

Surf Coast Energy Group News

June 2010



EVENTS

Tues 1st June 7.30

Spring Creek House, Price St., Torquay

Bio Fuels with Liz Hamilton

Liz works with Department of primary industry and has returned from a study tour of Nth America looking at biofuel technology from large scale biodigesters to smaller scale gasification, algae and wood pallet production. Very informative for anyone interested in converting waste products into renewable energy sources.

Friday 11th June 7pm

Surfworld, Surf City Plaza, Beach Road, Torquay

Film Season 'The End of the Line'

A documentary about the devastating effect of overfishing on the world's ecosystems, challenging us to imagine a world without fish...period.

Followed by panel discussion.

www.endoftheline.com

SCEG ACTIONS

Last month saw Sceg members hearing how Australia could have 100%renewable energy at our BZE presentation and learning more about plastic in the oceans at our first film night. We supported GORCC's Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Project and BRWMG's forum on a sustainable education center proposal. The empowering Organising Community Change Workshop held recently by Getup, GSG and Sceg in Anglesea was a huge success, with 55 people coming from across the state to develop their own personal stories and learning how to make them into valuable tools in communicating powerful messages.

SOLAR NEWS

Solar Photovoltaic Bulk Purchase Opportunity

Contribute to a community project - Solar Shop Australia will donate a system for installation on a selected community building in the shire for 15 or more systems installed. Call before the end of June to participate in this scheme.

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EVENTS FOR JULY

Sat 3rd July

Torquay TIA Hall

Climate Change and Population

Bob Birrell (well known demographer),

Mark O'Connor and Kelvin Thompson

Human-induced climate change is now well established as the main contributor to our dangerously warming planet. The industrial age; particularly from the middle of the last century has meant that industrial greenhouse gas emissions are the primary culprit. The push for renewable power is one way of reducing carbon emissions, but without analyzing all the main drivers of climate change, will never bring about a model for a sustainable future. The Surf Coast Energy Group accepts that there are '*Limits to Growth*'. The questions we ask are "Is population growth necessary to support economic growth?"; Is support for growing the Australian population environmentally sustainable; indeed possible?" and "can Australia do better to tackle the issue of national and regional nation state poverty?" We think the answers to these questions go to the core fundamentals for any society that is ethically and morally thinking not only of themselves, but also future generations, not only about people but other lifeforms on planet earth.

Fri 9th July Film Season

Surf World, Torquay

The Burning Season

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