

**Kingborough Community Forum
GENERAL MEETING**

**Saturday 15 June 2024
9.30am – 12.00pm**

Council Chambers – Civic Centre, 15 Channel Highway, Kingston

MINUTES

Attendees

Louisa D'Arville and Dr. Tom Remenyi	Blackmans Bay Community Association
Mike Jackson	Coningham & Lower Snug Community Association
June Walker and John Everard	Howden Progress Association
Peter Laud	Kettering Community Association
Roland Painter	Kingborough Landcare Network
Gloria Lonergan	South Channel Ratepayers and Residents Association
Rob Crosthwaite	Snug Landcare
Jill Hickie	Taroona Community Association
Sue Quarmbly & Nick Booth	Friends of Longley Area Group & Deputy Chair
Mike Brough	Chair
Council Officers:	
Dave Stewart	Chief Executive Officer
Deleeze Chetcuti	Director Environment, Development and Community
Bridget Jupe	Natural Areas Interpretation Officer
Bianca Kleine	Communications and Engagement Support Officer
Lissa Villeneuve	Regional Drought Coordinator – Regional Drought Resilience, DPAC (presenter)
Councillors:	-
Apologies:	Kate Lucas – CALSCA; Maureen Robinson – TCA; Tammy Price - Bruny Island Community Association; Mark Dunn, Leslie Vale Community Association; Felicity Smart - Margate Hills Community Association; Bonnet Hill Community Association; Friends of North Bruny; Woodbridge Community Association

1. Introduction and acknowledgement of country (chair)

The Chair Mike Brough welcomed all participants and acknowledged and paid respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the traditional and original owners and continuing custodians of this land and acknowledged Elders – past and present.

The Chair welcomed and introduced the new Chief Executive Officer Dave Stewart.

2. Confirmation of minutes of the Kingborough Community Forum 23 March 2024

Two minor amendments were made to the FLAG community report (page 2)

- replacement of the word 'campers' with 'illegal camping'
- replacement of the words 'physical barriers would be acceptable' with 'physical barriers are required'.

The forum participants endorsed the 23 March General Meeting minutes as a true and accurate record.

3. Request for membership – Leslie Vale Community Group

The Chair convened a request by Leslie Vale Community Group for membership of the form. All participants agreed of the group's membership.

4. Workshop on Drought and Climate Resilience – Lissa Villeneuve, DPAC

Refer to presentation

Lissa facilitates 28 community conversations across the State to discuss how we can strengthen resilience to drought and climate variability together.

The Regional Drought Resilience Planning program (jointly funded through the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund and the Tasmanian Government) program is collating stories, learnings and ideas from agricultural communities about what is needed to strengthen resilience to drought and climate variability.

The results of the discussions will assist with the allocation of funding for the project.

The participants picked below themes and goals for discussion in break out groups:

- Prosperous Local Economies
 - proactive systems in place to support most vulnerable groups when times are tough
- Resilient Landscapes
 - natural landscapes, waterways and ecosystems are actively managed for health and diversity
- Climate-Conscious Built Environment
 - climate resilience, social and environmental outcomes are incorporated into land use planning and development decisions
 - community infrastructure (spaces to meet, pay, connect & access services) is diverse and fit-for-purpose
 - essential services (water, communications, energy) are planned, managed and used efficiently and sustainably

These discussions included:

- barriers such as political systems
- land clearing, logging and the change it inflicts on the environment to rainfall patterns/biodiversity
- structure and resourcing / the role of volunteers versus paid jobs
- the need for community education
- available transport and the importance of community connection.

Participants were encouraged to forward any additional ideas to Lissa. A survey can be accessed here: [Department of Premier and Cabinet - Future Drought Fund \(dpac.tas.gov.au\)](https://www.dpac.tas.gov.au)

5. Presentation on Ducks of Tasmania – Bridget Jupe, Natural Areas Interpretation Officer

Jason Graham from the Pacific Duck Conservation Group sent his apologies for today's meeting.

BJ spoke about the recently lodged education campaign about not feeding ducks, including pop up stalls and placement of 'don't feed ducks' signage at popular locations. The three main public areas where ducks are being fed in Kingborough are the Stormwater Wetlands, Dru Point and Balmoral Park (Duck Park).

