



# **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

**UNITING COMMUNITIES INCORPORATED**


**ORGANISATION CERTIFICATION**

**FY2023–24**

Australian Government

# Climate Active Public Disclosure Statement



NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY	Uniting Communities Incorporated
REPORTING PERIOD	1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024 Arrears report
DECLARATION	<p><i>To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this public disclosure statement is true and correct and meets the requirements of the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard.</i></p>  <p>Simon Schrapel Chief Executive 28/03/2025</p>



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# 1.CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

TOTAL EMISSIONS OFFSET	3414 tCO <sub>2</sub> -e
CARBON OFFSETS USED	5% ACCUs, 95% VCU
RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY	N/A
CARBON ACCOUNT	Prepared by: Sustainable Business Consultants
TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT	28/10/24 Sustainable Business Consultants Next technical assessment due: FY2027-28

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## 2. CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

### Description of organisation certification

This organisation certification is for the business operations of Uniting Communities Incorporated ABN 33 174 490 373. This public disclosure statement also includes the information necessary to continue to meet the requirements of ongoing Climate Active building certification for U City, through the Green Building Council of Australia. This Public Disclosure Statement includes information for the FY2023-24 reporting period.

### Organisation description

Uniting Communities (ABN 33 174 490 373) is an inclusive not-for-profit organisation working alongside more than 80,000 South Australians as they strive for a bright future and great lives, supporting them to overcome adversity and disadvantage. Our service delivery, advocacy and community building activities are central to achieving this. We operate more than 90 community programs across 66 sites in metro and regional South Australia, travelling over three million kilometres per year and have a team of over 1,500 staff and volunteers.

Uniting Communities supports the needs of individuals and our community including mental health and counselling; residential aged care and support for independent living; housing crisis and emergency support; disability services; services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people; financial and legal; alcohol and other drug counselling; family relationships; and respite and carer support.

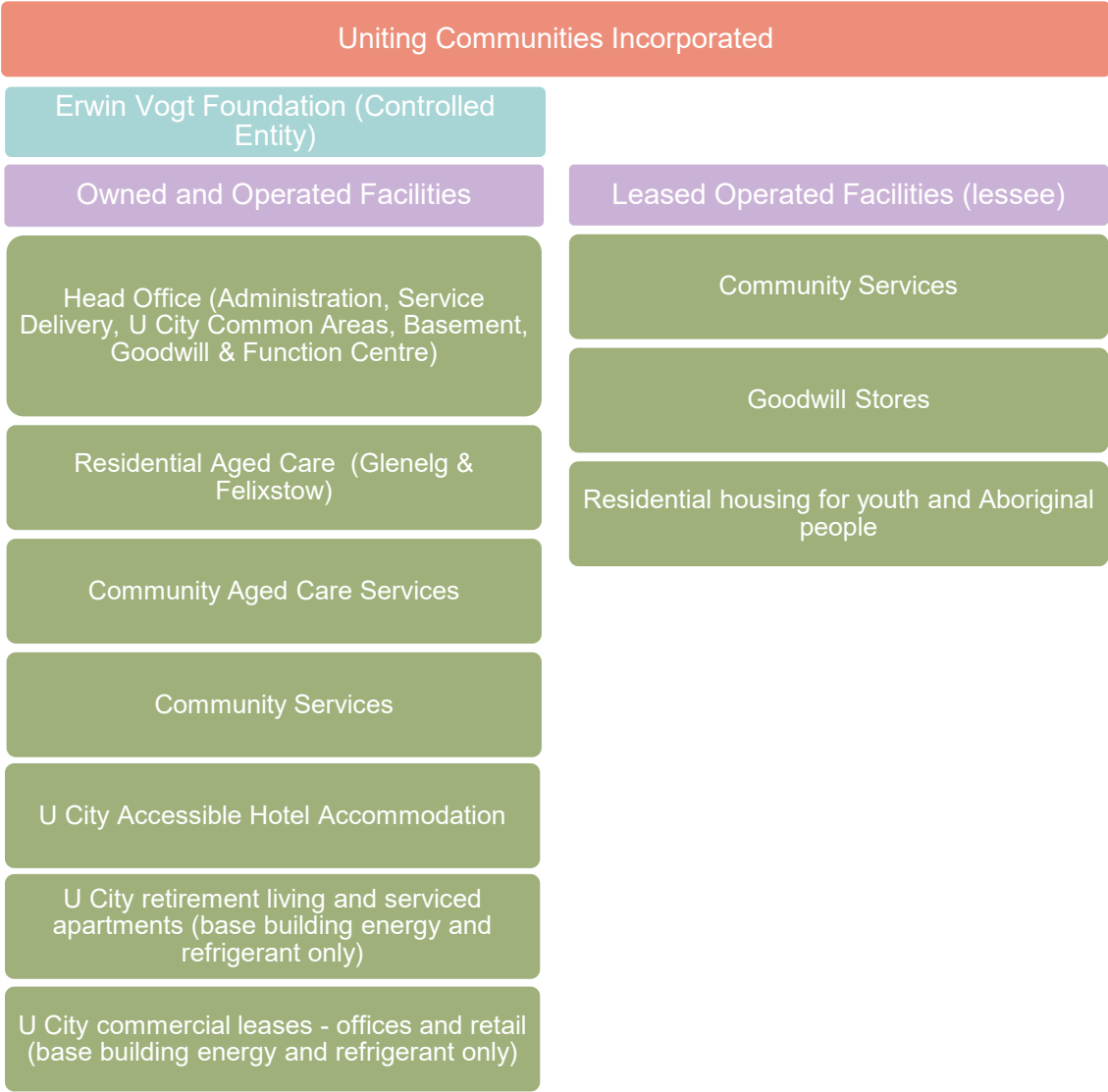
Uniting Communities has been committed to reducing its impact on the environment since 2010 when the Board of Uniting Communities determined its goal of becoming a certified carbon neutral organisation by 2015. Our Net Zero 2035 commitment was made in 2021 and relates to all our operations (central administration and services).

