

Governing in the Climate Emergency

You are invited to join a group of senior local government leaders to participate in this exciting new program.



Governing in the Climate Emergency: training for senior local government leaders

"An inspiring course which will act as a catalyst to action."

Cr Prapti Mehta, Shire of Mundaring, WA (2024 participant)



Climate Emergency Australia has developed an exciting new micro-credential for senior leaders in local government. This training is for councillors, CEOs and Executive team members who want to:

- Expand their climate leadership
- Deepen their understanding of what it means to govern well during the climate emergency
- Understand climate risk and the role of local government in managing it
- Strengthen their council's climate emergency response
- Connect with and learn from peers around Australia.

Piloted in 2024, this training program has been tailored in 2025 to suit newly elected councillors, while remaining just as relevant for experienced councillors and Executive team members.

It provides a safe space to reflect, share and learn with other senior leaders.

"Great information, great format, great opportunity to share and listen, and a fantastic opportunity to reset."

(Anonymous 2024 participant)

Course requirements and format

- The program is made up of four fortnightly sessions in a live, interactive videoconferencing format
- It includes expert speakers, discussion with peers and guided interactive activities
- We strongly recommend you consider joining the program with at least one colleague.

"Working with [my colleague] was invaluable - being able to discuss and have her input and know I have her



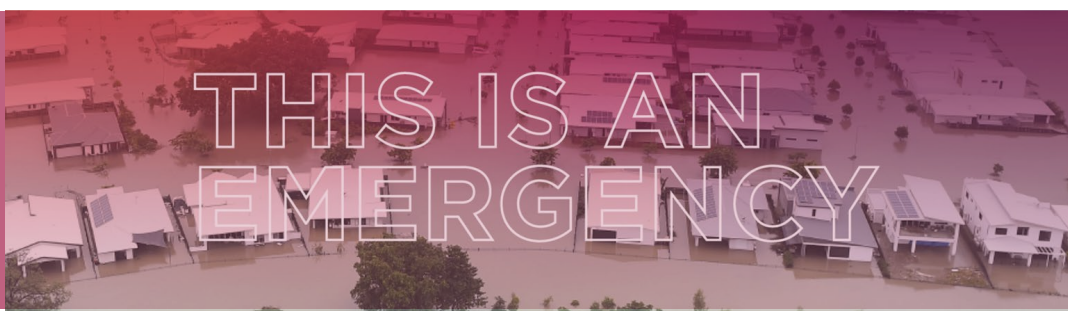
Cr Nola Firth, Tweed Shire Council, NSW (2024 participant)

"I did learn a lot... I liked that you reflected and assessed what your Council does and connected with staff."



It was a small group and I found that was really fantastic... Because we were all over Australia, you bring different perspectives."

Cr Janet Pearce, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Victoria (2024 participant)



Course structure

The course is made up of four live, interactive, online sessions of 2.5-3 hours each. These will be scheduled fortnightly, over 7 weeks, from October to early December 2025 (dates TBC):

- Session 1 (3 hrs) – mid-late October
- Session 2 (2.5 hrs) – early November
- Session 3 (2.5 hrs) – mid-late November
- Session 4 (2.5 hrs) – early December

Topics covered

- Why this is urgent: current climate impacts, climate risk and latest climate science
- The roles and responsibilities of local government in the climate emergency including legal liability and duty of care
- The climate emergency approach – what it is and how it can help us solve the climate emergency

Learning objectives

- Connect with peers, share learning, and expand your networks
- Get a fuller understanding of the climate emergency and what it means for local government and for your role as a leader
- Understand the need to manage the increasing risks and costs associated with climate impacts on council services
- Communicate effectively about the climate emergency
- Tap into the latest climate science to make informed decisions
- Explore best practice climate emergency responses and build your ability to meet community expectations
- Strengthen governance and ownership of your council's climate emergency response and embed it in your everyday business.

Outputs

- Completed self-assessment of your climate emergency response
- Completed action plan for strengthening your climate emergency response

Frequently asked questions

What is the homework like?

Participants will read relevant, useful articles about the climate emergency approach, watch videos of practical case studies, and complete self-assessment and planning tasks. The training is designed to help you start strengthening your council's climate emergency response immediately.

How much does it cost?

Prices start from \$175 for early birds from member councils and there's a great price for two or more participants from one member council - see full price list over page.

What if my council is not a member of CEA, or hasn't declared a climate emergency – can I still participate?

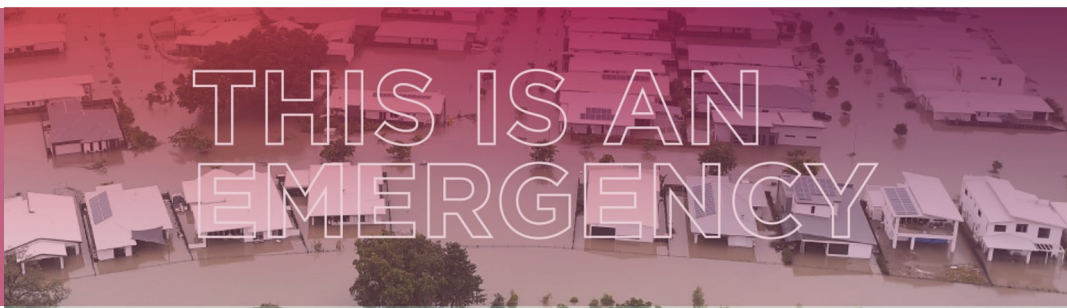
Yes, however it's cheaper for small councils who want to send more than two participants to join as a member first. If your council hasn't declared, submit an EOI and we'll be in touch to make sure the course is right for you.

How is this different to other training?

Some councils and local government associations provide induction training to new councillors which may include modules on climate change. Universities and training organisations also offer private training on both broad and specialist climate change topics.

What is unique about this course is its focus on applying a climate emergency lens to your work and creating tangible actions as a result.

What is special about it is its interactive methodology. It is less about learning a great deal of content, and more about the transformational conversations you will have with your peers and colleagues, and the networks you will take with you for the rest of your career.



Express your interest

To register your interest in joining the next cohort, please complete your expression of interest online: www.climateemergencyaustralia.org.au/training

Please note that places are limited and we cannot guarantee entry to this round of training, however there will be future rounds if you can't attend or miss out on this one.

Price list

Governing in the Climate Emergency Training (all prices GST exclusive)

- Early bird (for member councils registering by end August 2025) - **\$175**
- Member councils (individual) - **\$275**
- Member councils (group) **\$375** (total for up to 3 participants)
- Non-member councils - **\$550**

We want this training to be as accessible as possible. If price is a barrier please contact sallym@hume.vic.gov.au

CEA membership

Membership tier	Population/ considerations	2025-2026 membership fees
Small councils	<100,000 people	Min \$1,248 (+ GST)
Large councils	>100,000 people	Min \$3,641 (+ GST)
Other councils	Councils with very small rates bases* Councils with large rates bases**	<\$1,248 on application variable

* Very small councils can request a reduction in fees, to be considered by the CEA Executive Committee.

** Some councils opt to contribute more than the minimum fees to support CEA's establishment and ongoing operation. We encourage councils with large rates bases to consider this as a way to support CEA, and to increase the services we can provide to all councils, big and small.

