

Monty Matters

JULY
2018

Next Food Swap,

5th Aug, from 10:30am to
11:30am

at Monty Primary School



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Araluen Power Generation

| | May | Since Installation |
|-----------------|--------|--------------------|
| Power generated | .9 Mwh | 28 Mwh |
| Savings | \$200 | \$6,000 |

What's on

- **Sun 15th July**—Boomerang Bags (pg 5)
- **Sat 4th Aug**—Bush Dance (pg 3)
- **Sun 5th August** —Food Swap

NEXT Meeting:

Wed 1 Aug

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Last Chance to Book!

The Monty Bush Dance is coming up fast, so book your tickets, come along and have a great evening with our new band Terry White and the Banan Lounge.

Check it out on Page 3!

Profile—Interview with Tony Abbott



This month I was hoping to interview Tony Abbott. This was unsuccessful, so I just got a few of his quotes from the internet:

- Primitive people once killed goats to appease the volcano gods. We are more sophisticated now but are still sacrificing our industries and our living standards to the climate gods to little more effect."
- In most countries, far more people die in cold snaps than in heatwaves, so a gradual lift in global temperatures, especially if it's accompanied by more prosperity and more capacity to adapt to change, might even be beneficial."
- More than 100 years of photography at Manly Beach in my electorate does not suggest that sea levels have risen despite frequent reports from climate alarmists that this is imminent.
- The climate change argument is absolute crap...
- We can't conclusively say whether man-made carbon dioxide emissions are contributing to climate change."

- At least so far, it's climate change policy that's doing harm. Climate change itself is probably doing good; or at least, more good than harm.

Why are we putting in all this effort just to make the world a couple of degrees cooler for our grandchildren?

Alan Cuthbertson

The Neg

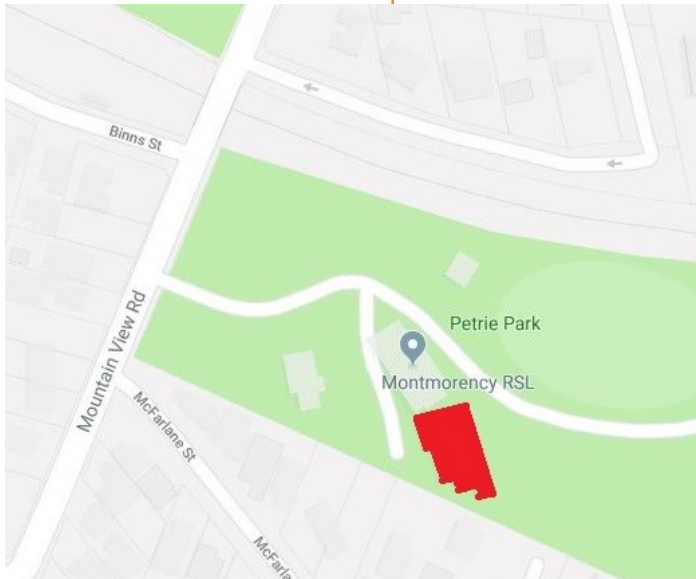
For those who haven't caught up with the latest acronym, the NEG is the National Energy Guarantee. This was a plan cooked up by the liberals "to end the climate wars" between Labour and the Liberals.

It sounds like a good idea, until you look at the details. What it does is lock Australia into a 27% reduction in emissions for electricity generation by 2030. If that was 27% from now until 2030, that wouldn't be too bad. It's not. It is 27% reduction based on 2005 levels. Since we will have achieved 20% by 2020, that is a 7% reduction over 10 years. At that rate it would take 120 years to reach 100% renewables.

And it gets worse. Roof top solar counts towards the limit. If you do the right thing and install solar panels on your roof then that frees up room for a coal station to emit more CO₂.

So sign this petition from the [Climate Council](#).

Then tell others and pass on the link.



Don't Miss out!

The Montmorency Bush Dance is on again with a new dance band Terry White and the Banana Lounge. They played at the Montmorency South School earlier this year to excellent reviews and are currently on tour in Germany for all of July.

Please inform your friends, come yourself or make up a table of 8 -10 people and book soon to avoid disappointment.

<http://www.trybooking.com/378247>

Venue: **Petrie Park Hall in red**, parking in front of Hall or down the hill in the lower carpark.

