

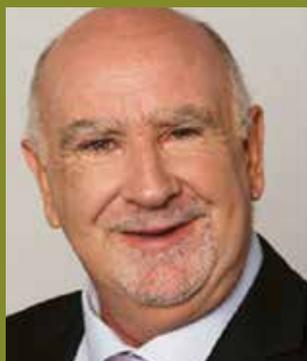
# EAGA

EASTERN ALLIANCE  
FOR GREENHOUSE ACTION



## Annual Report 2014





“ It gives me great pleasure to present the 2014 Annual Report for the Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action. EAGA’s activities over the last twelve months have delivered both greenhouse gas reductions and financial savings for our seven member councils. On

average, EAGA’s initiatives have delivered a return ~ \$1.60 for every dollar invested. Programs such as Eco Driver targeting fuel efficiency, negotiations on street light charges, and tariff reviews of energy intensive sites have been the main contributors to this excellent result.

EAGA’s ability to form strategic partnerships with the private and other sectors (such as energy utilities, education, research and State Government) is critical to its ability to leverage investment and resources and capture scale in implementation.

A major project delivered this year was the Climate Change Adaptation Roadmap funded via a Victorian Adaptation Sustainability Partnership (VASP) grant. The Executive Committee would like to thank Robert Law, EAGA Adaptation Officer, for his commitment to this project.

Finally, a special mention to Scott McKenry, EAGA Regional Coordinator, who has tirelessly worked to ensure the ongoing success of the Alliance.

Cr. Bill Bennett  
City of Whitehorse  
EAGA Executive Chair

## STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

*“United Energy and Multinet Gas has worked closely with EAGA over the past year, through our consultation for the Electricity Distribution Pricing Review and other opportunities. This collaboration has given us valuable insight into the perspectives of local government and our communities and enabled us to jointly identify opportunities for integrated energy solutions and other strategic planning opportunities. We will continue engaging with EAGA on a regular basis and see this as a great collaboration, working together for the benefit of their Alliance of councils, their constituents and our customers.”*

James Wong  
Community and Stakeholder Relations Manager  
United Energy and Multinet Gas

*“I found the Eco Driving course to be of great benefit. I was very sceptical at first. But after completing the training, I believe my driving has improved, my economy has improved and there are long term savings, both monetary and environmentally.”*

Darren von der Lippe  
Construction Works & Asset Inspection  
City of Monash

*“I thought the EAGA Energy & Climate Change Conference was fantastic, very informative and great range of speakers”*

Mark Akester  
Climate Change & Energy Officer  
City of Casey



Strategic Direction	Initiative	Outcomes
Mitigation and adaptation projects	Climate Change Adaptation Roadmap	Completion of a region wide plan prioritising cross municipal opportunities for addressing climate risks to council assets, operations and service delivery responsibilities
	Street Lighting	Facilitation of key negotiations on operation and maintenance charges for street lights with network operators, resulting in over \$6M savings for the regions councils over the next 20 years
	Eco Driver	Roll out of a targeted fuel efficiency program, involving the delivery of specialist training to 280 vehicle operators across all member councils
	Biodiversity Monitoring in Melbourne' East	Trialling a framework for monitoring indicators of biodiversity health across all seven municipalities
Capacity building and information exchange	Climate Science Road Show	Delivery of a series of capacity building forums covering the latest climate science to 450 staff and 100 community members across the region
	Energy & Climate Change Conference	A sector wide conference engaging over 60 sustainability officers from across the state, showcasing a range of local government initiatives
Advocacy	Environmental Upgrade Agreements	Successfully advocated for a legislative amendment to the Local Government Act to enable Environmental Upgrade Agreement (EUA) finance and delivered an Economic Development Forum explaining the implications for local government
	Electricity Distribution Price Review (EDPR)	Development and preparation of a sector wide advocacy response to the once in five year regulatory process
	Energy Sector Engagement Program	Establishment of a policy framework and engagement program aiming to leverage energy sector investment into councils and communities, including the delivery of Australia's first cross sector strategic planning event

## ABOUT EAGA

The Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (EAGA) is a formal collaboration of seven Councils in Melbourne's east, working together on regional programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and facilitate regional adaptation. The Alliance implements joint initiatives that provide economies of scale and enable projects typically beyond the reach of individual Councils. EAGA's project work is complemented by advocacy, capacity building and regional partnerships.

## MEMBERS

- City of Boroondara
- Knox City Council
- Maroondah City Council
- Monash City Council
- City of Stonnington
- City of Whitehorse
- Yarra Ranges Council

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## PROJECT SNAP SHOT Adaptation Roadmap



*“Over the past year I have had the privilege of managing the EAGA Climate Change Adaptation Roadmap project. A key part of the project was*

*communicating the impacts of climate change, making the issue tangible at the local level and meaningful to council staff working across different service areas. I was encouraged by the passion and capacity of council staff to embrace the opportunities for adapting to the impacts of climate change, and to learn of the many positive projects already underway. I look forward to seeing many of the identified actions in the Adaptation Roadmap come to fruition and improve the quality of life in Melbourne's east.”*

See **video summaries** of the project's findings at [eaga.com.au/projects](http://eaga.com.au/projects)

Robert Law, EAGA Adaptation Officer



## EAGA PARTNERS

