



# Greening the Lighthouse Theatre

We are seeking

**\$3 million funding to improve the environmental sustainability of the Lighthouse Theatre to create a low carbon community asset.**

**The Lighthouse Theatre, owned and operated by Warrnambool City Council, is the South West's largest and busiest performing arts centre.**

The venue contains a 584-seat proscenium arch theatre built into the original town hall structure, a 157 to 250 seat studio providing flexibility for use between theatre and functions, a meeting room, foyer and ancillary backstage support spaces.

In 2022 the venue sold over 65,000 tickets to 184 performances. It is the sole venue in the region with a 400-plus seating capacity, and draws an audience from a catchment of about 100,000 people from neighbouring municipalities including Moynes, Corangamite, Southern Grampians and Glenelg.

Through its long-term plan, Warrnambool 2040, the community set a vision to be the most environmentally sustainable regional city in Australia. To achieve this requires investment for community facilities, such as the Lighthouse Theatre, to transition to a low carbon operation.

Energy efficient buildings will play an important role in reducing emissions. Sustainable helps protect

our environment, securing living standards, future-proofs communities against rising energy, water and waste disposal costs and reduces the impact of climate change.

The "greening" of the Lighthouse Theatre will start with a feasibility study to identify opportunities to lower energy costs and transition to a Green Star-rated building. The study will identify options for renewable energy, upgrade 200 power-hungry light fixtures and review operational practices to provide an adaptable and climate-responsible community facility.

Council's Green Warrnambool strategy, developed with the community, sets the 2026 goal for Council to have a 5 Green Star-rated building and that all buildings constructed from 2026 will operate as zero net emission facilities.



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