

PROTECTING THE PLACES We Love

*Let's korero about climate
change and sustainability*

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?



Ashburton District Council has a Climate Change Policy and a Climate Resilience Plan already...

But both are due for a refresh and the Council wants to combine them into a single strategy that will also include our plans for sustainability.

Before we start putting it all together, we want to korero with our community, so you can help shape what we do!

This workbook provides you with a bit of info about where we're headed and space for your ideas and feedback. You can also find heaps more info at itsourplace.nz

Check the next page to see the different ways you can give us feedback

**Make sure you get back
to us by Sunday 2 March!**



HOW CAN I HAVE MY SAY?

We have a bunch of ways that you can provide your feedback.

FILL OUT THIS WORKBOOK:

Complete this workbook and get it back to us.



DIGITALLY

Fill out this pdf on your device and email it to submissions@adc.govt.nz



PRINT

Print this pdf out, fill it in and return it to the Ashburton Library.

Either by
yourself or
in a group

EMAIL:

Chuck your feedback into an email and send it to submissions@adc.govt.nz



SOCIAL MEDIA:

Hit up our DMs with your ideas



facebook.com/ashburtondc



[@ashburton_dc](https://www.instagram.com/ashburton_dc)



VIDEO:

Record your ideas on your phone, either by yourself or as a group, upload the video to YouTube and send the link to submissions@adc.govt.nz

ONLINE SURVEY:

You can complete our full survey online at itsourplace.nz

Warning: it's a little bit longer than this workbook!



WHY DO WE NEED A STRATEGY?

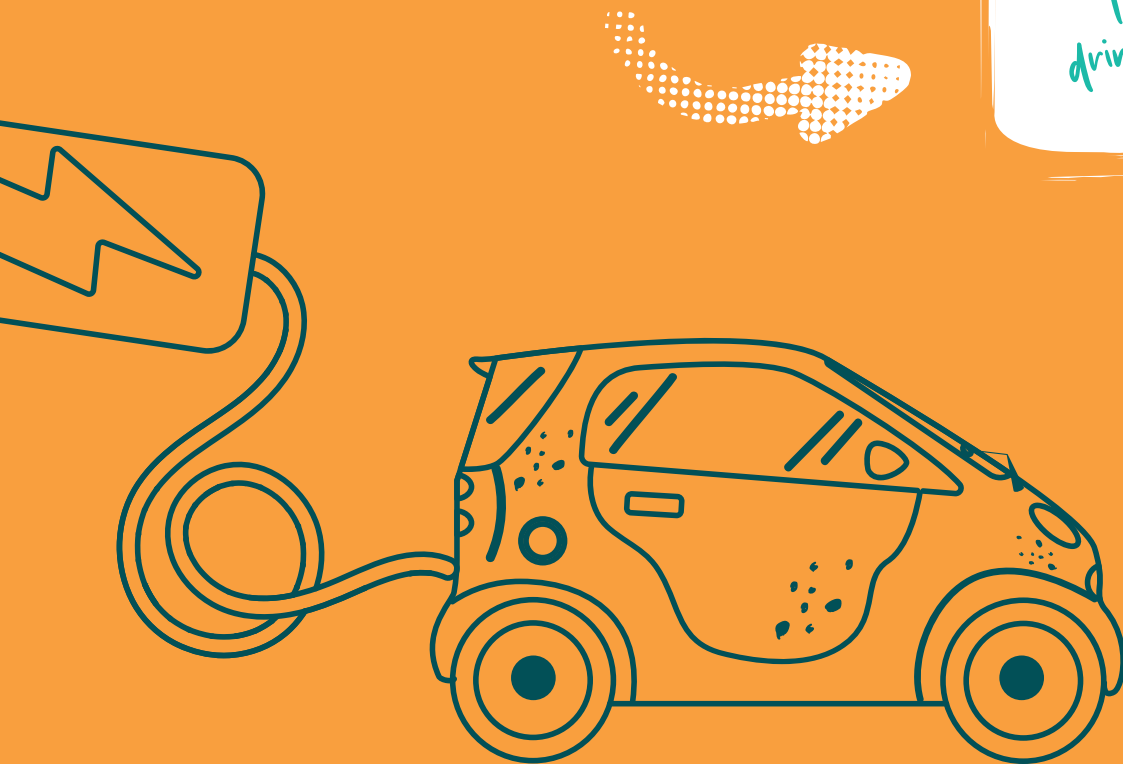
Responding to climate change is really important mahi for councils. That's because almost everything we do:



Either impacts
or is impacted by
climate change.

The Government has laws which require councils to plan for ways to help reduce and respond to the effects of climate change.

But more importantly, the Council is a community leader, and we have a responsibility to look after the places and people we love.