In 2015 we became the first registered charity in Australia to become certified carbon neutral and the first organisation in South Australia to do so. In 2016, Uniting Communities became a founding partner of Carbon Neutral Adelaide and in 2017 were named the first Ambassador of Carbon Neutral Adelaide. We are proud of our leadership position and of the additional benefits that we have attained by being carbon neutral, including financial savings, enhanced reputation, employee satisfaction, winning awards and delivering on contractual requirements for grant funding.

In 2021, Uniting Communities' vertical village "U City" became the first whole building to be certified carbon neutral in South Australia. Designed and built as a 6 Star Green Star building with the Green Building Council of Australia, U City has also won awards for its design and innovation.

For additional information, see Appendix A.

The organisation boundary has been prepared in accordance with the operational control approach.



## 3.EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

### Inside the emissions boundary

All emission sources listed in the emissions boundary are part of the carbon neutral claim.

**Quantified emissions** have been assessed as relevant and are quantified in the carbon inventory. This may include emissions that are not identified as arising due to the operations of the certified entity however are **optionally included**.

**Non-quantified emissions** have been assessed as relevant and are captured within the emissions boundary but are not measured (quantified) in the carbon inventory. All material emissions are accounted for through an uplift factor. Further detail is available at Appendix C.

### Outside the emissions boundary

**Excluded emissions** are those that have been assessed as not relevant to an organisation's operations and are outside of its emissions boundary or are outside of the scope of the certification. These emissions are not part of the carbon neutral claim. Further detail is available at Appendix D.

### **Quantified**

- Carbon neutral products and services
- Natural gas – organisation and U City whole building
- Refrigerant – organisation and U City whole building
- Transport fuel – company fleet
- Electricity – organisation and U City whole building
- Business travel – air
- Business travel – employee vehicles (“grey fleet”)
- Employee commuting
- Copy paper
- Office equipment and supplies
- External printing
- Waste – organisation and U City whole building
- Water – organisation and U City whole building
- Working from home

### **Non-quantified**

- Food
- Medical supplies

### **Outside emission boundary**

#### **Excluded**

Volunteers’ travel

Brokered services and consultants

## 4.EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

### Emissions reduction strategy

Uniting Communities continues to [commit](#) to being a Climate Active certified carbon neutral organisation and to reducing its emissions per million dollars of revenue based on 2014/15 – its base carbon neutral year.

In August 2021, Uniting Communities announced its [commitment](#) to be Net Zero by 2035. A detailed Net Zero by 2035 plan, with annual actions, has been developed and is monitored regularly. The Plan contains the following targets and key actions (shown as bullet points below):

- Interim target to achieve a 40% reduction in total emissions by 2030 (compared to FY2021).