Main issues:

- Cross breeding of Mallards and Pacific Black Ducks leads to fertile offspring. Pacific Black Ducks are vulnerable to cross breeding, mallards have no native predators in Tasmania.
- The Pacific Black Duck may become an extinct species in Tasmania if crossbreeding continues.
- Feeding causes unnatural interactions of native ducks and introduced ducks in areas that can be dangerous for the animals, e.g. ducks are being injured or killed on the road.
- Bird/duck diseases can transfer from ducks to humans, including avian flus.
- Unnatural amount of ducks in one place causes intense pollutions of river banks, denuding vegetations opposed to ducks naturally spreading around river.
- Mallards and domestic ducks (being domestic pets) are more dependent on humans

Next steps:

- Interpretation signage to go up at popular feeding spots to explain the Whys
- Involvement of schools and more public education
- Responsible duck ownership - dumping of ducks is as bad as dumping cats or dogs.
- Finding alternatives to duck feeding, e.g. counting different types of birds
- Most Mallards have been introduced through dumping. This is a major issue that continues to increase the Mallard population and exacerbates the problem with crossbreeding

6. Reports from each community organisation

BBCA

Refer to report.

Additional events:

- Howden and Blackmans Bay Community Association will hold a water sampling event on Tuesday 25 June at Blackmans Bay Hall. Derwent Estuary Program will release their report the next day.
- BBCA event coming up with Kelvin Smith – Peace: an evening conversation about regular people becoming powerfully inspirational.

FLAG

Refer to report.

KCA

Refer to report.

Additional items:

- The gravel track close to Kettering Hall requires improvement. The Chair suggested to lodge a [service request](#).

A member of the Woodbridge Community Association (WCA) mentioned during the last KCA meeting that WCA raised the idea of a connecting track from Woodbridge to Kettering*. Peter shared this information with the forum participants.

*WCA had been in consultation with council regarding the development of a foreshore walk from Martins Road (north of the village) to the wreck of a vessel called the Laura. The proposed walk has been included as a Priority 1 in the Council's recently endorsed Tracks and Trails strategy.

KLN

Refer to report.

Additional item: Roland addressed safety issues associated with trail bikes in Algona Reserve/Coffee Creek Track with Sophie Golding and Kingston Police.

The Chair suggested to forward this issue to the [Kingborough Council Safety Committee](#).

SCRRRA

Refer to report.

TCA

Refer to report.

Additional items:

- Taroono Expo on Sunday 3 November has been renamed to Taroono Connectedness event. The group is applying for a Tas Networks community grant to fund the event.
- TCA is developing a new group for Hinsby Park.
- The group expressed thanks to Council for refurbishment of the public toilets at Taroono Beach, is liaising with Council's engineers on landscaping and provided feedback on the practicality of the location of the shower that will be monitored.
- TCA continues raising the request to upgrade the right of way at Baringa/ Wandella Road with Council (refer to previous reports).

HOWDEN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

- Water quality testing program for the Huntingfield development – the group is concerned about the water quality at Coffee Creek. Water quality testing has been arranged by Council for the next 12 months as part of the Derwent Estuary Program.
- The group is pleased with the reduction of the speed limit to 80km/hr on Channel Highway towards Howden Road, HPA is waiting on an update regarding a reduction of the speed limit on Howden Road.

SNUG LANDCARE GROUP

- Succession planning is being discussed within SLG
- Noted - Snug River Track Upgrade as part of the Council budget 2024/25

CALSCA

Refer to report

Additional Item:

CALSCA reported significant potholes and will forward a service request. It was noted that the service requests work well, however, the potholes come back within a few months and no follow up process is in place. The group would like to see a follow up process on the work done.

The Chair thanked all participants for their reports.

7. Updates from Council and current projects – Dave Stewart, Chief Executive Officer

Dave Stewart introduced himself as the new Chief Executive Officer of Kingborough Council.

Updates:

- **2024/25 budget**

Council adopted the 2024/25 budget during the 3 June Council meeting.

Council consulted with the community on a 12% rates increase for the 2024/25 financial year. Strong feedback was received; Council adopted a 9.8% rates increase for the next financial year.

Next steps: development of a long term financial plan over 10 years and a strategic asset management plan

- **Jack Jumpers High Performance Facility** will be coming to Kingborough and will be funded by the State Government. Council will provide land located at the Kingborough Sports Centre (KSC). The existing capacity at KSC will be freed up for community, community hours will be available at the new Jack Jumper's facility.

