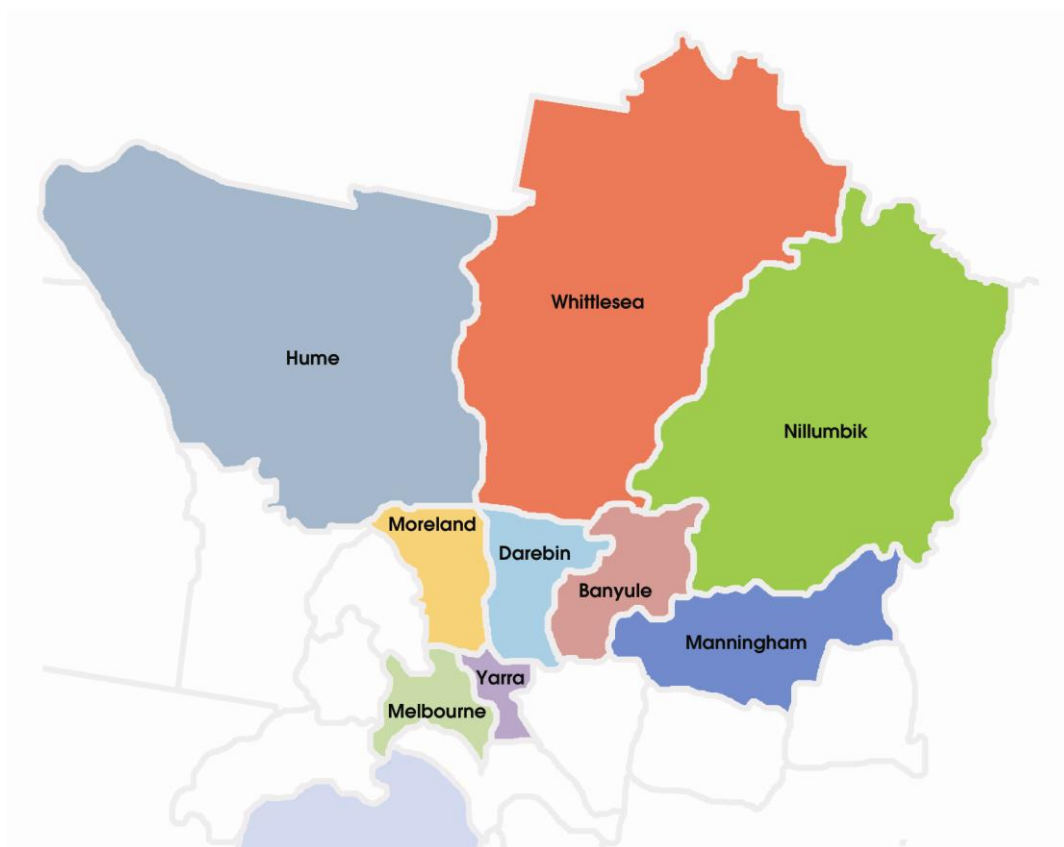




The Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action began operating in 2002 as a network that shares information, coordinates community based emission reduction activities and cooperates on the research and development of innovative corporate emissions projects. NAGA's goal is to achieve significant greenhouse abatement by delivering effective programs and leveraging council, community and business action.

### **NAGA's members**

NAGA's members are the Cities of Banyule, Darebin, Hume, Manningham, Melbourne, Moreland, Whittlesea, Yarra, Nillumbik Shire Council and the Moreland Energy Foundation Limited (MEFL).



### **NAGA Governance**

NAGA has established a governance structure that ensures sound and effective decision-making, incorporating processes for accountability to the alliance as an entity and to individual alliance members, as well as maintaining effective communication and information exchange within NAGA's network.

NAGA has an Executive that meets quarterly with one representative (councillor or senior staff) from each member organisation. NAGA has a Steering Committee that meets at least bimonthly, with representatives (officer or coordinator) from each member organisation. In addition NAGA has formed a number of Working Groups to allow detailed project management and/or technical discussion and information exchange.

### **NAGA projects**

NAGA implements projects on a regional or sub-regional (multi-municipality) scale, and undertakes research into reducing carbon emissions across the NAGA region. NAGA members also establish their own cutting edge projects, which can act as pilots for future NAGA projects. NAGA has been able to attract and leverage significant funding and resource contributions to the region to implement climate change projects in the NAGA region, demonstrating significant emission reduction innovation at the local and regional level.

NAGA works with partners and stakeholders at local, state and federal levels to promote effective policies, structures, programs and responses to the challenges of a low-carbon, climate changed future, through:

- **Advocacy** (particularly in areas where policy and implementation resides at a Federal or State level), and **implementation**, where local government can directly undertake climate change action, or work with partners and stakeholders to facilitate action.
- **NAGA members' own greenhouse gas emissions**, and **emissions of the NAGA region as a whole** – commercial, industrial, residential and transport emissions.
- **Mitigation** (greenhouse gas emission reductions), and **adaptation** (adjusting ecological, social, and economic systems in response to climate change impacts).

### Towards Zero Net Emissions in the NAGA Region

NAGA's Towards Zero Net Emissions research project was undertaken in 2008-9, with funding from the Victorian Government Sustainability Fund, through the Victorian Local Sustainability Accord. The project quantified regional emissions (baseline data), and identified opportunities for potential regional scale solutions to climate change through energy efficiency, renewable energy generation and offsetting. The Regional Plan forms a partner document for councils' own Climate Action Plans and provides NAGA's members with the opportunities to demonstrate their leadership and innovation, by extending and expanding the significant initiatives already underway in this region.



For more information, see [www.naga.org.au](http://www.naga.org.au) or contact NAGA's Coordinator, Judy Bush using the contact form on the website