#### Electrification (Scope 1)

Transition Uniting Communities' fleet to zero emission vehicles, exploring conversion of high use grey fleet to company zero emissions vehicles and supporting staff to purchase zero emission vehicles to enable emissions free transport when powered by renewable electricity supply.

- Transition all company light passenger vehicle fleet to zero emissions vehicles by 2030.
- Transition remaining (heavy) vehicle fleet to zero emissions vehicles by 2035.

Replace gas hot water, heating and appliances with electric systems to maximise the use of renewable energy.

- Convert all gas hot water systems at Uniting Communities' owned properties to electric heat pumps by 2030.

#### Renewable electricity (Scope 2)

- Purchase 100% renewable electricity via a power purchase agreement (PPA) or similar mechanism as soon as economically feasible and install onsite solar at Uniting Communities leased sites, where feasible.

#### Other emissions reduction priorities

- Continue implementation of energy efficiency initiatives across all Uniting Communities' facilities.
- Reduce waste to landfill across all sites with a particular focus on U City and our two aged care facilities as the largest contributors.
- Encourage employees to adopt sustainable transport modes such as public and active transport.
- Integrating carbon reduction principles into procurement, asset and property management policies and systems.
- Continue to look for certified carbon neutral products and services and engage with our suppliers on carbon reduction and being environmentally conscious.



## Emissions reduction actions

For its organisation operations, Uniting Communities carbon emissions have decreased by 10.5% this year when compared to last year and overall have decreased by 5% since the 2014/15 base year. Per \$1 million revenue the reduction is 25% compared with 2022-23 and 51% since the base year.

The organisation has continued to grow and taken on additional services in home and community care including one additional site (five closed, six opened).

Uniting Communities has worked on the following emissions reduction initiatives during 2023/24. Some are measurable and others more general such as policy and education:

- Transitioned all light passenger fleet to 100% hybrid petrol/electric vehicles
- Participated in an EV trial with AGL
- Explored the feasibility of entering into a Power Purchase Agreement
- Investigated the conversion of gas hot water systems to electric heat pumps at the Residential Aged Care facility known as 'Murray Mudge'
- Investigated waste reduction opportunities across key sites to develop and implement waste reduction projects
- Solar PV system installed at another one of our service sites
- Upgrade to more energy efficient appliances.

Our internal emissions reduction actions are ongoing and include regular communications with our employees, carbon reduction discussions at team meetings, our active Net Zero Site Representatives, participation in annual days such as World Environment Day (which involve a whole week of activities to engage and educate), Net Zero orientation and staff on-line training as well as regular communications to the whole workforce highlighting activities and tips for emissions reduction.

We also undertake annual employee commuting, working from home survey and waste audits, which not only help us to estimate the carbon emissions from these emissions sources but remind our employees of their environmental impact.

## 5.EMISSIONS SUMMARY

### Emissions over time

The table below includes Uniting Communities operations - for its Organisation certification, and U City (for its whole building certification including the non-Uniting Communities emissions).

Emissions since base year		
		Total tCO <sub>2</sub> -e
Base year/Year 1:	2014–15	3,154
Year 2:	2015–16	3,080
Year 3:	2016-17	3,035
Year 4:	2017-18	2,849
Year 5:	2018-19	2,943
Year 6:	2019-20	2,820
Year 7:	2020-21	2,557
Year 8:	2021-22	2,503
Year 9:	2022-23	3,291
Year 10:	2023-24	2,974
<b>Emissions since base year – U City whole building (emissions not covered in organisation certification (see Emissions summary on page 12)).</b>		
		Total tCO <sub>2</sub> -e
Base year/Year 1:	2020-21	329
Year 2:	2021-22	318
Year 3:	2022-23	430
Year 4:	2023-24	440

## Significant changes in emissions

Significant changes in emissions			
Emission source	Previous year emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Current year emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Reason for change
Medium Car: unknown fuel	275.32	304.87	Increase in distance travelled by staff for business travel due to an increase in home and community care services.

## Use of Climate Active carbon neutral products, services, buildings or precincts

Uniting Communities has historically purchased carbon neutral certified copy paper however in FY24 this was no longer available.

Uniting Communities' organisation certification covers that portion of the U City whole building emissions that relate to Uniting Communities own activities, as set out in the Emissions boundary section of this document.