- **Policy Updates:**

- Rate rebate under the Conservation Covenant Policy
- Sundry Debt Management Policy
- Audit panel charter update - role to look at long term financial management plan
- Update to Sport Ground User Policy
- Update to Financial Hardship Policy as part of the budget

Find more information [HERE](#)

- **Plans and Strategies:**

- The establishment of an Aquatic Facility Steering Committee has been identified as one of the recommendations of the Kingborough Sports and Recreation Strategy - EOI will go out shortly to build a skills-based group
- Kingston Parking Strategy – further decisions to incur on paid parking (long stay parking)
- The [Tracks and Trails Strategic Action Plan](#) has been endorsed
- The [Kingston Beach LATM](#) has been endorsed for safer roads / traffic management
- The [Gormely Park Masterplan](#) has been endorsed
- Coming up in next Council Meeting on Monday 17 June: Complaints Management Policy, Continuous Improvement Policy, Draft Multicultural Action Plan

8. Other business

- Participants reflected on today's forum and noted that two presentations per event did not allow enough time for a two-way dialogue. One presentation per quarterly event would allow more time for discussion.
Further feedback was received on the workshop held in the morning - breaking out in smaller discussion groups was well received.
- Safety Committee – Council's Safety Committee is seeking feedback on safety concerns within the community. Feedback can be provided by 20 June.
- Update on Local Planning Provisions: Council put in final draft with the Tasmanian Planning Commission last week with final request for amendments. We are expecting exhibition to occur in August via appointments with planners and a speed road show.

Meeting closed at 12.23pm

9. Next meetings: 21 September, 7 December (tbc, same day as Council AGM)

List of Actions

WHAT	COMMENT
KCA The gravel track close to Kettering Hall requires improvement.	KCA to lodge a service request .
KLN addressed safety issues associated with trail bikes in Algona Reserve/Coffee Creek Track with Sophie Golding and Kingston Police.	KLN will forward this issue to the Kingborough Council Safety Committee

- Attachment: PowerPoint Presentation – Drought and Climate Resilience
- [Ducks of Tasmania WEB.pdf \(derwentestuary.org.au\)](#)



**Drought
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Drought Ready Community Conversation

May - July 2024



Australian Government
Department of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Forestry



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The Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program is jointly funded through the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund and the Tasmanian Government.

Welcome

Aim of today's session:

- Building out the Southern Plan
- Harnessing your experience, insights and ideas to create a roadmap
- Testing our Vision and Goals
- Next Steps



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Acknowledgement of Country



Housekeeping

- Toilets
- Food and Drink
- Evacuation
- Looking after yourself and one another
- Photo Consent



VERY Quick Introductions

Around the room, share:

- 15 seconds each
- Your name
- Where you are from (either organisation or location)



Scope - Not Just Drought

Strengthening resilience helps people prepare for and cope with all manner of disasters and challenges



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Impacts of Drought and Climate Variability



