#### **AdaptNSW**



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Hello there,

Welcome to our latest newsletter.

The last month, has proved more than ever, that we have stepped into a new era. One where we have to confront the externalities of the past few hundred years, but also create and step into new visions of the future.

For those of you in the Northern Rivers, TC Alfred, the first cyclone to make landfall in south-east Queensland or northern New South Wales for 50 years – brought a new type of anxiety. One of checking track maps every three hours, learning about Cyclone preparation, and worrying not only if the house you were in was designed to withstand gale force winds, but if the flooding could really be as bad as 2022.

As Northern NSW was largely spared, and Alfred fizzled over southern Queensland, Sydney Climate Action week kicked off. And we ensured creative, transformative, community led adaptation took centre stage.

Our two events brought together a diverse group of professionals, innovators, and thought leaders,

fostering an environment of collaboration and inspiration. We invite you to <u>check out our event's outcomes</u>, which show us that community and imagination are at the core of climate adaptation.

Finally, we are very excited to announce that we have set the dates for the 2025 **AdaptNSW Forum, to be held on 25 and 26 November at the UNSW Roundhouse**. This Forum promises to be an essential gathering for those passionate about transformational climate adaptation.

We look forward to seeing you at the AdaptNSW Forum and continuing our journey of adaptation together.

Relive our CAW.SYD highlights and visit our event wrap up page now

# Reflection on innovation and communities from CAW.SYD 25



With a 46% uplift in optimism, our "**Co-creating anti-dystopian futures with GenAI**" event more than met expectations.

Participants generated over 500 ideas on innovations that could be created for a resilient Sydney neighbourhood in 2035. Generative AI was then used to create images, insights and considerations on some of these ideas.

<u>Check out our CAW.SYD wrap up page</u> to listen to the Al-created podcast, review the concepts and relive the excitement of the event.



On March 14th, "**Adapting Communities to Thrive**" showcased community action with climate change, with inspiring micro-documentaries and expert discussions.

Attendees explored innovative adaptation projects, traditional practices, and resilience strategies, fostering a collaborative spirit to build stronger, climate-resilient communities across NSW.

For more information, ideas and inspiration about community groups taking positive action, <u>visit here</u>.

# Adaptation in practice

**Discover how Sydney Metro is leading the way in climate resilience!** Our latest case study showcases innovative strategies and technologies implemented to ensure the rail system can withstand the impacts of climate change.

Read the full case study here.



# Adaptation out there

# **Visualise**

**Visualise**...How do we plan for a future that is uncertain? We've been impressed with Canada's great site explaining emissions scenarios. <u>Visualise here</u>

# **Visit**

**Visit**...Discover the future of science and innovation at the Australian Museum's "Future Now" exhibition. Engage with cutting-edge displays and interactive experiences. <u>Visit Future Now</u>.

### **Understand**

**Understand**...Explore the Probable Futures Climate Handbook for insights and practical guidance on climate change. You will be able to access detailed scenarios, expert analyses, and actionable strategies for a sustainable future. <u>Understand more</u>.

### Read

**Read**...Your wallet holds more power than you think. Atmos magazine breaks down the climate action power we all have – with each dollar we spend. Read about it.



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