Certified brand name	Product/Service/Building/Precinct used
U City	Carbon neutral whole building

## Emissions summary - organisation

The electricity summary is available in Appendix B. Electricity emissions were calculated using a location-based approach.

Emission category	Scope 1 emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Scope 2 emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Scope 3 emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Total emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)
Climate Active carbon neutral products and services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Electricity	0.00	540.15	286.63	826.78
Office equipment & supplies	0.00	0.00	38.99	41.47
Refrigerants	63.36	0.00	0.00	63.36
Stationary Energy (gaseous fuels)	179.40	0.00	37.25	216.65
Transport (Air)	0.00	0.00	33.23	33.23
Transport (Land and Sea)	199.66	0.00	1295.75	1495.41
Waste	0.00	0.00	242.07	242.07
Water	0.00	0.00	41.82	41.82
Working from home	0.00	0.00	12.76	12.76
<b>Total emissions (tCO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>442.42</b>	<b>540.15</b>	<b>1988.51</b>	<b>2973.55</b>

## Emissions summary – U City Whole Building

The following Emissions summary relates to U City's whole building certification and is included here for completeness and transparency. This U City carbon inventory follows the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard for Buildings in terms of its scope.

That portion of the total emissions that relates to Uniting Communities own operations within the building (389.55 tCO<sub>2</sub>e), is offset under the Organisation certification. The remaining 440.1 tCO<sub>2</sub>e has been added to Uniting Communities operational emissions to arrive at the total to offset for 2023-24 of 3,414 tCO<sub>2</sub>e.

Emission category	Scope 1 emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Scope 2 emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Scope 3 emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Total emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)
Electricity	0.00	376.81	120.58	497.39
Refrigerants	0.00	0.00	0.00	00.00
Stationary Energy (gaseous fuels)	92.85	0.00	19.28	112.13
Waste	0.00	0.00	206.49	206.49
Water	0.00	0.00	13.64	13.64
<b>Total emissions (tCO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>92.85</b>	<b>376.81</b>	<b>359.99</b>	<b>829.65</b>

## Uplift factors

N/A

## 6. CARBON OFFSETS

### Eligible offsets retirement summary

Offsets retired for Climate Active certification – organisation and U City whole building

Type of offset unit	Quantity used for this reporting period	Percentage of total units used
Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUUs)	171	5.01%
Verified Carbon Units (VCUs)	3243	94.99%

Project name	Type of offset unit	Registry	Date retired	Serial number	Vintage	Total quantity retired	Quantity used in previous reporting periods	Quantity banked for future reporting periods	Quantity used for this reporting period	Percentage of total used this reporting period
Bundled Wind Power Project by Mytrah Group	VCU	Verra Registry	5/7/2022	<a href="#">7638-416156875-416159274-VCU-034-APX-IN-1-1728-01012017-24112017-0</a>	2017	2400	1946 <sup>1</sup>	0	454	13.30%

<sup>1</sup> In FY2023, the number of offsets banked from this project was overstated by 23 units. This amount has been deducted from the Quantity banked for future reporting periods, to reflect the actual amount banked last year.

Arbon – Tooligie - Human Induced Regeneration	ACCU	ANREU	31/08/2023	8,369,829,827 – 8,369,831,226	2022-23	1400	486	743 <sup>2</sup>	171	5.01%
Wind Project in Maharashtra, India by Kayather and Jath	VCU	Verra Registry	17/03/2023	<a href="#">8455-21797955-21802434-VCS-VCU-997-VER-IN-1-1520-01012019-31102019-0</a>	2019	4480	0	1691	2789	81.69%
South Australian Conservation Alliance	ACCU	ANREU	30/10/24	9,017,639,526-9,017,640,181	2024-25	656	0	656	0	0.00%

<sup>2</sup> In FY2023, the number of offsets banked for this project was overstated by 5 units. This amount has been deducted from the Quantity banked for future reporting periods, to reflect the actual amount banked last year.

## Co-benefits

### ACCUs

#### Arbon-Tooloolie Human Induced Regeneration Project

Set in farmland in South Australia, this project is generating permanent native forest across 3,000 ha that had previously been cleared and where regeneration of native vegetation had been suppressed. Since regeneration began the land now recovers quicker after dry periods due to improved water retention in the soil. Native wildlife has increased and the additional income the project provides has been invested back into the local economy via machinery and infrastructure investment which has gone back to local suppliers and helped hire local contractors.