**Monty Community Group &
The Banana Lounge Dance Band present**

8TH Annual Carbon Neutral

Bush Dance

Saturday 4th August 2018 | 6.30pm to 10pm

**Petrie Park Hall
16 Mountain View Rd
Montmorency 3094**

| TICKETS | ADULTS | CHILDREN (<14) |
|-------------|--------|----------------|
| MEMBERS | \$20 | \$5 |
| NON-MEMBERS | \$25 | \$7.50 |

Limited concessions for Centrelink cardholders

BYO drinks & a plate to share!

FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL DOOR PRIZES

BOOKINGS AVAILABLE from 12th May

www.trybooking.com/378247

FOR MORE INFO:
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Ivy – A Serious Environmental Weed

The Biodiversity Group has surveyed locations in Montmorency where ivy is growing out of control on public land. We have noticed that many valuable trees are being affected by ivy creeping up the trunks, smothering the branches and preventing light getting to the leaves. In some cases, trees have died as a result of being smothered by ivy.

We have presented our survey results to Banyule's advisory committee on environmental matters and asked for their assistance to save these trees. We also suggested that residents be informed about the problems created by ivy growing on trees, as ivy can easily spread from gardens into the wider environment.

It is good to hear that the Council has listened to our concerns and will be starting work on removing some of the worst infestations along public verges and lane ways.

Pam Rowley

Sugar Glider Project Update

The Monty sugar glider project is going from strength to strength.

We have over 100 boxes up in Montmorency with roughly 50 on public land and 50 on private. At our last count in Jan/Feb the number of gliders were also up with more occupying residents land particularly if they were near reserves

Vic Roads have generously donated 100 boxes in recognition of the upheaval gliders would have experienced when crossing Bolton St. over the last little while. For residents who have an order with us for some time - we hope to have your boxes up in the next month.



We are still working out how best to use the other boxes but there are some exciting plans afoot so watch this space.

We are also carrying out an audit of existing boxes to find out which ones are occupied and how that varies with time.



Boomerang Bags are now in Monty!

Have you seen the proliferation of smart cloth bags around Monty? Boomerang Bags have arrived with a bang! Over 20 men, women and children gathered on a Sunday morning last month to cut, iron, stick and finish over 20 bags in one morning, whilst quenched with a lovely cuppa courtesy of Max's Burger Bar and the Monty Traders. And then 6 days later we launched the bags in a flourish and a trolley in Were St Park and delivered over 90 bags to local shopkeepers who are supporting the proliferation of these colourful alternatives to another plastic bag!

Here's details on the philosophy www.boomerangbags.org/about

The main idea is to borrow one if you have come to the shops without a bag, and return it another time, or pass it on to someone else who can use it. It's about helping with changing behaviour to minimise our impact on the planet, and about supporting ourselves as we do that. Fabric, threads and machine use are all donated by members of the local community. Some keen sewers have even taken cut bags home and finished them off so we already have over 150 bags circulating in Monty!

Find a bag at Monty Fresh, Foodworks, The Organic Shop, Mont Flora, and more places it seems every day!

Come and join us for as long as you can next **Sunday 15 July, from 9am to noon at Max's burger Bar**, and have a coffee while you are there too!

A big thanks to Megan, Yvette, the Monty Traders and the growing team who are making this happen!

Find us on FB at Monty Boomerang Bags, or via Banyule Boomerang Bags (where you'll also see a number of other growing local groups here in Banyule!)

Monty's 8th Annual Carbon Neutral Bushdance

This year to offset the carbon used to provide the energy for lights and amps and electricity that'll fuel our very local event (did you know that you are eligible for an additional door prize if you walk, bike, or get to the event by a sustainable transport method?), we have partnered with Friends of Monty Bushlands to join a special planting day on Saturday 8th September from 10am to 12 noon to plant some local native seedlings into the lovely Rattray Reserve.

You can sign up now by emailing Pam at prowley@chariot.com.au Please note how many of you will be coming for catering purposes.. that's right, the planting days in our reserves include morning tea provided by Banyule Council. Lovely indeed!

Foodswap Sunday 5 August

At our July foodswap we launched our efforts for the Plastic Free July Challenge and saw a demonstration of how easy it is to make your own beeswax wraps. As our August foodswap will be the morning after our annual carbon neutral bushdance, perhaps we will see some bush dancing, or some straw weaving or some wattle seed biscuits just to continue the theme!

