

# Climate Change Declaration

## The Shire of Katanning acknowledges that;


1. Climate change is having a significant effect on the Shire of Katanning as evidenced by;
  - an increase in temperatures, with more extremely hot days and fewer extremely cool days;
  - heat waves that are longer and hotter;
  - a decrease in cool-season rainfall;
  - more frequent, longer and more intense droughts across southern Australia, including the Great Southern region;
  - an increase in the number of high fire weather danger days and a longer fire season; and
  - through a combination of many of these impacts, changes to biodiversity including increased species extinction.
2. Significant environmental, social and economic benefits are available to those local governments that act to address the effects of climate change on their communities.
3. The development of equitable and implementable State and Commonwealth strategies for climate change management will accelerate benefits to community.

## The Shire of Katanning declares its commitment to;

Provide local level leadership to mitigate the effects of climate change by partnering with neighbouring shires to lever scale and accelerate the planning and implementation of relevant initiatives including to;

- Enhance non-potable water supplies for use in parks & gardens, firefighting and for emergency stock water.
- Reduce non-potable water demand by redesigning existing open spaces and by designing new spaces based on waterwise principles.
- Reduce community bush fire risk by reducing fuel loads within Shire controlled reserves.
- Enhance the urban tree canopy in high pedestrian areas.
- Install solar panels on more Council buildings.
- Maintain a fit for purpose evacuation centre.

Signed:  Date 19 August 2025  
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Signed:  Date 20.8.2025  
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