WHAT DO YOU THINK THE CLIMATE CHANGE & SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY SHOULD INCLUDE?



Programmes for our schools and communities to educate people about climate change, sustainability, and how they can make a difference



Easy options and encouragement for people and businesses in the district to do their bit in lowering their carbon emissions

More nature-based solutions to climate change, such as native tree planting and establishing community gardens



Actions that promote sustainability in Council activities and in our wider community



Actions to reduce greenhouse gases from Council activities (for example, our use of diesel, electricity and natural gas)

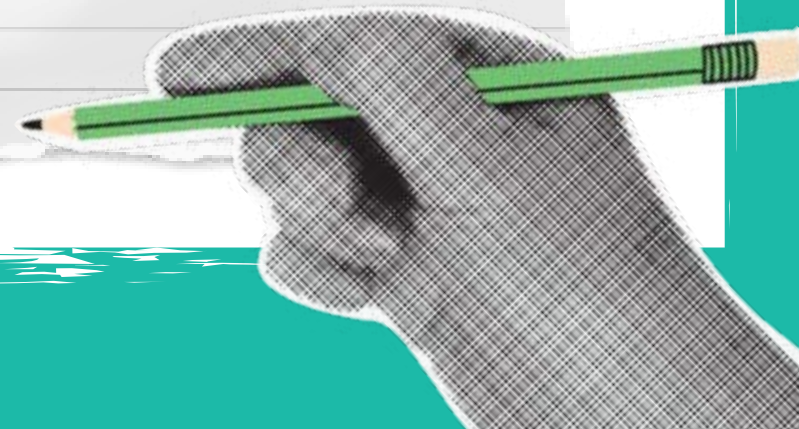


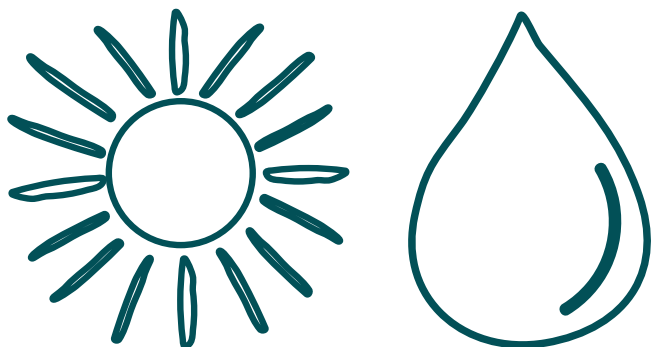
Actions that will help protect our district from the impacts of climate change. Like preparing emergency plans to protect our communities from flooding and extreme weather



My ideas:

Tick some of our ideas or add your own!

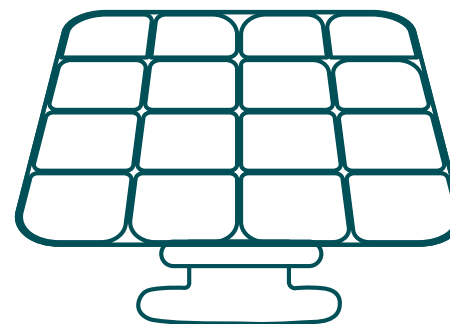




WHAT IS CLIMATE CHANGE?

Climate change is the long-term shifts in temperatures and weather patterns which are mostly caused by human activities that release greenhouse gases, **like the burning of fossil fuels.**

Such as coal,
oil and gas.



WHAT IS SUSTAINABILITY?

Sustainability is about meeting the needs of our community now, without risking the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

For example, when we recycle, we don't need to find as much raw material to produce new stuff and we help reduce the amount of methane the landfill produces, because we are purjyng less waste.

PUTTING IT TOGETHER

By taking more sustainable actions, we can help lift the burden on our planet and be better prepared for the impacts of climate change.

WHAT IS THE COUNCIL CURRENTLY DOING?

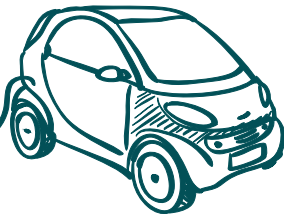
Joined the It's Time, Canterbury campaign.



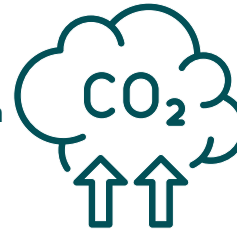
Adopted a Biodiversity Strategy which has lots of actions for looking after our native plants and birdlife.



Started replacing some of our old Council cars with hybrid vehicles.



We consider the impacts of climate change when making big decisions, such as deciding where new housing should be built.



Started measuring the Council's carbon footprint.

