

Surf Coast Energy Group News

June 2011



EVENTS

Friday 3rd June 7pm SCEG film night
Surfworld, Beach Rd, Torquay

ADDICTED TO PLASTIC

A film about solutions to plastic pollution. Plastic Bag Free Torquay will present on their achievements to date following the film. Entry by Donation

[Cryptic Moth Productions](#)

Saturday 4th June 11 am – 1 pm
*SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre,
17-22 High Street, Drysdale*

REPOWERING AUSTRALIA FOR A SAFER FUTURE Presentation by Beyond Zero Emissions ([BZE](#)) Admission free

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Sunday 5th June 11 am
Outside the State Library, Melbourne

YES CAMPAIGN RALLY

Environment groups across the country have united in this campaign, the message is simple: Australians say yes to action on climate change. Rallies are taking place simultaneously across the country. Want to be a part of it? Meet at Geelong Station to catch the 9.32 to Southern Cross.

Support the campaign this week by

1. Writing a letter to the papers **2. Ring your local member of parliament** and let them know that you are going to one of the rallies this Sunday. **3. Listen to the radio and call in!**

[Yes Campaign Website](#)

[Yes Campaign Advert](#)

Saturday 26th June *Venue and time TBA*
FROM THE GARDEN TO THE POT

A 'Grow It' workshop open to all SCEG members. Guest speaker, the kitchen garden cook, Surfside PS, Ocean Grove.

Saturday 9th

July *Venue*

and time

TBA

BIOCHAR

PRESENTATION &

SCEG AGM Speaker Russell Burnet, farmer, researcher and founder of Biochar Energy Systems. Affiliate: www.biochar.net

SCEG NEWS

New Premises: We have been fortunate enough to have been offered some space in the old police station building, next door to Spring Creek House in Price St. We have a room of our own and a shared kitchen and meeting rooms. Our own room we shall be turning into the SCEG office and library.

Library: Open Wednesday 8th June 7pm – 9pm Police house, Price St. Returns Spring Creek House for 9am -1pm weekdays.

Thanks to them for making this available.

Grow It: We welcomed Andrew Lucas as our new project Officer to oversee the completion of this great programme. Andrew will be focusing this month on the roll out of our community Grow It boxes which are going to a number of schools and kinders across the shire. Those awaiting boxes, should hear about the success of their applications this month. Please get in touch with Andrew if you have not heard by the end of June. andrew@growit.org.au

SCEG Committee: another busy month for committee members. Here is a quick snapshot of our activities. We have attended:

- Future Proofing Geelong – Low Carbon Growth Plan Launch,
- Greener Earth Geothermal Community Consultation Committee and potential sites tour
- ECAC: the Surf Coast Shire's environmental advisory committee. This month we advocated for strong

environmental protection considerations as a part of the 2040 Growth Plan.

- The Anglesea River community meeting on the need for a full parliamentary inquiry into concerns relating to the recent fish deaths in the river.

We also spoke to our federal MP Darren Cheeseman about support for renewable energy investment as a part of the carbon price revenue and Alcoa in relation to our concerns relating to the proposed mine expansion and lease renewal.

Film Committee: we thank our film committee for a very successful start to our season. Films will be screened on the first Friday of each month until the summer. July's film "The Vanishing of the Bees". Contact Jill Hyslop jillhslop@hotmail.com

GLOBAL WARMING ACTION PARTY

If you consider climate change / global warming as the most important issue facing mankind you may be interested in the Global Warming Action Party (Aust). It is hoped that this single issue party will appeal across the political spectrum and help set the agenda in future elections - especially to force the conservative parties to adopt more enlightened policies.

Currently we have only a handful of members. We need 500 plus before the party can be registered. Active recruiters are welcome as are inactive members to help make up the numbers.

You can find out more about this at <http://www.globalwarmingaction.info>
PO Box 18, Ensay, 3895

COASTAL COMMITTEES

An Invitation to Join Your Local Coastal Committee of Management

Are you passionate about your local coastal reserve? Have you a vision for coastal management in your area and have skills in one or more of the following areas?

- Natural environment (including flora and fauna)
- Community and stakeholder management
- Coastal or public open space planning and management
- Financial management
- Governance of public entities
- Local knowledge

If so, then you could help shape the future of your community as a representative on your local Coastal Committee of Management. The Department of Sustainability & Environment (DSE) is currently seeking voluntary membership for a period of three years on the Bellarine-Bayside, Great Ocean Road and Barwon Coast Committees of Management. To obtain an Expression of Interest package contact: Frances Northeast ph 5220 2020 visit: www.bbfcom.com.au, www.barwoncoast.com.au or www.gorcc.com.au
Expressions of Interest close 5pm on Friday 10 June, 2011

100% RENEWABLE CAMPAIGN

Thanks to everyone who has been out surveying. Final numbers are not yet available. However interesting that the vast majority of respondents supported investment in renewable energy, though less were supportive of a price on carbon. The next stage of the campaign; the survey results delivered in parliament this week.

THE BUTTERFLY PROJECT

Thousands of people are already saving electricity and switching to renewables. We aim to count how much through the Butterfly Project <http://butterfly.org.au/about/butterfly-project>

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