



WELCOME FROM MAYOR

Following many discussions, presentations and media releases from other levels of government, on the impacts of Climate Change, where local communities and local government are cited as leaders in adapting and mitigating for climate change, it is time for us to come together to explore and exchange our initiatives.

It gives the Blue Mountains City Council great pleasure, in inviting you to participate in this inaugural event on the 'the how to of climate change adaptation and mitigation'. This conference is a one-stop shop for climate change adaptation and mitigation actions, attitudes and information that show Australian Frontline Community Action.

Practitioners and industry representatives will receive affirmation of their leading practice, services and products. Climate change leaders in adaptation and mitigation initiatives will be delivering papers on their successes and attempts to succeed – what has practically worked or nearly worked and needs tweaking. Some of these people will be community residents, some will be community workers, some will be climate change practitioners, some will be public servants with sustainability responsibility and some will be persons working in corporations.

Their information will be supported by research, both qualitative and quantitative, from researchers who are investigating the key climate changes issues that need to be addressed in the future. Some of those researchers have developed tools to assist with implementing new initiatives and actions. Study Tours will show adaptation and mitigation initiatives and techniques in practice.

There are many aspects of this conference that will ensure its success but most notable is the large number of those involved in adaptation and mitigation climate change initiatives at the local level all being at the one place at the one time. This gathering of professional practitioners, from climate change action groups to policy makers, can make a difference to our activities on the ground that assist in managing our communities.

It promises to be not only an excellent educational forum but a significant information exchange and networking opportunity for delegates on current and future initiatives to adapt and mitigate for climate change in their local community.

The Organising Committee looks forward to working with industry partners to address the key question of how we wish to be viewed as custodians of our country in this period of challenge. My belief is that we will be judged for our actions by future generations. This conference is about that legacy we will leave those future generations.



It is proposed that the conference will be held at the York Fairmont Resort, Leura in the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. This venue showcases how an urban footprint can be managed within a world heritage environment.

In this sponsorship prospectus are opportunities for the businesses that will assist local communities, through both products and services, to improve their climate change practices. Shortly we hope to make contact with your companies to discuss how we can work together. Our aim is that Conference will become a welcome annual event for all climate change practitioner's calendars as a one of its kind in Australia and industry participation is extremely important to us.

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