Join us **at Monty Primary School on Sunday August 5, from 10.30am to 11.30am**, with your excess home grown produce, herbs, seedlings, or perhaps something you've cooked (jam, pickle, marmalade), or some spare glass jars, or newspaper, or just come along and join in the chat and a cuppa about all things gardening and home grown. Everyone welcome. You'll probably find us in "the castle" making a cuppa, though if the weather is really nice, we'll be under the rotunda nearer Rattray Road.

Theatre anyone?

From 5-29 July there's a new play Blackie Blackie Brown at the Malthouse theatre in Southbank. Tickets from \$35. If you'd like to join in a group and catch the train together email us at montymoves@gmail.com with your preferred dates and a phone number and we'll make a plan!

Wall Insulation

When visiting houses I am often asked about adding insulation to walls. Well here is a solution!

I visited a house in June and you can see the thermal image taken of a wall. You can see the wooden studs in the wall and you can see that they are much warmer than the gap in between. No insulation in the walls. I returned last week and the image had reversed. The studs were cooler than the gap in between. They had installed blow in insulation!

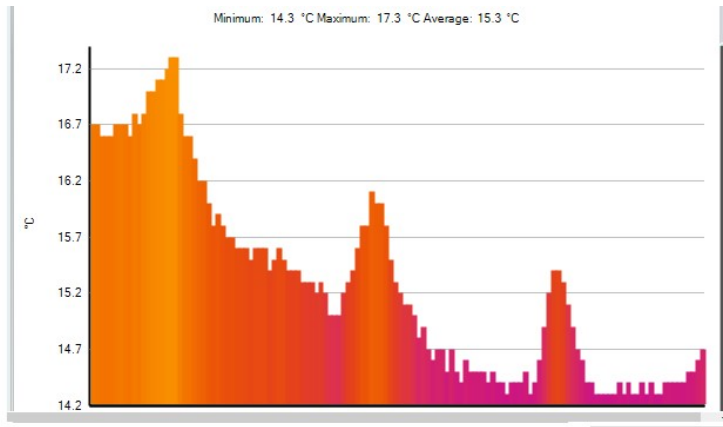
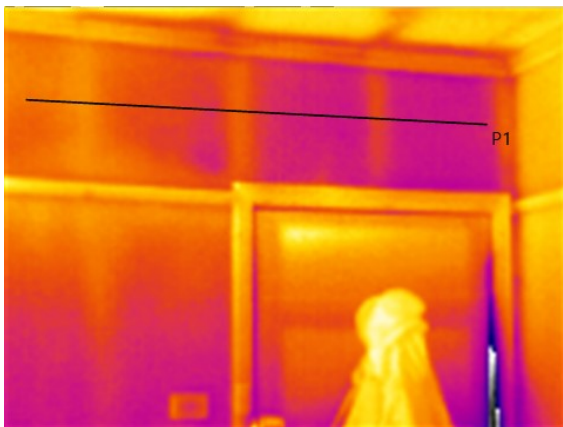
The work had been done by Envirowall and the home owner said they were very pleased with the result. Our check with the thermal camera showed they had done a great job of filling all the sections in the wall. The only concern I would have is whether it tends to settle with time.

The cost was good too - \$1,500- although they only had a small house. For more info, visit <http://www.envirowall.com.au/>

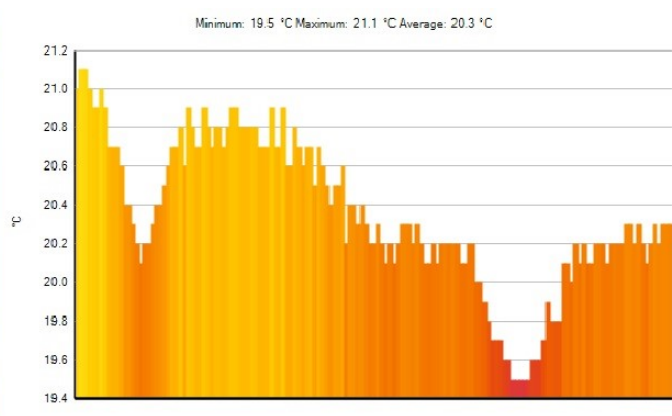
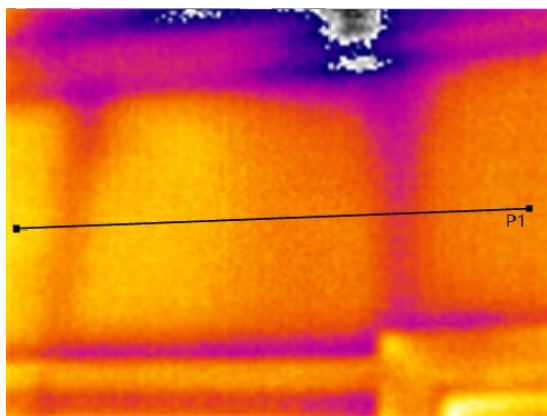
Note: These images were taken as part of Energy Assessments Program. If you would like me to visit with our thermal camera and tell you where you are losing all your heat, register at:

