

## **Resilient South receives \$99,000 grant for Regional Climate Action Plan**

The City of Marion has welcomed the announcement that the Federal Government has awarded a \$99,000 grant from the Preparing Australia Program to Resilient South to develop a Regional Climate Action Plan.

Marion Council is a member of Resilient South, a partnership involving the neighbouring Cities of Holdfast Bay, Onkaparinga and Mitcham and the State Government that was set up 11 years ago with the aim of getting on the front foot in addressing the localised impacts of climate change.

The Regional Climate Action Plan will be the third five-year strategic direction document prepared by Resilient South.

Resilient South Regional Coordinator Stefan Caddy-Retalic said the \$99,000 grant would allow the partners to continue the climate action initiatives already underway while allowing them to review and plan their adaptation priorities and direction for the next five years.

“The Preparing Australian Communities Program was set up by the Commonwealth to provide support to locally identified and locally-led projects that will improve the resilience of communities against natural hazards,” Dr Caddy-Retalic said.

“We know climate change is only going to exacerbate the occurrence and intensity of natural hazards of bushfire, flood and storm and Resilient South has spent the past decade working collaboratively to mitigate the impact of climate change on our communities and adapt to a changing climate.

“One of our flagship programs is the Resilient Asset Management Project which is leading the way in integrating climate change risk into the management of council assets. The City of Marion is responsible for over \$1 billion in assets, and we need to make sure we are using the best available tools to ensure they are available for the community.

“Other projects include our urban heat mapping program, upgrading street lighting with energy-efficient LED lighting and our Cool Places program to create greener areas with water sensitive urban design.

“The Preparing Australian Communities Program grant will assist with our efforts to continue these important and locally-led projects that will ensure Marion remains a great place to live.”

Round one of the Preparing Australian Communities Program has funded 158 projects across the nation including 20 in South Australia valued at \$30 million.

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