#### South Australian Conservation Alliance

This is a three-way partnership between GreenCollar, Nature Foundation and the Gawler Ranges Aboriginal Corporation. In addition to regenerating natural woodlands and shrublands, this project reverses land degradation caused by feral goats and livestock and stabilises soils thereby reducing erosion.

The property has been registered with Accounting for Nature for its biodiversity benefits and is managed by Nature Foundation to maximise conservation outcomes. It is home to forty state-listed species by the Commonwealth for their conservation significance including Yellow-footed Rock wallaby, Short-tailed Grasswren and Desert Greenhood orchid.

The carbon credit proceeds will enable access to Country for Gawler Ranges Peoples including 'Kids on Country' - a program run by Nature Foundation. The Kids on Country™ program builds employability skills for young Aboriginal people by improving wellbeing, teaching life skills, building confidence 'on country' and sparking interest in conservation and land management.

### International

#### Myrtah Energy Wind Power Project

Based in Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Telangana, this project displaces energy generated from fossil fuel-based thermal power stations. The project contributes to eight Sustainable Development Goals and results in:

- Lifting poverty increasing the income of farmers
- Providing training for youth
- Creating educational programs for gender quality
- Building better healthcare systems
- Provides clean water and sanitation.

### **Wind Power Project, Maharashtra**

Across India, wind farms introduce clean energy to the grid which would otherwise be generated by coal-fired power stations. Wind power is clean in two ways: it produces no emissions and also avoids the local air pollutants associated with fossil fuels. Electricity availability in the regions have been improved, reducing the occurrence of blackouts across the area.

The projects support national energy security and strengthen rural electrification coverage. In constructing the turbines new roads were built, improving accessibility for locals. The boost in local employment by people engaged as engineers, maintenance technicians, 24-hour on-site operators and security guards also boosts local economies and village services.

The project meets four Sustainable Development Goals.



## 7. RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE (REC) SUMMARY

### **Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) summary**

N/A

# APPENDIX A: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Below are screenshots of the ANREU register showing the retirement of 1,400 and 656 ACCUs.

Transaction Details

Transaction details appear below.

Transaction ID

AU28915

Current Status

Completed (4)

Status Date

03/08/2023 14:59:41 (AEST)

03/08/2023 04:59:41 (GMT)

Transaction Type

Cancellation (4)

Transaction Initiator

Wragg, Benjamin James

Transaction Approver

Allen, Jessica Amanda

Comment

Units retired by GreenCollar on behalf of Uniting Communities Incorporated for its Climate Active Carbon Neutral Organisation and Building certifications for the FY22-23 and subsequent years.

Transferring Account

Account Number

AU-1117

Account Name

Terra Carbon Pty Ltd

Account Holder

Terra Carbon Pty Limited

Acquiring Account

Account Number

AU-1068

Account Name

Australia Voluntary Cancellation Account

Account Holder

Commonwealth of Australia

Transaction Blocks

Party	Type	Transaction Type	Original CP	Current CP	ERF Project ID	NGER Facility ID	NGER Facility Name	Safeguard	Kyoto Project #	Vintage	Expiry Date	Serial Range	Quantity
AU	KACCU	Voluntary ACCU Cancellation			<a href="#">EQF100275</a>					2022-23		8,369,829,827 - 8,369,831,226	1,400

Comment

Retired for Uniting Communities Incorporated for its ongoing Climate Active carbon neutral certified organisation and whole building emissions commitments.

Transferring Account

Account Number

AU-2854

Account Name

CANOPY NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS PTY LTD

Account Holder

CANOPY NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS PTY LTD

Acquiring Account

Account Number

AU-1068

Account Name

Australia Voluntary Cancellation Account

Account Holder

Commonwealth of Australia

Transaction Blocks

Party	Type	Transaction Type	Original CP	Current CP	ERF Project ID	NGER Facility ID	NGER Facility Name	Safeguard	Kyoto Project #	Vintage	Expiry Date	Serial Range	Quantity
AU	KACCU	Voluntary ACCU Cancellation			<a href="#">ERF139932</a>					2024-25		9,017,639,526 - 9,017,640,181	656

Transaction Status History

Status Date	Status Code
30/10/2024 15:23:56 (AEDT)	Completed (4)
30/10/2024 04:23:56 (GMT)	

## Our advocacy work

Uniting Communities continues to advocate for action on climate change and promote Uniting Communities' efforts in environmental sustainability (including carbon mitigation) to encourage other organisations to adopt similar targets and practices.