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Future Projections

From Australian Government's
My Climate View

Created by CSIRO and BoM



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Rainfall



Mean annual rainfall



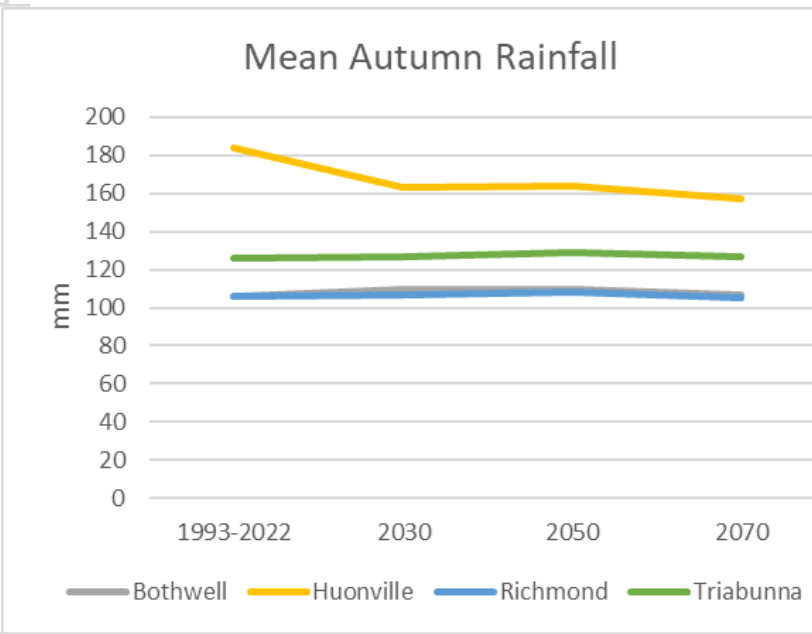
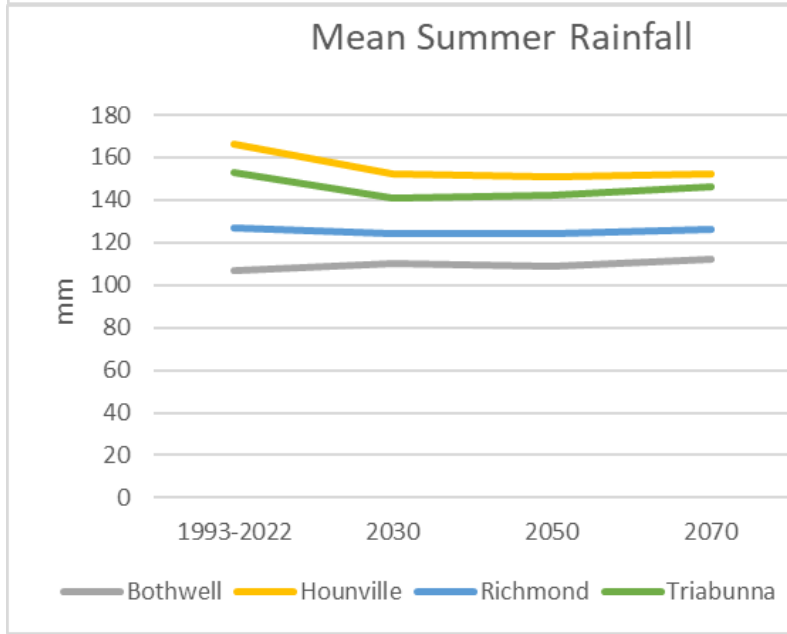
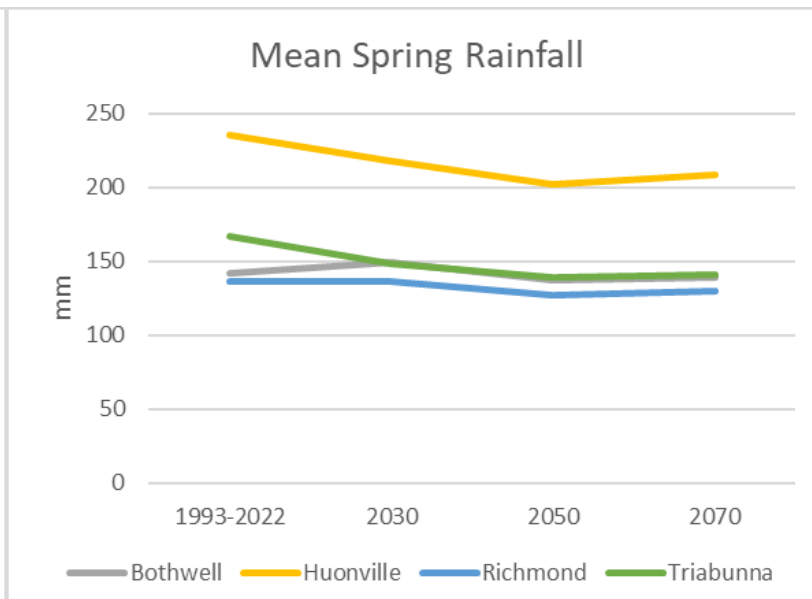
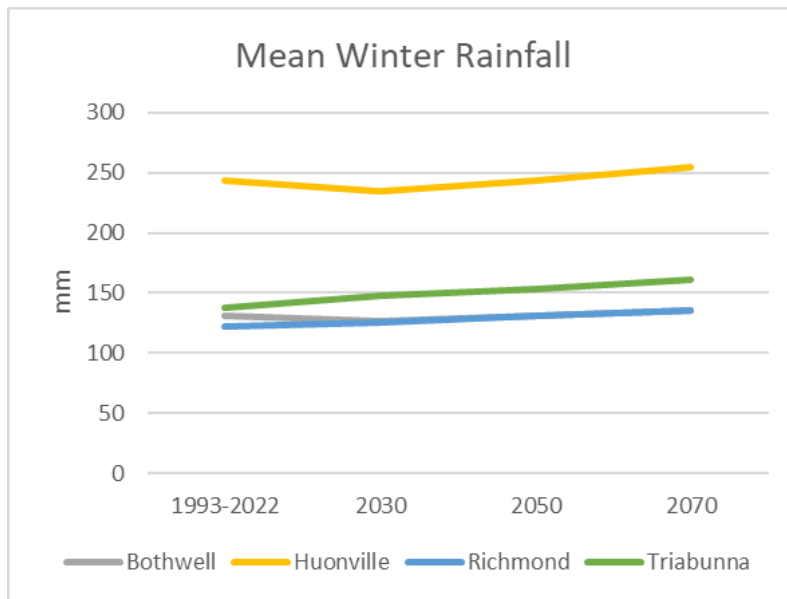
Extreme rainfall events



