

Surf Coast Energy Group News

April 2011



EVENTS

Saturday 9th April Share the Bounty10- til 11am at Danawa Community garden Torquay an ongoing event every 2nd and 4th Saturday.

Monday 11th April 3pm
SCEG committee meeting, at Heart Space Great Ocean Road, Bellbrae All welcome.

Sunday 17th April 10 – 3pm
SCEG stall at Cowrie Market, Torquay

Saturday 30th April 7.30 pm
COUNTDOWN TO ZERO presented by MAPW GEELONG Theatre 1, Kitchener House, Ryrie St. Geelong [opp. Emergency Dept!!!] from the makers of 'An Inconvenient Truth' Introduced by Senator-elect Dr Richard Di Natale cost \$20, \$15 conc. wine and finger food provided

Friday 6th May SCEG Film night. Our first film will focus on the subject of Biodiversity, highly appropriate we thought given that this is the UN international year of Biodiversity. More details in next newsletter.

SCEG FILM SEASON 2011

Our film season is back, thanks to our new film subcommittee. Films will be run on the first Friday of each month from May to September and will be held at the Surf World theatre Torquay. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Anne Sullivan, Karen Brassington and Julia Brangwyn, members of the 2009/10 film committee. We are fortunate to have such people volunteering their time for SCEG.

PLASTIC BAG FREE TORQUAY

sign the petition at <http://www.gopetition.com/petition/39880.html>
For petitions, stickers or postcards, contact:
Stacie Bobele GreenMums 3228 Co-ordinator
vicsurf@bigpond.com

100% RENEWABLE CAMPAIGN

111 local community groups have joined up across the country including SCEG. The focus of this campaign is to see a national gross feed-in tariff introduced. Letters have already been sent off to all the Federal MPs and Senators and progress can be followed on the 100percent.org.au website. Our commitment involves gathering 500 surveys by May. We are slowly heading towards this target. Anyone able to help collect more surveys please contact us on info@sceg.org.au

GROW IT

Grow It! is now accepting orders for our 'cheaper than a week's groceries' \$100 veggie box Applications are now open for educational, health and aged-care facilities in the Surf Coast region to apply for a free 'Kitchen Garden' box. Ten boxes have been allocated for this offer as part of Grow It!'s commitment to up-skilling a broad spectrum of the region in the production of food in the backyard. Applications can be made online until the end of April at growit.org.au and will be assessed by the Grow It! committee in May.

MAPW GEELONG

MAPW stands for the Medical Association for the Prevention of War. Thanks to SCEG member Dr. Bill Williams for keeping us up to date with this organisation and its events.

Countdown to Zero is a new film which explores the case for a nuclear free world and is being shown by MAPW on April 30th.

To reserve tickets, contact Gisela 0430 861 621 or geelong@mapw.org.au
web: www.mapw.org.au
you can also watch Bill in a short You Tube film on [Fukushima and Nuclear Industry Hazards](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fukushima)

ANGLESEA MINE

SCEG has been aware for some time of the intention of the State Government to renew Alcoa's lease to continue mining in Anglesea. We have been following developments which now reveal that in confidential negotiations Alcoa plans to renew its mining lease for a further 50 years and to expand its mining area further into the Anglesea Heath. We are calling for greater transparency with these negotiations and for the State Government to review the conditions of the lease which was originally drawn up in 1961, in the light of 2011 knowledge of climate change, health and the urgent need to maintain our biodiversity. SCEG is meeting with other environment groups in the area and will keep you all up to date with developments.

It is fantastic to see the community response in the letters section of our local papers and I urge other SCEG members to also put pen to paper and flood the media with our concerns. Details of who to write to can be found on SCEG website under 'resources' and 'contact your MP'.

CLIMATE COMEDY

We are making plans to bring back Rod Quantock in the middle of the year with his new show Pardon my Carbon. Comedienne Melissa Crotty is also deals out her version of climate comedy in her show 'Changes' ['A climate comedy of Hope'](#) . Both currently showing at the Melbourne Comedy Festival.

Hey, our newsletter is short and sweet this month, not a bad thing, however if you have anything you would like us to include please forward to info@sceg.org.au

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