



AdaptNSW newsletter

AdaptNSW Forum 2019 wrap up

The 2019 AdaptNSW forum was held in Sydney and once again drew an extensive crowd of practitioners and researchers from a variety of sectors to share ways of adapting to climate change. The theme of this year's Forum was "Adaptation in Action" and the presenters certainly lived up to that theme.



Panel discussion on the role of the finance sector in driving adaptation actions.

Download presentations

From the Science Breakfast to the breakout sessions, speakers' presentations can be [downloaded here](#).

Click [here](#) to see the 2019 AdaptNSW event agenda.

Due to many communities being affected by the fires across NSW, the closing date for applications under Round 1 of the IRCC Community Grants stream has been extended. Applications will now close on 28 February 2020. [More information >](#)

Council Grants - Round 2 successful applicants

The IRCC Council Grants stream is being delivered in partnership with Local Government NSW and provides funding for projects that respond to identified climate change risks or vulnerabilities.

Successful recipients of Round 2 were announced in November 2019. The program received 35 project applications of which 13 were successful representing a total value of \$1.24 million. These projects included asset and building upgrades to minimise climate impacts like extreme heat and floods and engagement programs that build capacity and awareness of the community about climate change.

<https://www.lgnsw.org.au/policy/increasing-resilience-climate-change>

DPI offers climate change action for primary industries grant

The NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) is offering \$2.2 million in funding opportunities for farm-based projects to help primary industries adapt to the impacts of climate change.

The Climate Smart Adaptation Grants will fund projects from early 2020 through to December 2021. The program is seeking proposals for on-farm projects that clearly demonstrate how primary industries can bolster climate resilience and prepare for a changing climate.

Three categories of funding will be available:

- Small projects: one-off grant from \$10,000 up to \$75,000
- Medium projects: \$75,000 to \$250,000 grant. An in-kind or cash contribution by the applicant must be made to half the value of the grant.
- Large projects: \$250,000 to \$500,000 grant. An in-kind, cash, or combination contribution must be made to the full value of the grant by the applicant.

Individuals, agribusinesses, community organisations and research institutions, or a consortium of individuals and organisations are eligible to [apply for the grants from late January 2020](#).

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Guide to Climate Change Risk Assessment for NSW Local Government

To help local government manage potential risks arising from climate change, we have prepared the [Guide to Climate Change Risk Assessment for NSW Local Government](#). This guide offers a step-by-step process to conduct or revise a climate change risk assessment. This will help local councils to:

- undertake a climate change risk assessment using an approach based on standardised methods
- refine previous climate change risk assessments
- generate information that can be used to develop adaptation strategies and make decisions under conditions of risk and uncertainty.



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**Guide to Climate Change
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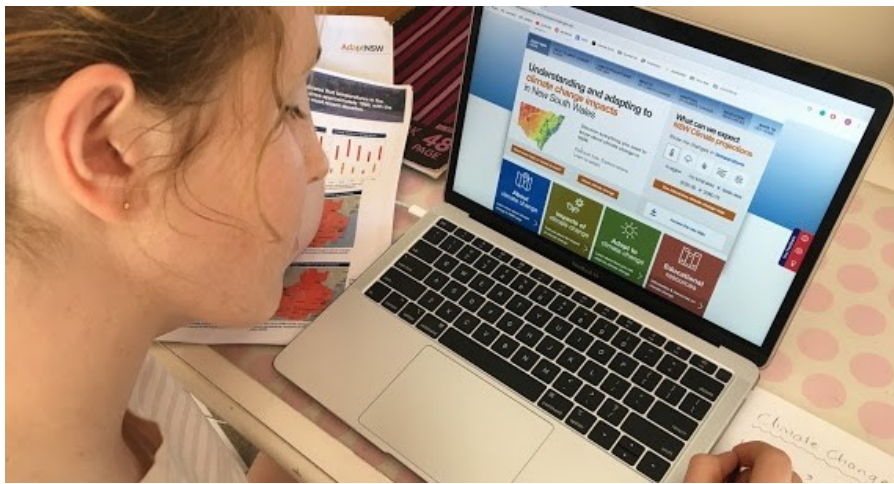
Climate Change Preparedness DET NSW resource

DPIE commissioned the Gibberagong Environment Education Centre to develop and publish a curriculum resource on climate change preparedness for NSW Geography K–10 Syllabus and Geography Elective 7–10 Syllabus.

This inquiry-based learning resource will develop and expand knowledge and understanding of climate change impacts and the responses of government, business and community in continuing to prepare for a changing climate.

The sustainability action process will guide students through an investigation into climate change preparedness in their school and community, identifying the issues and developing solutions and, importantly, ways to communicate these ideas to people.

This outstanding resource is now [available on the NSW Department of Education website under Sustainability Action Process](#)



Climate Data Information Workshops wrap up

The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's Climate Research Team recently concluded a series of workshops, 'Data and information for a changing climate', which were held in Dubbo, Wagga Wagga, Coffs Harbour and Sydney in October/November 2019.

The workshops brought together end-users of our NSW climate data and information, including practitioners, researchers, government and private citizens. They gave participants a better understanding of climate science, climate projections and climate-data access. Participants shared ideas and experiences to enhance the design and delivery of, and access to, our enhanced NSW regional climate projections. Real-world case studies and engagement sessions provided opportunities to discuss how climate and natural hazard data are used for decision-making and for assessing risks and impacts to infrastructure, services and communities. Gaps and barriers relating to current approaches were also canvassed.

Participants also learned about the Department's Climate Research Program, and other related work programs, including climate risk assessments and net zero emissions. Importantly, Climate Research staff presented insights into innovative current research into the potential exposure to multiple natural hazards under future climate scenarios.

The team would like to extend its appreciation to all who attended the workshops or completed the online survey.

For more information, contact Climate.Research@environment.nsw.gov.au

Winners from the Green Globe Awards

On 27 November, 15 inspiring [Green Globe Award](#) winners were announced from 14 different award categories. These inspiring organisations and individuals represent sustainability leadership across NSW communities. Solar powered schools, artificial reefs, roads made of discarded plastic and drones that seek out endangered species are just a few of the remarkable projects recognised. Veterans of the sustainability movement shared the stage with passionate school students. Discover their stories [here](#) and

download the commemorative book with a selection of winners over the 20 year history of the awards.



Buy Regional this Christmas - your gift will make a difference

NSW is facing one of the worst droughts on record. The impacts are being felt well beyond the farm gate in all parts of the regional economy, including retail trade and small businesses. So how can you help? Buy regional this Christmas.

The NSW government has launched a portal where you can find and buy special items direct, and to make a difference for those struggling through the drought.

There's an incredible and unique range of products on offer including fine food, fresh produce and wine, original fashion and jewellery design, and beautiful things for kids, from across the state.

[Buy regional here](#)

And on that note, we wish you and your family a safe and merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in 2020.



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