Uniting Communities has promoted our activities through many publications, including the Hong Kong based research company HKTDC's '[Green Capability in Real Estate Development and Property Management](#)' and [Business SA Today](#).

Our advocacy is continued through partnership with the City of Adelaide as their Inaugural Ambassador and a Founding Partner of their [Carbon Neutral Adelaide](#) program as well as with organisations such as the [Adelaide Sustainable Building Network \(ASBN\)](#), supporting the delivery of events to promote environmental sustainability in the built environment, and with the University of South Australia, the University of Adelaide and the Australian Institute of Architect's research '[Determining the Social Value of](#)

[Extreme, Mixed-Use Urban Developments](#)'. Further, we have advocated for improvements to the South Australian Residential Tenancies Act, to incorporate measures to improve [energy efficient housing](#) and affordability outcomes for renters. We also joined together with over 100 community organisations as part of the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) calling for [Fair, Fast and Inclusive Climate Change Action this Decade](#).

We deliver presentations and host tours of the U City building to highlight the work of Uniting Communities and promote environmental sustainability and Net Zero. This included a presentation to the World Renewable Energy Congress and a tour hosted for the visiting Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance regional meeting.

Uniting Communities, including U City, have been the recipient of several awards including:

- Honorable Mention in Architecture category of the FastCo World Changing Ideas Awards, 2021.
- Carbon Neutral Adelaide Awards 2021 – Business Leadership
- Property Council of Australia, Innovation and Excellence, 2021 National Best Mixed Use Development Winner
- CitySwitch State winners over 2000sqm – South Australia 2019 & 2020
- Australia's International Good Design for Social Impact Award Winner, 2020
- Property Council of Australia, Innovation and Excellence, 2020 SA State Development Winner
- UDIA SA Awards for Excellence 2020, Innovation in Development Winner
- UDIA SA Awards for Excellence 2020, Seniors Living Winner
- National innovAGEING Improving Consumer Choice 2020 Award Winner
- PIA SA Award for Excellence 2020, Great Place Award Winner
- Recipient, City Switch Hall of Fame, 2018
- Finalist, Carbon Neutral Adelaide Awards, Applied Innovation 2017
- Finalist, Carbon Neutral Adelaide Awards, Leadership & Influence 2017
- Winner, SA Climate Leaders Awards, Community and Regions Category, 2016

Links to Uniting Communities' website and other online promotional material:

<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.unitingcommunities.org/about-us/purpose-and-value/our-commitments/carbon-neutral">https://www.unitingcommunities.org/about-us/purpose-and-value/our-commitments/carbon-neutral</a>
<b>U City</b>	<a href="https://www.ucity.com.au/">https://www.ucity.com.au/</a>
<b>Linked In</b>	<a href="https://www.linkedin.com/company/uniting-communities">https://www.linkedin.com/company/uniting-communities</a>
<b>Facebook</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/UnitingCommunitiesOz/">https://www.facebook.com/UnitingCommunitiesOz/</a>
<b>YouTube – Our Carbon Neutral Journey</b>	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThwMrQCGbfk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThwMrQCGbfk</a>
<b>Case studies</b>	<a href="https://new.gbca.org.au/case-studies/building/u-citys-innovative-answer-to-a-vertical-community/">https://new.gbca.org.au/case-studies/building/u-citys-innovative-answer-to-a-vertical-community/</a> <a href="https://www.carbonneutraladelaide.com.au/business/uniting-communities">https://www.carbonneutraladelaide.com.au/business/uniting-communities</a>
<b>Media &amp; Presentations</b>	<a href="#">Chinachem Group &amp; Hong Kong Green Building Council Sustainability Conference</a> <a href="#">“U City” to become SA’s most sustainable building</a> <a href="#">Uniting Communities was honoured for its low carbon business leadership</a> <a href="#">Architecture &amp; Design</a> <a href="#">The Weekly Source</a> <a href="#">The Fifth Estate</a> <a href="#">Woods Bagot</a> <a href="#">WSP</a> <a href="#">Adelaide Review</a>

## APPENDIX B: ELECTRICITY SUMMARY

There are two international best-practice methods for calculating electricity emissions – the location-based method and the market-based method. Reporting electricity emissions under both methods is called dual reporting.

