

# WALGA Webinar: Strengthening Climate Resilience in Local Government



**Date:** Thursday, 25 June 2020

**Time:** 1:00pm – 3:00pm

## WEBINAR OVERVIEW

Please join us for a webinar on WALGA's Climate Resilient Councils Project, which aims to strengthen Local Governments ability to be climate resilient and adapt to climate change, as well as support mitigation measures. A workshop session will explore the gaps and barriers to embedding climate change in corporate processes and reporting frameworks, and determine the key projects that WALGA will lead to increase the capacity of the sector.

- 1:00pm**      **Welcome and introduction**  
*Melanie Davies, Biodiversity and Sustainability Project Officer, WALGA*
- 1:05pm**      **Key Results: Climate Resilient Councils Project**  
*Donovan Burton, Director, Climate Planning*
- 1:25pm**      **Question and answer session**
- 1:40pm**      **Snapshot: Progress of Local Government Action on Climate Change**  
*Garry Middle, A/Manager Environment Policy, WALGA*
- 1:50pm**      **Draft Guide: A Framework to Address Climate Change in Local Government**  
*Garry Middle, A/Manager Environment Policy, WALGA*
- 2:00pm**      **Question and answer session**
- 2:15pm**      **WALGA's Key Projects to Support Local Government and Build Capacity**  
*Garry Middle, A/Manager Environment Policy, WALGA*
- 2:25pm**      **Interactive Workshop Session– Feedback Draft Guide and Proposed Key Projects**  
*Garry Middle, A/Manager Environment Policy, WALGA*  
*Melanie Davies, Biodiversity and Sustainability Project Officer, WALGA*
- 2:55 pm**      **Conclusion and next steps**  
*Garry Middle, A/Manager Environment Policy, WALGA*
- 3:00 pm**      **Close of event**

## PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

**Donovan Burton, Director, Climate Planning**, will discuss WALGA's Climate Resilient Councils Project, which involved a comprehensive analysis of the extent of climate change adaptation governance for Western Australia's Local Governments. The project reported on the overall extent of climate change governance across all Local Governments in Western Australia, and produced reports for each individual Local Government. Donovan will describe the methodology adopted for the project, summarise the key results, and benchmark the performance of the sector against other States in Australia. Donovan will also discuss the eight key recommendations for further actions that would help Local Governments better respond to the challenge of climate change.

**Garry Middle, Acting Manager Environment Policy, WALGA** will provide a snapshot of the specific climate change related projects, plans, policies and other related actions that Local Governments has undertaken, based on the results of a survey WALGA carried out last year to support the Climate Resilient Councils Project. Garry will also discuss the draft 'Guide for Local Governments to Develop a Climate Change Framework', which outlines the recommended steps that Local Governments can take to progress action on climate change. Feedback on the draft Guide, together with the eight key recommendations for further actions (including specific training, templates and peer-to-peer learning), will be invited during the interactive workshop session.

### **Project Background**

The Climate Resilient Councils Project was undertaken by WALGA over the past 12 months through funding obtained from the Western Australian and Commonwealth Governments Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) - Competitive Grants 2018/19. The total project value is \$350,000, which includes contributions from State Government (DLGSC, DFES, DWER), WALGA and LGIS. The funding has been used to undertake Stage 1 (surveys and analysis that will be the focus of this webinar) and the upcoming Stage 2 (delivery of actions to build capacity of the Local Government sector). The Project is based on the award winning [Queensland Climate Resilient Councils Program](#).