

# Monty Matters

**AUGUST 2016**

## Next meeting

Wednesday 7 Sept 2016,  
7–9pm  
at Montmorency Primary  
School

60 Rattray Rd,  
Montmorency 3094

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## Profile: Martin Holm

Hi my name is Martin Holm and I live in Montmorency. I'm originally from Sweden but live here now with my wife and my two kids.

Since I moved here I have got in to gardening. My wife and I are planning to design our garden with Permaculture design and we have already started with 8 wicking beds in our front garden.

Permaculture is a type of gardening, which was developed based on the study of forest ecosystems. In the backyard we are planning on building a chook house, a pond and something called Hugelkultur. We would also like to learn about growing hops to make our own beer. If anyone in the Montmorency community would like to get involved they can contact [montymoves@gmail.com](mailto:montymoves@gmail.com) or keep up to date on <http://www.permablitz.net/>. If you sign up to the site they will keep you up to date on the different permablitzes around Melbourne.

We plan on doing our blitz in the second half of the year. If you would like to come to our garden bee we will provide food and drink in exchange for your help.



## Monty Bush Dance

Bookings are going well for our bush dance on 20th August. If you still want to book, go to:

[www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=208079](http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=208079)

## Movement at the station at the station

Last week I went to the announcement from Daniel Andrews at the Monty Station for the new shelter.

Work has started on it and it and hopefully it will make waiting for the train more comfortable. It will also have a Myki reader so you can exit the station directly to the car park.



***Work has started***

I took the opportunity to speak to Myki staff about putting a veggie garden on the platform. The man in charge wasn't too keen, saying "it would never happen", so I spoke to Vicki Ward and she was more encouraging! We have written to her to support us in our endeavour, so maybe we will get a veggie garden on the platform one day!



***Our last veggie garden.. That lasted 3 hours...***

## Solar Impulse circumnavigates the world



***Solar Impulse in flight***

This solar powered plane has completed its trip around the world without using a drop of fuel. While it may not replace jet powered flight, this is a stunning achievement. It took 26 months to complete the trip doing it in 17 stages.

The plane is impressive. It has the wing span of a jumbo jet, but weighs about the same as a car. 1/4 of its weight is given over to batteries and it is covered in solar panels to recharge the batteries.

In one leg of the flight it flew for 26 hours, 9 hours of which were at night. It cruises at around 70 kmh and has only enough room for the pilot.

While we won't be seeing commercial electric planes anytime soon, the knowledge gained from the plane will be seen in our home power systems. There are plans for a hybrid plane for 2 or 3 passengers which uses both solar and fossil fuels, but that is still a way off.



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### Energy Saving Tip

When you boil the jug for a cup of coffee, make sure you don't over fill the jug.

I calculated that over a year putting an extra cup of water in the jug cost me an extra hrs waiting for the jug to boil ... and 16 kwh of wasted power!

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