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COUNCIL ADOPTS TOWARDS ZERO EMISSIONS ROADMAP AND WILL MAKE THE "TAKE2" PLEDGE

At last night's meeting, Council adopted the Towards Zero Emissions Roadmap (TZRM) and committed to making the TAKE2 pledge.

The Council Plan 2017-21 has a strong focus on creating a sustainable environment, particularly responding to climate change by reducing energy use, emissions and other resource use. The TZRM sets out the initiatives that will help Council achieve the target of Zero Carbon Emissions over the next 4 years. The roadmap sets out a balanced approach that reduces Council's emissions while simultaneously investing in our local economy and reducing the cost of business operations.

TAKE2 is the Victorian Government's collective climate change initiative. The initiative supports individuals, business, government, educational and community organisations to take meaningful action to reduce climate change. The aim of the initiative is to help keep the temperature rise under two degrees and to support Victoria to achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

"Making the TAKE2 pledge is just another way our Council is taking action on climate change. The Towards Zero Emissions Roadmap adopted by Council is a blueprint for achieving reduced emissions in our shire, and delivering sound environmental outcomes for our community. Not only are we collaborating with Victorian councils, government, businesses and individuals through the Take2 program, but millions of others worldwide to reduce the impact of greenhouse gas emissions on dangerous climate change," said Mayor Cr Sebastian Klein.

"It is a key action of Council to reduce emissions and become a carbon neutral organisation. Through a range of initiatives, we have reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 21% since 2012/13. Along with the environmental benefits that come from adopting the Toward Zero Emissions Roadmap and making the TAKE2 pledge, there are also significant financial benefits to Council in the form of reduced operating costs," said CEO Aaron van Egmond.

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