Dual reporting of electricity emissions is useful, as it provides different perspectives of the emissions associated with a business's electricity usage.

Location-based method:

The location-based method provides a picture of a business's electricity emissions in the context of its location, and the emissions intensity of the electricity grid it relies on. It reflects the average emissions intensity of the electricity grid in the location (State) in which energy consumption occurs. The location-based method does not allow for any claims of renewable electricity from grid-imported electricity usage.

Market-based method:

The market-based method provides a picture of a business's electricity emissions in the context of its renewable energy investments. It reflects the emissions intensity of different electricity products, markets and investments. It uses a residual mix factor (RMF) to allow for unique claims on the zero emissions attribute of renewables without double-counting.

For this certification, electricity emissions have been set by using the **location-based approach**.

Market-based approach summary			
Market-based approach	Activity Data (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Renewable percentage of total
Behind the meter consumption of electricity generated	318,198	0	13%
<b>Total non-grid electricity</b>	<b>318,198</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13%</b>
LGC Purchased and retired (kWh) (including PPAs)	0	0	0%
GreenPower	0	0	0%
Climate Active precinct/building (voluntary renewables)	0	0	0%
Precinct/Building (LRET)	0	0	0%
Precinct/Building jurisdictional renewables (LGCS surrendered)	0	0	0%
Electricity products (voluntary renewables)	0	0	0%
Electricity products (LRET)	0	0	0%
Electricity products jurisdictional renewables (LGCs surrendered)	0	0	0%
Jurisdictional renewables (LGCs surrendered)	0	0	0%
Jurisdictional renewables (LRET) (applied to ACT grid electricity)	0	0	0%
Large Scale Renewable Energy Target (applied to grid electricity only)	404,462	0	16%
Residual Electricity	1,756,128	1,598,076	0%
<b>Total renewable electricity (grid + non grid)</b>	<b>722,660</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>Total grid electricity</b>	<b>2,160,590</b>	<b>1,598,076</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Total electricity (grid + non grid)</b>	<b>2,478,788</b>	<b>1,598,076</b>	<b>29%</b>
Percentage of residual electricity consumption under operational control	100%		
<b>Residual electricity consumption under operational control</b>	<b>1,756,128</b>	<b>1,598,076</b>	
Scope 2	1,563,147	1,422,463	
Scope 3 (includes T&D emissions from consumption under operational control)	192,981	175,613	
<b>Residual electricity consumption not under operational control</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Scope 3	0	0	

<b>Total renewables (grid and non-grid)</b>	<b>29.15%</b>
<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>16.32%</b>
<b>Voluntary</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Behind the meter</b>	<b>12.84%</b>
<b>Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>1,422.46</b>
<b>Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>175.61</b>
<b>Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>1,422.46</b>
<b>Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>175.61</b>
<b>Total emissions liability (t CO<sub>2</sub>-e)</b>	<b>1,598.08</b>
<i>Figures may not sum due to rounding. Renewable percentage can be above 100%</i>	

Location-based approach summary						
Location-based approach	Activity Data (kWh) total	Under operational control			Not under operational control	
Percentage of grid electricity consumption under operational control	100%	(kWh)	Scope 2 Emissions (kgCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Scope 3 Emissions (kgCO <sub>2</sub> -e)	(kWh)	Scope 3 Emissions (kgCO <sub>2</sub> -e)
SA	2,160,590	2,160,590	540,148	172,847	2,160,590	2,160,590
<b>Grid electricity (scope 2 and 3)</b>	<b>2,160,590</b>	<b>2,160,590</b>	<b>540,148</b>	<b>172,847</b>	<b>2,160,590</b>	<b>2,160,590</b>
SA	318,198	318,198	0	0	318,198	318,198
<b>Non-grid electricity (behind the meter)</b>	<b>318,198</b>	<b>318,198</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>318,198</b>	<b>318,198</b>
<b>Total electricity (grid + non grid)</b>	<b>2,478,788</b>	<b>2,478,788</b>				

Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	540.15
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	172.85
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	540.15
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	172.85
<b>Total emissions liability</b>	<b>712.99</b>

### Operations in Climate Active buildings and precincts

Operations in Climate Active buildings and precincts	Electricity consumed in Climate Active certified building/precinct (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO <sub>2</sub> -e)
N/A	0	0
Climate Active carbon neutral electricity is not renewable electricity. These electricity emissions have been offset by another Climate Active member through their building or precinct certification. This electricity consumption is also included in the market based and location-based summary tables. Any electricity that has been sourced as renewable electricity by the building/precinct under the market-based method is outlined as such in the market-based summary table.		

