

## Community Engagement

Below is a list of all the events we have run or been involved with since forming in Feb 2009.

- Inaugural meeting with Geoff Boadle (Sustainable Impact) speaking about solar panels
- Environmental architects from Archicentre spoke to people, many of them burnt out after the Ash Wednesday bushfires about building design for sustainability.
- Formed three sub-groups – Practical Sustainability, Local Issues and Global Issues sub-groups
- Ran various sustainable home visits to locations from Boolarra and Trafalgar to Metung
- Presented submissions to:
  - The Bushfires Royal Commission
  - CCS proposals re landholders
  - Modify the CPRS proposal to include more help to start renewable energy projects
  - Latrobe Valley Bus Enquiry
  - State Government Green Paper on Climate Change
  - Latrobe City Climate Change Consultative Committee
  - Representation to Stockland Plaza, Traralgon advocating recycling
- Public presentation from Bruce Beatson – an Al Gore Climate Change presenter
- Over 100 letters to the Editor from various members to local, state and national newspapers exhorting action on climate change, renewable energy and debunking sceptics arguments
- Public presentation from Charlie Spiers – head of Clean Coal Victoria
- Released “Our Vision for the Latrobe Valley” statement
- Letters to politicians, both State and Federal in support of a Carbon Tax and Renewable Energy
- Meetings with Latrobe City Councillors
- Had a display at the Latrobe City Leisure and Outdoor exhibition 2010
- Solar Panels Bulk Buy scheme
- Ran a display at Traralgon farmers market on behalf of 350.org and GetUp
- The Local Issues sub-group met with Latrobe City officials to discuss increasing the percentage of waste dealt with in an environmentally friendly fashion including the new state of the art tip facility.
- Supporting the Walks Against Warming in Melbourne 2007 – 2010, by encouraging members to march
- Affiliated with the Climate Emergency Network - CEN
- Brought Rod Quantock to Traralgon to explain Climate Change in his unique way
- Public presentation of sustainable forestry and radial sawing from Andy Knorr.
- Public presentation from BZE – Beyond Zero Emissions
- Public Presentation from “Earth Worker Eureka’s Future” solar hot water sets co-op initiative
- Public meetings to explain solar panels for homes, solar hot water, small to medium sized wind generation on farms and small holdings a preserving workshop held at Old GippsTown
- Film Nights “The Age of Stupid” 2009 – “An Inconvenient Truth” 2012
- Supported Wellington Sustainability Group with the Inaugural and subsequent “EarthFests”
- Involvement with the national 100% Renewable Campaign, surveying nearly 500 people in the Gippsland region on their attitudes to renewable energy and presenting our results to Darren Chester MHR in December 2011.
- Environmental Film Festival at Old GippsTown 2011.

- Active campaigning against the HRL Duel “Gas” coal fired power station proposed for Morwell
- Active campaigning against the “New Pilbarra” proposed by Martin Ferguson and the Baillieu Government
- Frequent interviews on TV, local radio and comment in the local newspapers
- Supporting the ongoing push against Coal Seam Gas and supporting the Toongabbie initiative of “Community over Coal”
- Cooperating with Baw Baw Sustainability Network whenever the opportunity arises
- Cooperating with Friends of the Earth and Environment Victoria to phase out the use of fossil fuels and replace them with sustainable renewable energy technologies