



Climate Leaders Award Winner 2016

We were the first South Australian organisation and first registered charity in Australia to be Certified Carbon Neutral. Uniting Communities is also proud to be one of Carbon Neutral Adelaide's Founding Partners.

"We are acutely aware of the emerging impacts of climate change and our responsibility in taking action in the interests of our clients, staff, volunteers and the broader community," said Chief Executive, Simon Schrapel.

"The process of becoming a carbon neutral organisation has led to significant operational savings, improved efficiencies and positive recognition for the leadership we have taken. We are proud of our investment in the future of Uniting Communities, the South Australian community we serve and our planet."

Our carbon neutral initiative focused on reducing our main sources of carbon emissions including energy usage, waste, paper and stationery and the fuel used in fleet and staff vehicles, commuting and air travel.

This resulted in savings of more than \$1,500,000 over the life of the program through reducing electricity consumption by 9%, company fleet fuel by 13%, and waste to landfill by 79%, while also lowering our carbon footprint by 30%.

"We see the importance of carbon neutrality to our continued work with vulnerable South Australian communities. The most vulnerable members of our communities will be hardest-hit with climate change-related issues, such as increasing energy costs", said Mr Schrapel.

"This is an investment in the future of our organisation and of the SA community we serve".