

The Challenge?

Achieving **best practice sustainability outcomes in council buildings** can often be challenging due to a lack of funding, resources, cross council support and in-house expertise to ensure the best possible outcomes. We know this because we have been supporting councils to overcome this issue for more than a decade.



The Solution

Ironbark has distilled our knowledge into a **formalised facilitated program** for councils. Ironbark's Sustainable Council Buildings Program supports councils to better deliver sustainable outcomes for their buildings (new and existing, large and small). The program comprises a complimentary service to help inform the sector and a facilitated service to assist councils to make things happen.

Inform Sector

Allows council to quickly assess where they stand and stay on top of developments.

- **Free Online Self-Assessment Tool:** on council's approach to *Plan, Act and Review* for sustainable building outcomes. Council is provided with a high level Status Report against best practice sustainable building approaches. The report can be used as a valuable tool to assist in prioritising actions and raise internal awareness. Contact Ironbark for more details.



- **Sector Updates:** providing support to councils through quarterly case studies, webinars, funding opportunity updates and newsletters on how councils can progress towards more sustainable buildings.

Facilitate Action

Facilitates a strategic and systematic approach to improving sustainability outcomes in buildings and management practices.

- **Sustainable Council Buildings Plan:** using the *Plan, Act and Review* Self-Assessment Tool as a starting point to deliver a 5-step program:
 1. Detailed Status Report of performance in achieving best practice sustainability outcomes
 2. Council workshop to confirm key priority action areas
 3. 5-year action plan with cost-benefit analysis, business cases and funding solutions
 4. Detailed management and monitoring solutions
 5. Support for Act and Review as required
- **Service Provision:** councils can select from a range of projects including building optimisation and audits, policy and management solutions, benchmarking, solar PV feasibility, project funding and finance solutions and energy performance contracts.

Objectives and Priority Areas

Once a gap analysis is completed Ironbark facilitates delivery on the priority areas.



The Sustainable Council Buildings Program is managed with the following objectives in mind:

- Maximise of energy and water savings
- Maximise of greenhouse gas reduction
- Reduce costs
- Efficiently target action and reduce risk
- Maximise co-benefits (such as improved comfort and improve building resilience)
- Ensure delivery through funding and/or financing (if required)
- Connect councils taking similar action
- Knowledge share and develop council staff skills and expertise



This program works well as a regional program consolidating the buying power of multiple councils to attract more providers to bid on specific projects, provide scope for amortisation of delivery costs and potentially reduce the marginal cost of any technology being deployed.

Priority Areas	Tasks
Policy and Systems Planning	Sustainable buildings policy, strategy and management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Policy for new buildings, upgrades and maintenance b) Staff training c) Contractor management d) Procurement e) Green leasing Data Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Utility collection and reporting b) Benchmarking of council facilities Project matrix <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Funding analysis b) Politics c) Community demand d) Technology
Large Buildings	Active Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Monthly (or real time) data monitoring b) Project identification c) Staff monitoring d) Measuring and reporting actions Active Action and Optimisation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Scope opportunity b) Aggregate where possible c) Specification d) Manage delivery e) Reporting & evaluation
Small Buildings	Annual Monitoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Data monitoring b) Benchmarking & reporting Active Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Scope opportunity b) Aggregate where possible c) Specification d) Manage delivery e) Reporting & evaluation
Renewables	Active Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> f) Scope opportunity g) Aggregate where possible h) Specification i) Manage delivery j) Reporting & evaluation Maintenance and monitoring

Contact us

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