DV	100.00%	1,054	-	-	-	-	1,054	-
Samsung Galaxy	DV	100.00%	417	406	-	-	406	417	-
Total Plant And Equipment			8,212	2,163	1,584	555	1,667	6,008	1,524
Total			83,228	46,060	3,584	555	13,562	47,022	35,527

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance Incorporated

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 Victoria. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

Income Tax

The association is a not-for-profit organisation, and is exempt from income tax under the provisions of Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997

Property, Plant and Equipment

All property, plant and equipment are initially measured at cost and are depreciated over their useful lives to the association.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Employee Provisions

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee provisions have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of six months or less.

Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from grants. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

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Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Grant is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the assets and liabilities statement.

Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

	2022	2021
2. Expense Reimbursements		
CVGA Expenses Reimbursed	210	-
MASH Project Income:MASH Supplier & Partner Contrib	11,891	-
MASH Reimbursements	3,106	15,239
Total Expense Reimbursements	15,207	15,239

	2022	2021
3. MASH Commissions & Bonuses		
MASH Community Bonus Contribution	25,717	14,063
MASH Fee per Lead	17,750	22,625
MASH Commission	58,775	145,239
Total MASH Commissions & Bonuses	102,243	181,926

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

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	2022	2021
4. Motor Vehicles		
Fuel	1,110	324
Insurance And Registration	2,912	2,698
Repairs And Maintenance	1,110	324
Total Motor Vehicles	5,132	3,346
	2022	2021
5. Fixed Assets		
In-House Software		
In-House Software	10,227	8,227
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(5,788)	(3,748)
Total In-House Software	4,439	4,479
Motor Vehicles		
Motor Vehicles	64,789	64,789
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(35,226)	(25,371)
Total Motor Vehicles	29,563	39,418
Plant And Equipment		
Plant And Equipment	7,532	6,629
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(6,008)	(4,466)
Total Plant And Equipment	1,524	2,163
Total Fixed Assets	35,527	46,060
	2022	2021
6. Goods & Services Tax		
GST	2,087	16,176
GST Adjustments	178	(23)
Total Goods & Services Tax	2,265	16,152

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Statement by Members of The Committee

Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance Incorporated

For the year ended 30 June 2022

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In accordance with a resolution of the committee of Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance Incorporated, the members of the committee declare that the financial statements:

1. present a true and fair view of the financial position of Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance Incorporated as at 30 June 2022 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and;
2. at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

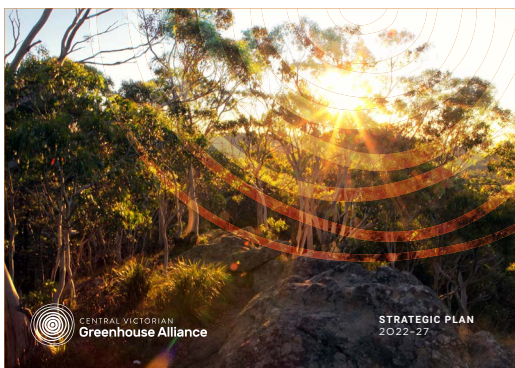
President



Cr Dr Jennifer Alden
14 November, 2022

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As CVGA enters its third decade of operation, we are excited to have developed a new strategic plan to guide our work. Our 2022–27 Strategic Plan can be viewed on the CVGA website here: <https://www.cvga.org.au/governance-and-strategy.html>

This plan identifies five priority areas for action over the next five years, working towards the vision of a region that is climate positive by 2035 and prepared for the impacts of climate change.



Clean Energy Resilience

This action area reflects work CVGA is doing to help the region get to become a net exporter of renewable energy whilst also improving the reliability, cost and resilience of energy for communities across the region.



Adapting Communities

This action area reflects work CVGA is doing to help communities in the region become more engaged in adapting to climate change and reducing its vulnerabilities to climate change impacts.



Carbon Neutral Councils

This action area reflects work that CVGA is doing to help its member councils achieve emissions reductions in its own operations. Many councils have their own emissions reduction targets that are within 2025–45, however CVGAs goal is to help all councils accelerate their own targets to achieve net zero by 2035.



Climate Ready Councils

This action area reflects work that CVGA is doing to help its member councils embed and improve consideration of climate change across its operations and service delivery.



Ambitious Partnerships

This action area reflects work that CVGA is doing to help facilitate greater action across the region in areas where councils have less influence. This is done through effective partnerships and collaborations

Looking Ahead

Over the next twelve months, CVGA will progress these strategic priorities with a focus on the following areas across our project, advocacy and knowledge sharing work:

- Ensuring that opportunities and benefits from the rapid renewable energy transition across our region are flowing equitably to communities and supporting community energy goals;
- Support for First Nations leadership and self-determination through renewable energy and climate change adaptation projects and partnerships, including the Dja Dja Wurrung Renewable Energy Strategy and DJAARA's solar/battery project;
- Accelerating electrification and improving energy efficiency across council operations, homes and businesses in the community;
- Strengthening council and community capacity for climate risk and vulnerability assessments, adaptation planning and action, through new and emerging projects.

Looking Ahead



Ongoing projects

Microgrid Feasibility Study	CVGA is working with the Centre for New Energy Technologies (C4NET) to explore the feasibility of microgrid solutions for the townships of Donald and Tarnagulla. CVGA is facilitating the community engagement component of this project in partnership with Swinburne University and Powecor. A solar and battery system has also been installed at Tarnagulla Urban Fire Brigade, partially funded through the MASH Community Bonus Fund. This project is ongoing until June 2023.
Community Sparks: Neighbourhood Battery Feasibility Study	CVGA is working with Hepburn Energy and nine Councils to explore the technical, commercial, regulatory, and social feasibility of neighbourhood battery implementation in six locations across Hepburn Shire and adjoining Shires within the Grampians Power Hub region. This project was completed in September 2022. Project reports can be found on the CVGA website here . Community education materials produced by Hepburn Energy will also be made available in October 2022 to guide Councils and community groups in assessing the feasibility of neighbourhood batteries in their area.
Even Better Homes and Gardens (EBHG)	CVGA has partnered with DELWP's Loddon Mallee Adapt Program and the Castlemaine Institute on this 12-month community-based research project to identify practical options for residents that are disproportionately impacted by climate change, to 'upgrade' or 'retrofit' their homes and gardens to reduce exposure to climate risks and enhance resilience. The project is guided by a Community Reference Group and a Policy Reference Group, bringing together key stakeholders at local, regional and state level to share information and resources, and to inform policy improvements. Project updates will be shared on the CVGA website here . The project is ongoing until June 2023.
Victorian Climate Resilient Councils (VCRC)	CVGA is partnering with the Victorian Greenhouse Alliances on the VCRC Program, led by the Western Alliance for Greenhouse Action (WAGA). This program aims to provide sustained support for Victorian councils to understand climate risks and embed climate resilience. It will guide local governments through a clear step-by-step process to assess and manage climate change risks and implement actions to mitigate impacts to operations, assets and local communities. After initial work to develop this program in 2021–22, funding has now been secured from Emergency Management Victoria for two years, with implementation commencing in November 2022.

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