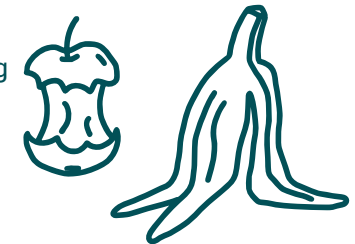


Started upgrading our stormwater system so it copes with heavier rain.



This includes the drains and pipes at the roadside which help remove water from our streets and footpaths

Promoted recycling and minimising waste with the awesome team from Eco Educate.



Worked with other local councils to launch the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan.



Started composting our staff's food waste.

WHAT OTHER SUSTAINABLE ACTIONS DO YOU THINK THE COUNCIL SHOULD TAKE OVER THE NEXT 30 YEARS?

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More ways to reduce or reuse waste

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Making better use of technology to improve our sustainability

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Finding ways to use less water

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Working with other groups on sustainable actions

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Developing a fund (putting aside money) for projects that will make our district more climate resilient

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Planting more natives to help support biodiversity

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OUR SUGGESTED PRIORITIES

We think that the strategy should be based on the five priorities below.

Which do you think are the most important?

Rank them from

1 to 5

(most important - least important)

Such as
water
pipes and
treatment
plants.

For example
composting
green waste.

Water quality and conservation

Making sure our **water infrastructure** is ready to meet the impacts of climate change and trying to improve the water quality of our lakes and rivers.

Waste management and minimisation

Looking at how we can **minimise waste** and **manage our waste more sustainably**.

Through
reducing,
reusing and
recycling.

Nature-based solutions

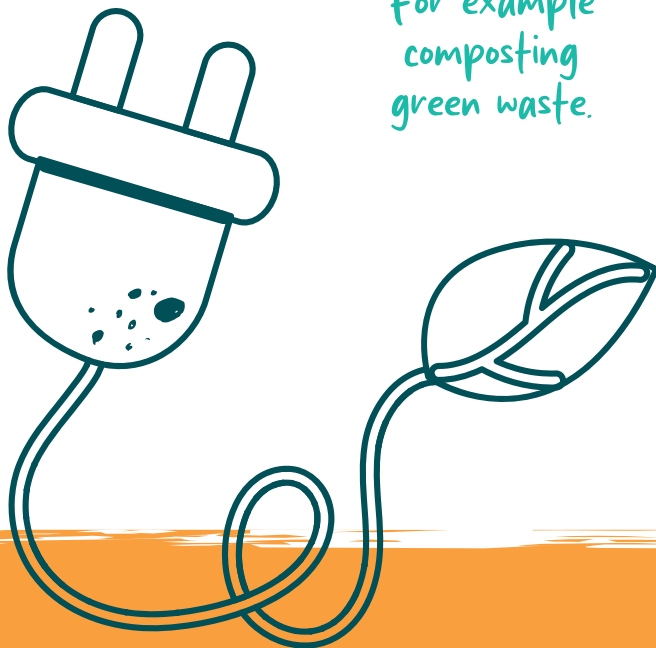
Looking after the health of our environment and our native wildlife and plants, through the actions in our new Biodiversity Strategy.

Emissions and energy management

Finding ways to reduce our carbon emissions and becoming more efficient with how we use energy across Council activities and our community facilities.

Sustainable and adaptive communities

Working alongside the community through education, funding, and promotion of sustainable actions, and investing in climate resilient infrastructure.



HOW DO WE WORK TOGETHER?

Do you have suggestions for how Council can partner with the community on climate change and sustainability action?

Can you tell us about any climate change or sustainability action that you, your friends or your school is involved with or planning to do?





Is there anything else that you think
is important for us to know?

Ran out of room? Feel free to add extra pages or email us!

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

FEBRUARY / MARCH

We'll use the feedback you provide to help put together a draft strategy.

HAPPENING NOW

We'll ask the community what they want to see in the strategy.

MAY / JUNE

Once the draft strategy is done, we'll bring it back to the community and ask if we got it right. We'd love to hear from you again then!

JUNE

We'll also hold hearings, this is where people and groups visit our building and present their feedback to our Councillors in-person. We really love hearing from young people!

AUGUST

After listening to what everyone has to say, we'll make final changes (if needed). Then the strategy will be adopted by Council and put into action.

ABOUT YOU

Please tell us a little bit about yourself. If you give us your email address, we'll let you know about our next steps and any further chances to give us feedback.

Name / Class / Group:

School

Age

Email



THANK YOU!

Thanks so much for taking the time to share your ideas!

Feel free to share this workbook with anyone else you think would be interested, we want to hear from as many people as possible!

If you want any more info, visit ***itsourplace.nz***



Questions?

Click us an email at ***submissions@adc.govt.nz***

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