### Climate Active carbon neutral electricity products

Climate Active carbon neutral electricity product used	Electricity claimed from Climate Active electricity products (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO <sub>2</sub> -e)
N/A	0	0
Climate Active carbon neutral electricity is not renewable electricity. These electricity emissions have been offset by another Climate Active member through their electricity product certification. This electricity consumption is also included in the market based and location-based summary tables. Any electricity that has been sourced as renewable electricity by the electricity product under the market-based method is outlined as such in the market-based summary table.		

## APPENDIX C: INSIDE EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

### Non-quantified emission sources

The following emissions sources have been assessed as relevant, are captured within the emissions boundary, but are not measured (quantified) in the carbon inventory. They have been non-quantified due to one of the following reasons:

1. **Immaterial** <1% for individual items and no more than 5% collectively
2. **Cost effective** Quantification is not cost effective relative to the size of the emission but uplift applied.
3. **Data unavailable** Data is unavailable but uplift applied. A data management plan must be put in place to provide data within 5 years.
4. **Maintenance** Initial emissions non-quantified but repairs and replacements quantified.

Relevant non-quantified emission sources		Justification reason
Food		Immaterial
Medical supplies		Immaterial

### Data management plan for non-quantified sources

There are no non-quantified sources in the emission boundary that require a data management plan.



## APPENDIX D: OUTSIDE EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

### Excluded emission sources

The below emission sources have been assessed as not relevant to this organisation's operations and are outside of its emissions boundary. These emissions are not part of the carbon neutral claim. Emission sources considered for relevance must be included within the certification boundary if they meet two of the five relevance criteria. Those which only meet one condition of the relevance test can be excluded from the certification boundary.

Emissions tested for relevance are detailed below against each of the following criteria:

1. **Size** The emissions from a particular source are likely to be large relative to the organisation's electricity, stationary energy and fuel emissions.
2. **Influence** The responsible entity has the potential to influence the reduction of emissions from a particular source.
3. **Risk** The emissions from a particular source contribute to the organisation's greenhouse gas risk exposure.
4. **Stakeholders** Key stakeholders deem the emissions from a particular source are relevant.
5. **Outsourcing** The emissions are from outsourced activities previously undertaken within the organisation's boundary, or from outsourced activities typically undertaken within the boundary for comparable organisations.

## Excluded emissions sources summary

Emission sources tested for relevance	Size	Influence	Risk	Stakeholders	Outsourcing	Justification
Volunteers' travel	Y	N	N	N	N	<p><b>Size:</b> The emissions from this source would be difficult and time consuming to quantify. So whilst it is likely that the emissions would be material compared to the total emissions from electricity, stationary energy and fuel emissions (1,108 t-CO<sub>2</sub>e), it is impractical to try to measure them.</p> <p><b>Influence:</b> We do not have the potential to influence the emissions from volunteers' travel.</p> <p><b>Risk:</b> There are no relevant laws or regulations that apply to limit emissions specifically from this source, the source does not create supply chain risks, and it is unlikely to be of significant public interest.</p> <p><b>Stakeholders:</b> Key stakeholders, including the public, are unlikely to consider this a relevant source of emissions for our business.</p> <p><b>Outsourcing:</b> We have not previously included this emission source within our emissions boundary and comparable organisations do not typically include them.</p>
Brokered services and consultants	Y	N	N	N	N	<p><b>Size:</b> Together these emissions sources would be material at around 60% of the total emissions from electricity, stationery energy and fuel however they would be hard to quantify due to the nature of the contracts.</p> <p><b>Influence:</b> Uniting Communities does not have the potential to influence the emissions from this source, including by shifting to different lower-emissions suppliers.</p> <p><b>Risk:</b> There are no relevant laws or regulations that apply to limit emissions specifically from this source, the source does not create supply chain risks, and it is unlikely to be of significant public interest.</p> <p><b>Stakeholders:</b> Key stakeholders, including the public, are unlikely to consider this a relevant source of emissions for our business.</p> <p><b>Outsourcing:</b> We have not previously undertaken this activity within our emissions boundary and it is common for comparable organisations to outsource services of this nature.</p>



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