Frosts



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Temperatures

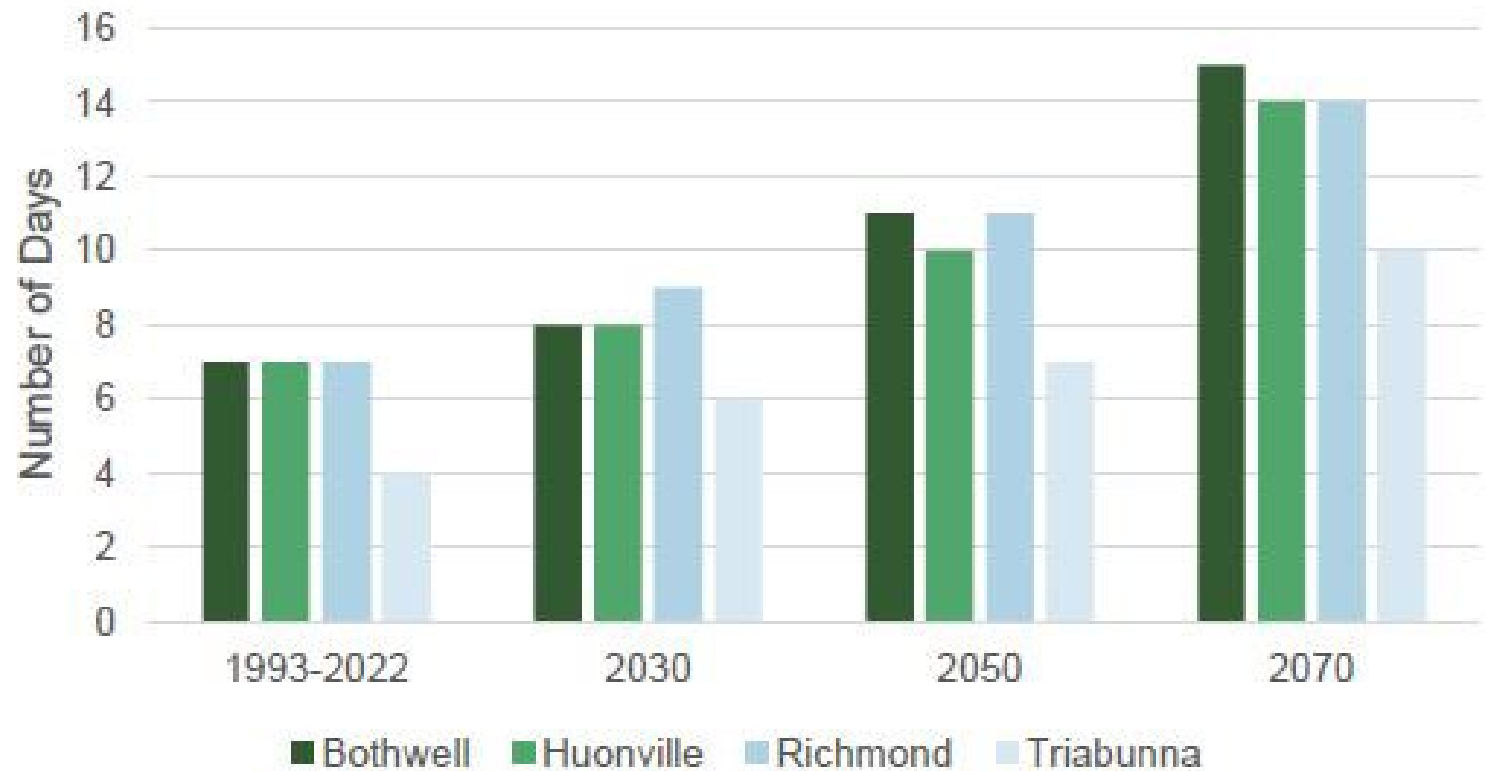


Average maximum temperature ↑ 2°C

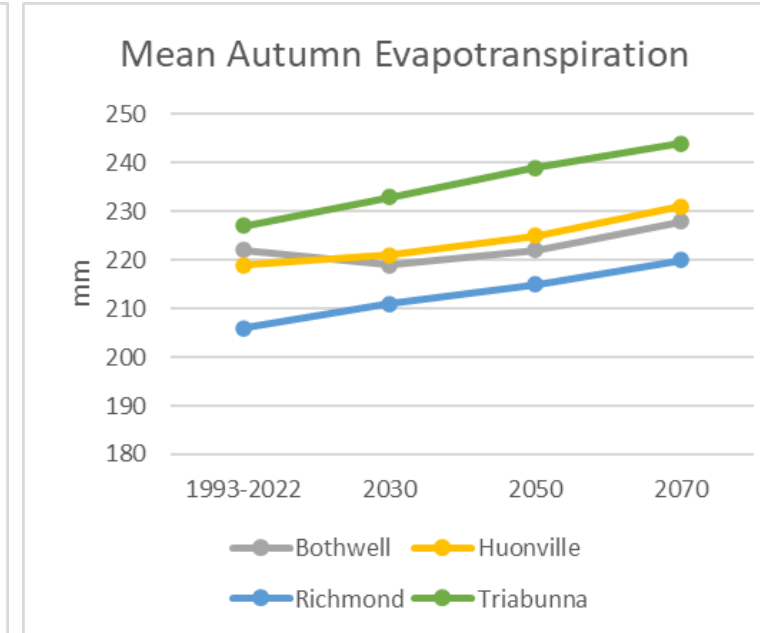
