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MEDIA RELEASE | Embargoed until 18 June midnight

Adelaide Climate Action Week reveals its second program release: from the kitchen table to the stage

New Climate & Nature Fund, free electrification festival SwitchFest, and a weekend of live music at Tunes for Trees among highlights as Adelaide Climate Action Week builds towards almost 100 events across South Australia from 27 July to 2 August 2026.

From getting off gas at home to mandatory climate disclosure for business, and from grassroots tree planting to live music and policy conversations, Adelaide Climate Action Week (ACAW) has released the second wave of its 2026 program.

The week is shaping up to include almost 100 events across homes, schools, communities, businesses and government, creating a festival that reaches from the kitchen table to the boardroom to the negotiating table.

Among the newly announced highlights are the launch of **Foundation SA's new South Australian Climate & Nature Fund**, free electrification festival **SwitchFest** at West Lakes, two days of music and tree planting at **Tunes for Trees** in the Adelaide Hills, and the **South Australian Climate Leaders Awards**, which join the festival program for the first time.

Other new additions include practical workshops to help businesses navigate Australia's new climate reporting requirements, youth-led conversations and leadership events, discussions on climate care and burnout, innovation in data centres and circular economy, and opportunities for community action.

"This festival is South Australia building a different future in public," said **Adelaide Xerri, Executive Producer of Adelaide Climate Action Week.**

"Climate action isn't one thing or one sector. It's what happens in homes, businesses, communities and governments, and these hundred-odd events show what's possible when people come together around a shared future."

"Our aim is to create the connections, ideas and capabilities that continue long after the week itself."



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Backing local action

Foundation SA will launch its new **South Australian Climate & Nature Fund** during the festival, while the **Adelaide Awesome Foundation** and **Humankind's Ripple Effect** hand at least four untied \$1,000 grants to projects community groups with an invitation to grow the pot.

*"South Australia may have missed out on hosting COP31, but that hasn't dampened our resolve. If anything, it's sharpened it," said **Sophie Doyle, CEO of Foundation SA**. "The South Australia Climate & Nature Fund shows that real climate action doesn't need a global summit, it needs a community willing to back itself. We're proud to launch this fund during Adelaide Climate Action Week and even prouder of what it will make possible for our environment."*

"This is action, not just talk. The fund gives every South Australian, from individuals to businesses to philanthropists, a way to directly invest in protecting the place we call home."

Shaping South Australia's place in COP31

With Türkiye hosting COP31 in Antalya later this year, and Australia holding the presidency of the negotiations, Adelaide Climate Action Week will provide opportunities for South Australians to connect with national and Pacific conversations, and shape South Australia's voice to COP31.

One festival, five action areas

- **Learn** – Understanding our changing world
- **Care** – People, justice and community voice
- **Use Wisely** – Energy, economy and circular futures
- **Restore** – Country, nature and living systems
- **Be Ready** – Resilience, adaptation and disaster preparedness

A third and final program release will follow early July, **with event registrations open until 30 June**.

Visit my.acaw.org.au for program updates and registrations.

Program Highlights

South Australian Climate & Nature Fund Launch – Foundation SA A new, perpetual funding pool to back locally-driven climate and nature projects across the state, launching publicly during the festival.



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Premier's Climate Change Council Climate Leaders Awards The state's flagship climate awards come under the ACAW umbrella, recognising the South Australians, organisations and councils leading the way.

SwitchFest – AdaptWest, Mission Possible and Electrify Adelaide A community festival of home electrification: how to get off gas, cut your bills and cut emissions, starting at the kitchen table.

Climate Conversations with Youth – Adelaide Global Shapers Young South Australians set out what matters to them, with their insights to be carried into COP31 conversations.

From Compliance to Competitive Advantage: Practical ASRS Climate Disclosure for SA Businesses – 2XE A practical workshop for South Australian businesses on the new Australian Sustainability Reporting Standards, as mandatory climate disclosure begins to apply from 1 July 2026.

Putting Care First – Women's Climate Congress A panel on climate burnout in the sector, and what an economy built around care could actually look like.

Sustainability in Practice: Lessons from SA Business Leaders – Committee for Adelaide (SA ZERO) Where sustainability leads from Thomas Foods International, Lendlease and SA Power Networks share what is working, where the hard parts are and what comes next.

A Climate of Giving – Adelaide Awesome Foundation \$1,000 grants handed straight to grassroots climate projects, with the community helping to choose the winners.

Pacific Climate Cultural Night – Pacific Islands Council of South Australia with Conservation Council SA A night of Pacific dance, music and storytelling celebrating Pacific resilience and solutions, closing the festival on 2 August.

You're Not Going to Get Arrested Are You? – Rising Tide Adelaide A film and panel on non-violent direct action and civil disobedience as a form of climate action.

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ADDITIONAL STORY OPPORTUNITIES

Media are invited to contact ACAW regarding interviews, feature stories and exclusive access opportunities, including:

- A new way to fund climate and nature in South Australia
 - w/ Sophie Doyle, CEO, Foundation SA
- South Australia's role in a COP31 year, and what a "Pacific COP" still means for the state
 - w/ Mark & Jen, Co-Founders, Adelaide Climate Action Week
 - w/ Rowena & Rosanna, PICA
- Getting your home off gas: the household side of the energy transition
 - w/ SwitchFest partners (AdaptWest, Mission Possible, Electrify Adelaide)
- Burnout, gender, care and the people doing the climate work
 - w/ Wendy Harper & Toni Hassan from Women's Climate Congress

Additional interview opportunities and exclusives are available with festival founders, climate experts, local government leaders, industry innovators and event hosts.

Launch photos/videos:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/152dQHYqhhQyTnvR4N3zDcGBWK5oBjaMQ>