<http://www.transitionmonty.org/thermal-camera.html>

Alan Cuthbertson



Before—Studs are warmer than the gap in between



After—Studs are cooler than the gap in between

It's Plastic Free July Month - Join in the challenge to avoid single use plastic!

This month long programme has gained momentum and from it's humble beginnings in a single office in Perth, it has become a global movement with millions of participants in over 150 countries worldwide!

See how you go at taking up the challenge to avoid or refuse and replace single use plastic items for the month of July (or beyond!) - particularly shopping bags, straws, coffee cups and plastic water bottles. We recommend you register your intentions and be counted on the website www.plasticfreejuly.org or take the pesky plastics quiz, or browse for their helpful tips, or find some other events to attend close to home or further afield.

Here's a few local ideas:

- **bring your own cup** and get a discount at the Boots'n' Barley Cafe in Grand Boulevard, opposite Monty South Primary school or the Milk Bar Cafe in Were St
- **buy a keep cup** (available at the Were St Footsore in various sizes), or another type of reusable cup
- **take your own container** for deli or meats to the Monty Butchers
- **bring your own reusable bag** or **pick up a Boomerang Bag** at one of Monty's traders (they are also in Watsonia and Macleod and Rosanna, and soon to be in Greensborough!)
- **discover another local retailer who allows you to bring your own container**, and let us know via one of the many local Facebook groups or email us at montymoves@gmail.com

Join us for a **celebration lunch** (and single use plastic free) at Watsonia Neighbourhood House on **Friday 27 July from 12 to 1.30pm** (bring any plastics that you couldn't avoid and we can discuss options you or others might know of).

or come to our local celebration and debrief cuppa at the **Milk Bar Cafe on Were St** on **Friday 27 July, from 3-4pm**.

NAIDOC Week 8-15 July

This year's theme is "Because of her, we can!" celebrating the essential role women have played and continue to play in community, local, state and national level, as leaders, activists, politicians and social change advocates. We encourage everyone to embrace this celebration, speak with and listen to stories from local indigenous people, see a play or read a book.

For **more resources** and info see naidoc.org.au

The **Eltham bookshop** has listed some great books to choose from.

See <https://mailchi.mp/a4d4b85da5f7/celebrate-naidoc-week-with-a-book?e=29a4bb9df8>



City Protest

As part of a Mass Mobilisation around Australia to put an end to new coal mines, Front Line Action on Coal organised a protest in the city.

The protest started outside Flinders St Station at 6:00 am on Friday 29th June and continued for 30 hours, ending at 12 noon on Saturday.

We had 4-10 people at any one time, carrying the banner around the intersection. We walked in single file and obeyed the traffic lights so there will be minimal impact of traffic or pedestrians.

We even had a Deniersaurus to accompany us!

Here is a link to a video we made

<https://www.facebook.com/FrontlineActionOnCoal/videos/1639144552865095/UzpfSTE4NzE2Njg3OTMwNTEwMDA6MjA1ODgxNjYzNDMzNjIxNA/>

Plus an interview with Rod Quantock <https://vimeo.com/277969594>

Plus an image taken at 3:00 am in the morning of 5 bare backsides under the Flinders St clocks emblazoned with "NO NEW COAL". Some people may be offended by nudity, but we are even more offended by the lack of action from our politicians. If baring out backside in public will help the future of my granddaughter, I will willingly do it. We succeeded in getting coverage in the Byron Bay Echo and in the Herald Sun.

Warning Nudity <https://www.facebook.com/FrontlineActionOnCoal/photos/a.285376751575222.64162.278978455548385/1643172275795656/?type=3&theater>

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Please use the subject line "Newsletter - (then add anything else after that)

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Membership Fee: \$10 per individual/household, \$5 concession, \$25 per business.

Payment Methods: Bank Deposit: Receipt Provided No. _____

Bank Account: Montmorency Community Group

BSB: 633 000

Account No: 140371089

When making a bank transfer, please ensure your name is noted so we can reconcile your payment with your application.

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