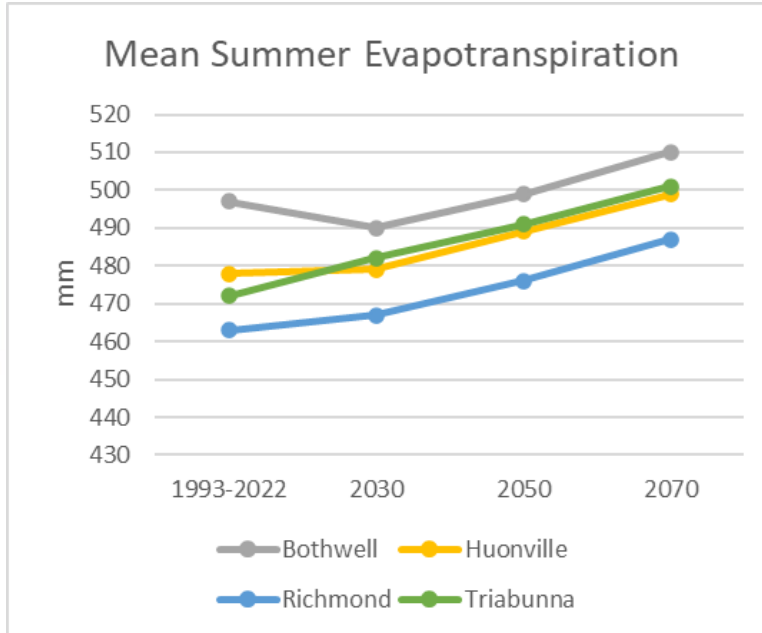
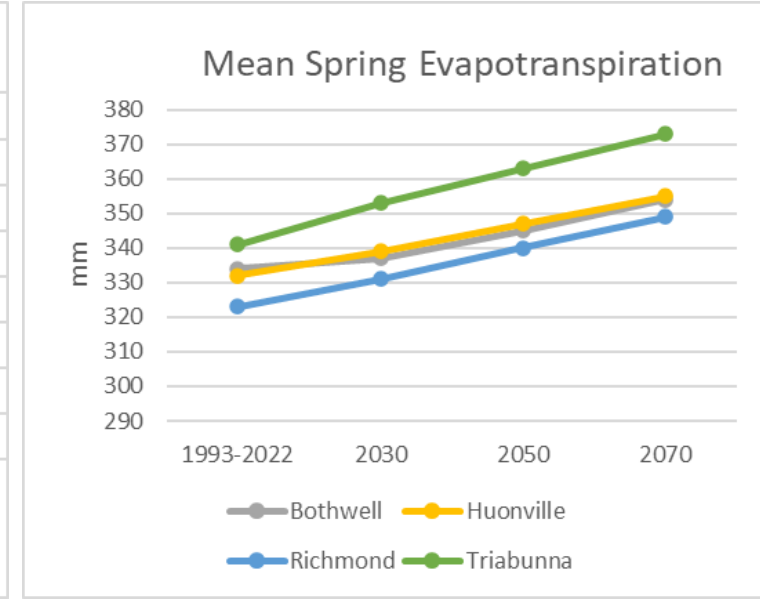
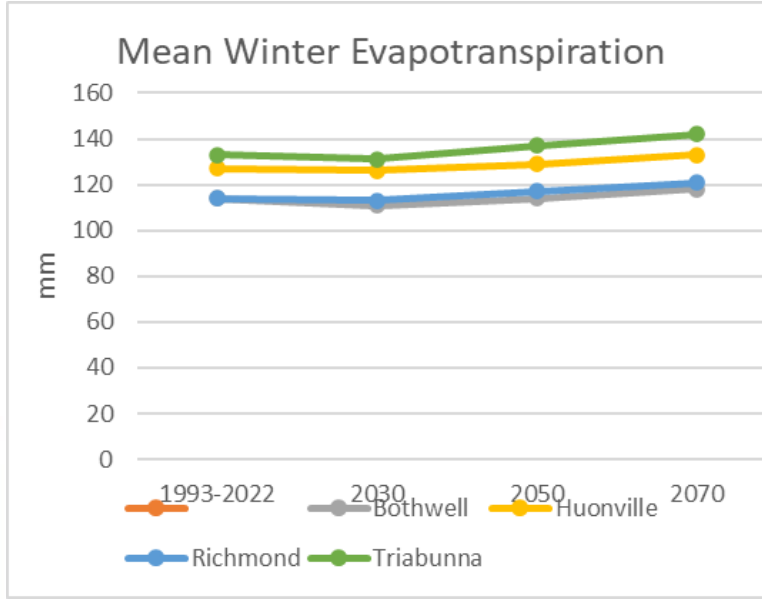
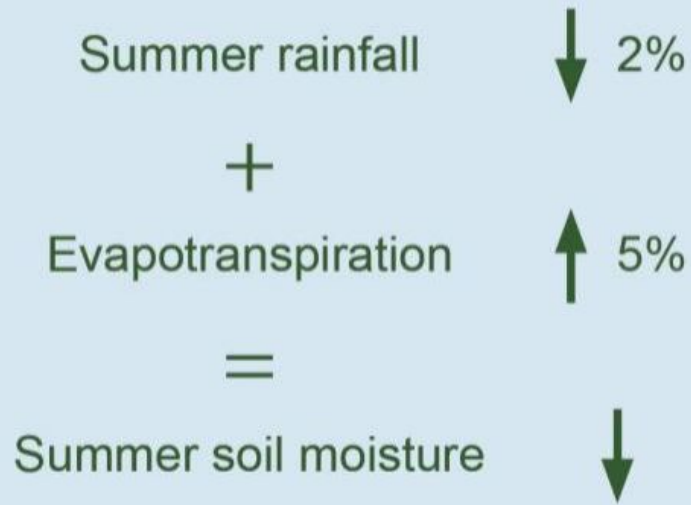
Average minimum temperature ↑ 2°C

