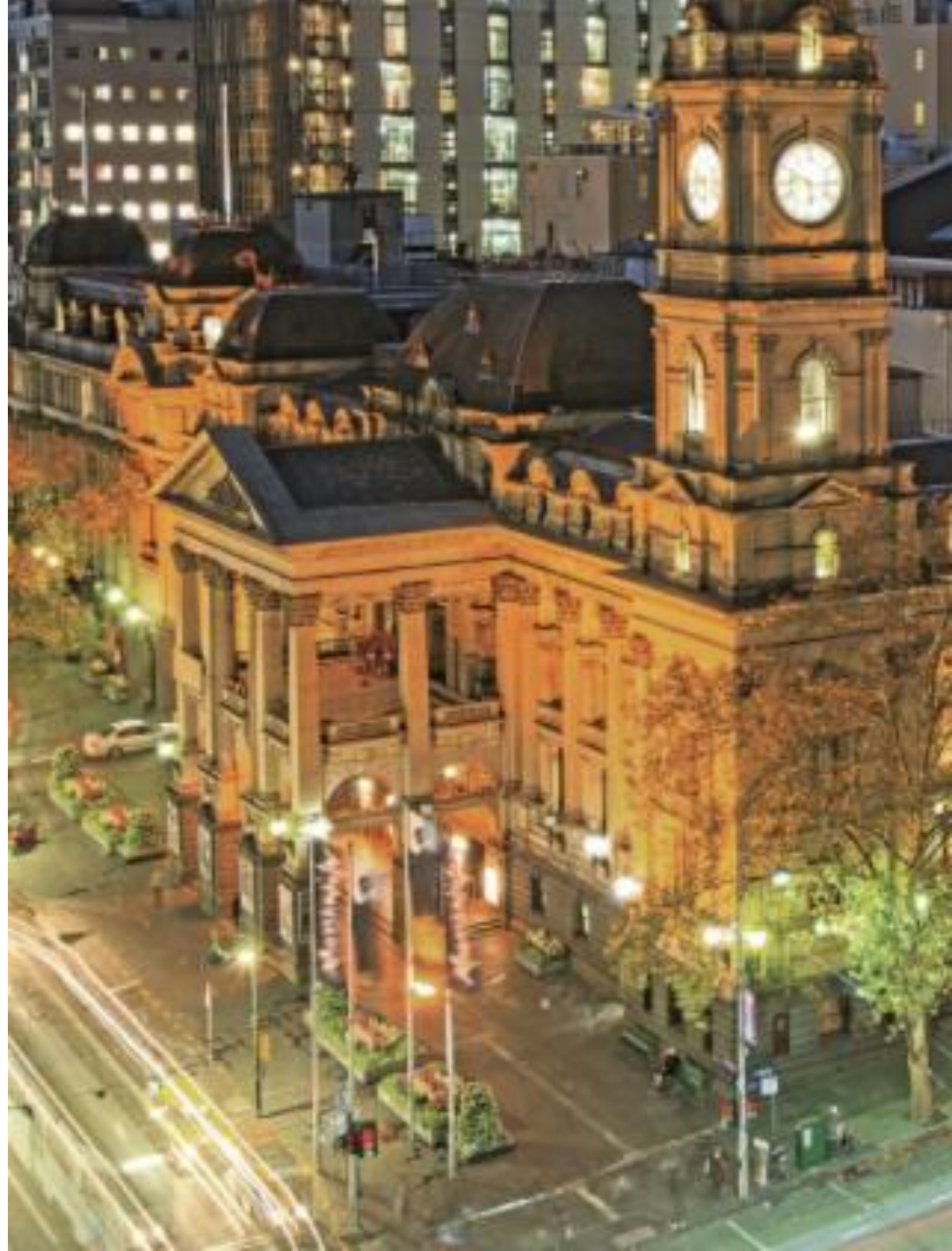


# Victorian Greenhouse Alliances – Local Governments Working Together on Climate Change

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# What are Greenhouse Alliances?

- What we do
  - Knowledge sharing and capacity building
  - Projects and research
  - Advocacy
- Differences between Alliances

<http://www.victoriangreenhousealliances.org/>



# Who are the Victorian Greenhouse Alliances?

Needs updating – most grey now gone!



## Legend

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|-------------|--|----------|--|
| Orange      | Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance (CVGA)   | Dark Red | South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA) |
| Yellow      | Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (EAGA)  | Green    | Western Alliance for Greenhouse Action (WAGA)        |
| Light Green | Gippsland Climate Change Network (GCCN)        | Pink     | Wimmera Mallee Sustainability Alliance (WMSA)        |
| Blue        | Goulburn Broken Greenhouse Alliance (GBGA)     | Grey     | No alliance  |
| Dark Purple | Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (NAGA) |          |  |

# Governance of Victorian Greenhouse Alliances

- Two main models
- MOU
- Funding
- Decision making
- Dedicated secretariat
- Work for our members



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# Benefits

- Attract large sources of FUNDING
- DIRECT \$ SAVINGS to council through projects/advocacy
- Identify and achieve EFFICIENCIES & ECONOMIES OF SCALE
- COORDINATE projects that are valuable to more than one council
- Leverage ADVOCACY POTENTIAL
- Even-out RESOURCE DISPARITIES/CAPACITY CONSTRAINTS
- SCALE UP successful local projects
- Attract PARTNERS and enable Collaboration
- Leveraging KNOWLEDGE for everyone



# Victorian Greenhouse Alliance Annual Conference 2019

- 270 attendees
- “great variety of topics to choose from”
- “one of the best [presentations] I've ever heard”
- “it's like catching up with family”
- “great speakers who went in detail and were frank about what worked and didn't work”



# Development of BSW Alliance

- Sustainability Officers network
- Ad hoc regional projects
- Climate resilient communities project 2012 – 2017, state government funded
- Funding submission to state government through regional climate change adaptation team
- First year of new Alliance – establishment
  - Funding
  - Governance
  - Learning from other models



# What do you want from an Alliance?

- Do you want a:
  - Service delivery mechanism;
  - Way of knowledge sharing;
  - Community of practice;
  - “Think tank”;
  - Advocacy voice;
  - Innovation hub;
  - All of these things?





# Lessons

- Build the case through joint working
- Identify economy of scale savings but don't become beholden to these
- What are your gaps in state government relationships that could be bridged through an Alliance – advocacy; funding
- Be clear about what your Alliance is and what it isn't
- Acknowledge that different councils within an Alliance are at different stages, with different appetites and levels of ambition - understand where each council is at and which language works for them and tailor messages and value propositions
- Councils need to participate - it won't run itself without member involvement
- Ensure you build support with a diversity of different players within each council so if key people leave or become politically exposed then you have deeper roots to rely on



# Things to think about

- What benefits do you get from any existing informal network and what more do you think you could do with a dedicated resource, in knowledge sharing but also scaling up your work together?
- What support does your LGA provide with this already?
- What support do relevant departments at the WA Government provide local government?
- Are you interested in advocacy to other levels of government; what advocacy do you do already?
- Do you have a community that are supportive of climate change action?
- Do you have Councillors and senior management that are supportive of climate change action?
- How can you leverage one for the other?

