

Surf Coast Energy Group News

October 2011



SCEG EVENTS

FOOD INC

Fri 7th Oct 7pm SCEG film night

Surfworld, Beach Rd, Torquay

Don't miss the last film night of the 2011 season! Food, Inc. exposes America's industrialized food system and its effect on our environment, health, economy and workers' rights. Andrew Lucas from SCEG's Grow It! project, will also present.

For more details on the movie, see

www.foodincmovie.com.

"You'll never look at dinner the same way."

"Don't take another bite till you see Food, Inc., an essential, indelible documentary."

"Does for the supermarket what 'Jaws' did for the beach."

PRICE STREET COMMUNITY PRECINCT OPEN DAY

Sat 22nd Oct 10-2pm

Price Street, Torquay

Take part in community festivities, check out the SCEG office at TOPS and enjoy this fun family day.

Further information: Contact Spring Creek Community House on 5261 2583 or

admin@springcreekcommunityhouse.org.au

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

The following local events are conducted by other groups and individuals, not SCEG. If you have a relevant event to include in our next newsletter, email details to

info@sceg.org.au.

COAL SEAM GAS ROADSHOW

Thu 6th Oct 7-9pm

Geelong Heritage Centre, upstairs from

Geelong Library, 51 Lt Malop St

Friends of the Earth (FoE) together with Geelong Sustainability Group (GSG) are

hosting a forum to highlight the threat posed by Coal Seam Gas (CSG), coal and shale gas across rural Victoria. Further information: Contact Cam Walker at cam.walker@foe.org.au or 0419 338 047.

PROTECTING ANGLESEA HEATHLANDS

Fri 7th Oct 7.30pm

Senior Citizens Hall, McMillan St. Anglesea

Speakers will discuss Alcoa's future plans for brown coal mining and the flora and fauna values of the Anglesea Heath.

Event organised by the Geelong Environment Council (GEC) Inc.

GREEN YOUR HOME

Sat 22nd Oct & Sun 12th Nov 10-12.15pm

Karingal Community Living Centre, East Geelong

This course aims to assist you to cut your power bills, reduce your greenhouse gas emissions and live more comfortably in your home. Cost \$80.

Further information: Contact Gavin Brown on 0411 788 057 or

grbrown@intermode.on.net

BEE-KEEPING WORKSHOP

Sat 19th & Sun 20th Nov

Freshwater Creek Steiner School

Many of you attended the SCEG Film Night 'Vanishing of the Bees' and were interested in bee-keeping. Here's your chance to find out more! This weekend intensive course on bee-keeping will explore almost everything you need to know to start natural bee-keeping on your property. Cost: \$275.

Further information at

www.heartofthesun.com/schedule.htm#Natural or contact Pam on 0457 413 759 or pammarshall@optusnet.com.au

MONEY FOR LIFE WORKSHOP

Sat 3rd & Sun 4th Dec 10 - 5

Spring Creek Community House, Torquay

The workshop focuses on how to reduce your spending across all areas of your life, including finding ways to live a simpler life with a lower carbon footprint; and increased happiness and contentment.

Cost \$125 or \$95 for concession.

Further information at

<http://sites.google.com/site/sustainablemoney> or contact Chris Lampard at sustainable.money@gmail.com

CAN YOU HELP?

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

SCEG would not be the strong community group it is without the involvement of dedicated volunteers. Whether you have a few hours or a day to spare, we would love to hear from you. There are many areas where we could use help – from kicking off your own idea for a project to assisting at the SCEG stall at markets. Email info@sceg.org.au, talk to a Committee member or drop into the office Friday mornings (9.15-11am during school term).

SPONSOR THE BEST GARDEN

Bellbrae Primary School

The Bellbrae Environment & Sustainability Team (BEST) at Bellbrae Primary School are implementing an edible garden and outdoor learning space. This garden will be a fantastic resource for the kids providing them with an opportunity to learn about planting for food, composting and recycling. It will also complement the existing chook pen! If you are able to provide resources or materials (gardening tools, seeds, soil, etc.), or would like to formally sponsor this great initiative, please contact Helen Mayne at mayne.helen.l@edumail.vic.gov.au.

CHOOSE YOUR SEAFOOD WISELY

Australia's first *Sustainable Seafood Guide* iPhone app is now available – see www.sustainableseafood.org.au.

NEWS AND CAMPAIGNS

JACK THOMPSON FOUNDATION

What if the people from the Surf Coast community could partner directly with disadvantaged communities in remote Australia to make a ridiculous order of magnitude difference to their lives? Well, actually we could – and SCEG wants your help to do it. SCEG believes there are 12 businesses out there that would be willing to part with \$2000 in a pilot one year project. The sponsorship would employ a person part-time in the Surf Coast Shire Council to raise money on behalf of our whole community to meaningfully partner with the Jack Thompson Foundation (www.jackthompsonfoundation.com) who is helping indigenous communities take control of their own lives. All this at no cost to the Shire! This is a project whose time has come. If you're interested in being involved or just want more information contact Graeme Stockton on 0425 752 648.

PUT AN END TO NEW COAL-FIRED POWER STATIONS

Sign the petition today!

Environment Victoria has launched a formal petition to the House of Representatives attacking the Federal and Victorian Governments funding of \$150 million toward a new polluting coal-fired power station in Victoria, called HRL. If you believe in a clean, renewable energy future, please print out the petition from the below link and ask your family and friends to sign it. The plan is to sign up over 10,000 names, so every effort helps.

<http://www.environmentvictoria.org.au/no-new-coal/petition>

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