		recent	2070
>30°C days	Triabunna	4	10
	Bothwell	7	15

Days over 30 Degrees



Evapotranspiration & Soil Moisture



CSIRO Climate Analogues

Projected future conditions in relation to existing conditions of other towns.

By 2050:

Cygnet = Lithgow

New Norfolk = Cooma

Bridgewater = Ararat



Vision for a Resilient Southern Tasmania

The people, organisations and systems in Southern Tasmania all work together in a proactive and coordinated way to make our region strong so that we can thrive no matter the climate.

A strong, resilient region means:

Flourishing communities who understand and support each other

Prosperous local economies, where businesses thrive and provide jobs even when conditions are tough

Resilient landscapes, from the bush to the farm

A **climate-conscious built environment** that is designed to be resilient, efficient and sustainable.



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Goals Identified Through Initial Consultation

Flourishing Communities	Prosperous Local Economies	Resilient Landscapes	Climate-Conscious Built Environment
1 Range of active and diverse community groups, networks and social activities	6 Producers and small businesses in the region have the information, knowledge and adaptive management skills to adapt and thrive	10 Natural landscapes, waterways and ecosystems are actively managed for health and diversity	14 Climate resilience, social and environmental outcomes are incorporated into land use planning and development decisions
2 Residents support one another and feel they belong	7 Long-term planning and projects are supported and managed locally	11 Farm systems can cope with dry conditions and climate variabilities for long-term sustainability and productivity	15 Community infrastructure (spaces to meet, play, connect & access services) is diverse and fit-for-purpose
3 Health, education and training services that meet community needs	8 Proactive systems in place to support most vulnerable groups when times are tough	12 palawa/pakana management of waterways, land and sea for cultural & ecological values is recognised and supported	16 Essential services (water, communications, energy) are planned, managed and used efficiently and sustainably
4 Shared priorities and collaboration across community	9 Next generation of producers are ready to lead and are confident about navigating climatic variations and farming pressures	13 Hazards are identified and proactively managed to reduce disaster risks associated with drought	17 Locals understand how they can make their homes and gardens more climate resilient
5 Strong, trusted leadership and governance			



