

# Surf Coast Energy Group News

## May 2010



### EVENTS

#### **Tues 4<sup>th</sup> May 7.30**

Spring Creek House, Price St., Torquay  
**Beyond Zero Emissions (BZE) 2020 Stationary Energy Plan.**

Presentation of the work done by BZE in developing a blueprint for the transition to a decarbonised Australian economy by 2020. Presenter Mike Lawrence.

#### **Tues 11<sup>th</sup> May 9.30 – 1.00**

##### **Sustainability Education Center Forum**

The Rose, 220 Great Ocean Road, Jan Juc  
An exciting proposal and an initiative of Barwon Regional Waste Management Group. Please contact Simone Budd by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May for further information and registration for this forum.  
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#### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 7pm**

Surfworld, Surf City Plaza, Beach Road, Torquay  
**Film season Opening Night**  
**Hawaii – Message in the Waves**  
Nature documentary featuring the wildlife of Hawaii's famous surf zone and the surfers and scientists who are fighting to protect it from threat of washed-up plastic. Music by Jack Johnson and Xavier Rudd. Donations welcome.

[www.messageinthewaves.com](http://www.messageinthewaves.com)

Discussion "Torquay Plastic Bag Free?"

#### **Sat 29<sup>th</sup> & Sun 30<sup>th</sup> May**

##### **Introduction to Permaculture Course**

SCEG member Patrick Blampied has just returned from a 3 month Permaculture internship at Geoff Lawton's Permaculture Research Institute of Australia in NSW. Patrick said "I left my office job to live in paddock for 3 months and my friends thought I was crazy but it was the best idea I've ever had. [Patrick Blampied](#)

Students will be involved in a real design situation and leave with an understanding of Permaculture principles and their application in urban settings. The course covers sustainable living systems and includes the application of permaculture principles to food production, home design, construction, energy conservation and generation. \$250 per person Sceg Members 10% discount before 15<sup>th</sup> May Max: 10

#### **Fri 28<sup>th</sup> evening Sat 29<sup>th</sup> & Sun 30<sup>th</sup> May**

##### **Organising**

##### **Community Change Workshop**

Eumeralla Scout Camp, Anglesea  
Community organising, public speaking and narrative skills, clarifying your ideas and developing your own personal story. Mingle with members of various organisations, like the most active Climate Action Groups from around Victoria, GetUp and Union Climate Connectors.

Our goal is to support effective climate action groups, incredible transition towns, smart campaign teams and a re-energized local community movement for 2010.

Check our website to learn more about why this is such a powerful workshop, and register now. Numbers are limited, so don't miss out!

<http://changegeelong.eventbrite.com/>

The cost is minimal, owing to some wonderful volunteer support to run this workshop. This is a joint venture between Sceg and Geelong Sustainability Group which we are proud to be hosting on the Surf Coast.

### SCEG OPINION

The Federal government's decision to delay an emissions trading scheme is a disappointment for all those who voted for action on climate change. Whilst Sceg was not supportive of the emissions trading scheme as proposed by the government, owing to its low targets and the amount of compensation available for big emitters, we recognise that a carbon price is essential to drive emissions reductions.

Sceg members have this month been active in making visits to our federal MP and federal candidate to discuss opportunities for the potential interim measure of a carbon levy, a simpler easy to implement tax on pollution. If we are not to see an ETS before 2013, a carbon levy is an ideal way to start to introduce a price on carbon.

Public pressure is vital to achieve this. Please contact your local MP immediately, now or sooner!

## SOLAR NEWS

### Solar Photovoltaic Bulk Purchase Opportunity

**Solar Shop-Australia** is pleased to offer SCEG members a special deal as part of a bulk purchase scheme for the Surf Coast Community. Benefits of this scheme include:

- Discounted prices based on bulk purchase for SCEG members residing in the Surf Coast Shire
- High quality components – Suntech (Monocrystalline) & Kaneka (Thin film) Panels, SMA inverters.
- Installation and system endorsed by Planet Ark
- 25 year performance guarantee on the panels, 5 year installation warranty.
- Finance options available
- Free home solar consultation
- Contributing 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.

Aaron Lewtas, Solar Shop's Renewable Energy Advisor for the Southwest.

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### Feed-in Tariff Survey

The ATA are assisting the Australian Photovoltaic Association (APVA) with research regarding feed-in tariff customers across Australia. They are asking people with PV to fill in a survey to collect data and information on their feed-in tariff arrangement with your electricity retailer.

[www.surveymonkey.com/s/FiTsurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FiTsurvey)

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## EVENTS FOR JUNE

### Tues 1<sup>st</sup> June 7.30

Spring Creek House, Price St., Torquay.

### Community Wind Farms

presenter Melanie Robertson from West Wind TBC

We welcome your ideas and suggestions for future Sceg evenings.

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