

Surf Coast Energy Group News

November 2010



LOCAL EVENTS

Fri 12th Nov 7pm at Bellbrae Hall.

STATE ELECTION FORUM

Candidates for the seat of South Barwon,
Michael Crutchfield: Current member and candidate for Labor

Andrew Katos: Candidate for the Liberals

Simon Northeast: Candidate for the Greens
The candidates have all been asked to address some key sustainability issues.

Community groups Bellbrae Residents Association, BRA and Surf Coast and Inland Plains Network SCIPN have combined forces with SCEG to organise this event. Our groups are united in concern for

- Environmental impact
- Sustainable land use
- Energy sources
- Marine Ecology
- Community involvement and management of land, planning and the environment

the addresses will be followed by public question time, concluding at 9pm with supper.

Sun 12th Dec 12 – 3pm

Just for Fun - SCEG CELEBRATION at Bellbrae Heart Space area

This time we have no other agenda, just a chance to get together over some good food and good company of course! Come and join us – bring a picnic. We'd love to see you there.

CONTRIBUTING TO SCEG

Wed 17th Nov 9 am

SCEG committee meeting, Bellbrae Heart Space old tennis clubrooms, Great Ocean Road, Bellbrae
All welcome.

Alternative Energy Car Rally along Great Ocean Road planned for February next year. The idea is to unite the various groups working on electric and alternative energy vehicles, from the ATA in Melbourne and the group in Geelong at the Gordon.

Contact us if you are interested in helping to get this event 'on the road' !

ACTIONS AND PROJECTS

Sat 6th Nov 1pm

Replace ALL OF Hazelwood Rally

meet at the State Library, Cnr Swanston & Latrobe St Melbourne – Walking to Parliament House

SCEG is participating in the event, we are making one of the eight smoke stacks, it will be 2.5m tall and is to be carried as part of the rally. We would love a few more pairs of hands to help carry our smoke stack, please get in touch with Caroline 5263 3059 if you are intending to go to the rally. The rally is being organised by Environment Victoria & Friends of the Earth in the lead up to the state election to raise the pressure on our political parties to commit to completely replace Hazelwood power station.

350.org Banner made on 10.10.2010

Thanks to everyone who sent in photos of energy efficient actions, we put them together to make this 350.org banner.



Grow It!

Our Climate Communities funding will cover the employment of a project officer to run a 12 month vegie growing programme. A steering committee has been formed to manage the project.

Thanks to all those who have expressed an interest in this exciting programme. We will keep you informed through this newsletter and the local media as soon as we are able to sign people up.

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

SCEG LIBRARY Fridays 3.30 – 5.30pm.

We have many of the **films** we've shown in our film seasons on DVD for loan through the SCEG library. Also available is a '**Powermate**' which is easy to use and can help you measure how much energy your appliances use. Through the generosity of one of our members we have copies of **G magazine** your guide to green living. Issue 12 contains articles on Natural Pest Control, Eco Chic What Energy Crisis – Smart Solutions for the Planet & Organic Cheese and Wine – delicious duos you have to try! Our **books** include **The End of Charity by Nic Francis** follow Nic's story from England to Australia and the setting up of Cool.NRG a Melbourne based social enterprise which is now making global inroads with sustainability initiatives.

The Plastic Bag Free Torquay Group has a petition in circulation, it is currently available to sign at Surf Sight Optical.

YES 2 RENEWABLES

In recent months there has been a growing debate across Victoria about renewable energy projects. Wind farms, the proposed solar plants in the North West, and a range of geothermal investigations have both enthused and angered many in the community. As the ABC has recently noted, wind farms in particular are likely to have a significant role in rural debate in the buildup to the state election.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/10/27/3049476.htm>

Friends of the Earth has set up a website that seeks to engage the community on proposed renewable energy projects. It considers some of the standard myths around renewables and will also start to provide details on current, 'live' debates about emerging projects. The hope is that, over time, we can start to include details on proposals going through the approvals process, how to provide submissions and input, and details on legitimate concerns which may need to inform the planning process.

Add your thoughts

<http://yes2renewables.wordpress.com/>

or by emailing photos to cam.walker@foe.org.au

FRIDAYS at Bellbrae Heart Space, SCEG'S new premises Borrow a book, magazine or DVD. Share any new ideas, learn how to make bin liners from newspaper. Last month Graeme showed us how to make this delicious Kale and Chickpea Curry.

Chickpea and Kale Stew

- splash of olive oil
 - 1 x diced red onion
 - 3 x finely sliced garlic cloves
 - 2 x teaspoons freshly grated ginger
 - 800g tinned chickpeas - I use the pressure cooker to cook mine
 - 1 x tsp each ground cumin & turmeric
 - 250 g cherry tomatoes
 - 1 x head of kale, chopped
 - pepper
 - 2 x tablespoons of lemon juice
1. Heat olive oil in a frying pan over a medium to high heat
 2. Fry the onion, garlic, ginger and chilli for about 5 minutes, or until the onions are soft.
 3. Add the drained chickpeas, 80ml (1/4 cup) water (I use chickpea water), cumin & turmeric and cook for about 5 minutes
 4. Add the tomatoes and kale and cook for another couple of minutes until the kale has softened.
 5. Remove from the heat, stir through the lemon juice and taste for seasoning.
 6. Enjoy!

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