Prioritise

Goals you feel are the most important ★

Few minutes to capture ideas on any of the other goals

If you have ideas about what we need to achieve any of the goals that didn't quite make the cut – please make a note of them on a sticky note now, so that we don't lose them and bring them up at the end



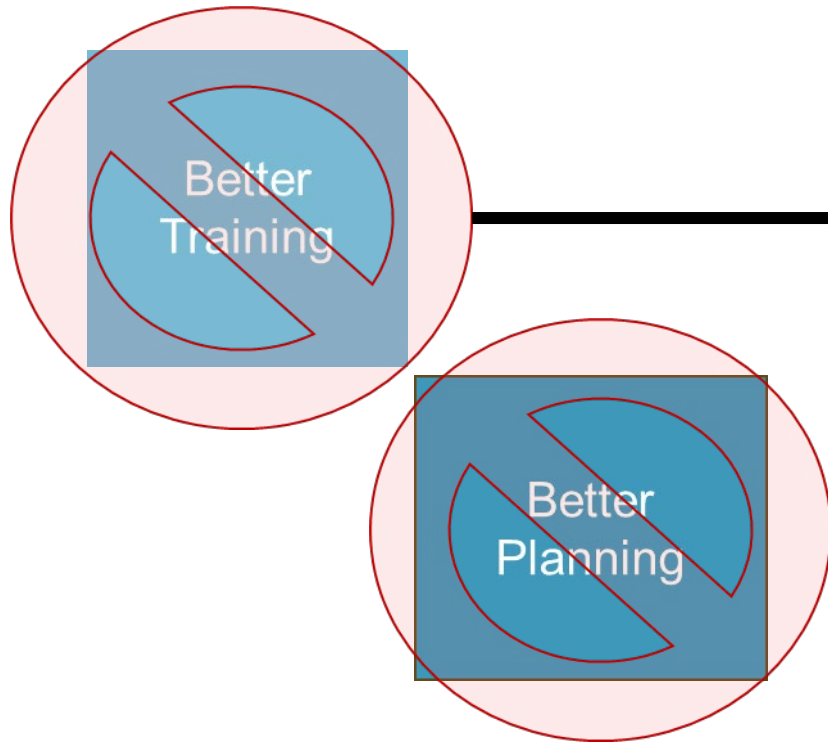
The Rules of the Sticky Note

- 1 idea per sticky note
- Identify 1 person with neat handwriting in each group
- Write neatly or ask table host to write it
- **Include enough detail for others to understand the idea easily**
- Brainstorm as many ideas as possible



The Art of the Sticky Note

Instead of general statements



Write enough detail to make clear what is needed

Include unit on climate projections and managing through change in VET agriculture courses

Tighten restrictions on residential development of prime agricultural land and along waterways

Make a note of any **local specific considerations or ideas**



The Content of the Sticky Note

KEEP

What is **working well already** that we need to support

CHANGE

What is okay, but could be **more effective with some tweaks?**

CREATE

What do you **wish existed?**
Innovations,
big ideas,
new
initiatives

DITCH

What are the **barriers** or things making it harder?



Sharing Back

- 2 minutes for each table
- Read the goal
- share 2 things that stand out from discussion



Next Steps

How this will be used

Form the basis of the Southern Drought Resilience Plan

A **roadmap** for communities, decision makers and service providers to implement strategies and initiatives to increase preparedness, strengthen resilience and better support those impacted by future droughts and climate variability.



Next Steps

Opportunities for Further Involvement

- Future scenarios workshop (August)
- Pathway panels (September)
- Case studies (Now – Sept)
- Action ideas for inclusion (Now – Aug)
- Surveys (Now – Oct)
- Implementation funding
 - Jan-Jun 25 – Trial phase \$100k Southern Tas
 - July 25 (4 years) - \$64 million Aus-wide



Survey

Please complete the short survey before you leave



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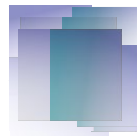


Thank you!

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