

# Monty Matters

JULY  
2019

## Next Food Swap,

4th August, from 10:30am to 11:30am

Montmorency Primary School



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## NEXT Meeting:

Mon 5th Aug

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## Araluen Power Generation

	June	Since Installation
Power generated	.5 Mwh	57 Mwh
Savings	\$100	\$9,500

## What's on

- **Sun 21st July** — Extinction Rebellion Eltham (pg 5)
- **Mon 21st** —End of MASSG Food drive (pg 10)
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## Oct 7th - The Biggest Protest Ever!

I have talked before about the Extinction Rebellion movement before. Well, Oct 7th will see the start of the biggest protest ever.

Firstly it will occur in all main capital cities around the world.

Secondly it will continue for up to a week.

We are still planning it, but in Melbourne we are hoping to base our actions at the Carlton gardens. When we have enough people we will move onto Rathdowne st and set up a street party and remain until Saturday.

People will camp out, there will be entertainment, and there will be other actions around the city. Some will be playful, some will be disruptive

So, if you want to come and show your support for action on climate change please visit us and stay a while. I strongly suggest bringing a tent and staying overnight!

If you want more information on how you can be involved, please get back to me

### Non –Violent Direct Action

When I mention Extinction Rebellion, people are concerned about their support for Non-violent Direct Action. Most say "I can't so that"

In actual fact, many already have. When you go on any protest march down the middle of the street, you are participating in NVDA. It is illegal to walk down the middle of the street so at any time you can be arrested. The only difference is that the police agree with the organisers that they won't arrest you.

It is not clear whether the police will arrest people at the Carlton Gardens on 7th October. I suspect they won't. If they do, they will give ample warning of their intention and you will be able to remove yourself if you wish.

Alan Cuthbertson

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## Extinction Rebellion Eltham

There will be an introductory meeting to talk about Extinction Rebellion in Eltham next Sunday.

**Heading For Extinction and What to do About it**  
(Talk and Picnic)

**When:** Sunday, July 21

**Time:** 12:00 -2:00 PM

**Where:** Eltham Library, Panther PI, Eltham

Host Contact Info: [hannahmm@protonmail.com](mailto:hannahmm@protonmail.com)

<https://actionnetwork.org/events/vic-eltham-heading-for-extinction-and-what-to-do-about-it-talk-and-picnic>



**Franciscus Henri's contribution**

## My Brush with the Law

I am sure you have all been eagerly awaiting the outcome of my court case in Qld!

Well the result was disappointing!

For those who haven't been following my legal fight, 18 months ago I took part in an action in Qld. We occupied a worksite owned by Adani. I was charged with trespass which I plead guilty to and paid a \$300 fine.

I was also charged with Obstructing Police, to which I pleaded not guilty. I had to visit Qld to defend myself in court. I couldn't afford a lawyer and so I defended myself.

My defence was fairly legalistic, the police officer had suggested several ways that I could leave the site. In each case, I offered a reason why I thought it was unsafe. Since he didn't dispute my objection, I assumed he agreed with me and so I didn't bother complying with his direction.

The judge took a more pragmatic view:

- The police Officer told me to leave
- I could have left if I really wanted to
- I didn't leave
- Therefore guilty.

I was given a \$1,000 fine, but no conviction was recorded against me, so I am not a convicted criminal!

The result was disappointing, but it was an experience and I learnt a lot about the legal process.

It hasn't deterred me from taking further action so I dare say I will be going through the legal process again in the next few months.

Alan Cuthbertson

## Food Swap

As the winter has us enjoying warm fires and soup we are keeping our monthly foodswap indoors with a kettle, cuppa and friendly chatter with the door closed.. follow the signs and you will find us in the MPS school kitchen or the castle, or the rotunda if the sun is out!

Join us on Sunday Aug 4, from 10:30am to 11:30am for a cuppa and a chat as we swap seeds, seedlings and produce at the Montmorency Primary School.

Do you have any plant growing and not sure if it's edible? Bring it along and we'll see if we can identify it.

Plenty of herbs but no produce, cause the possums ate it? You are not alone! Join us anyway.

Enquiries to [montymoves@gmail.com](mailto:montymoves@gmail.com)

## Documentary Film 2040

Monty Community Group and Sustainability Greensborough are hosting the documentary film "2040"

**When:** Wednesday 14th August

**Time:** 8:00pm

**Where:** Hoyts Cinema Greensborough

**Cost:** \$22

**Followed by a guest speaker**

**Tickets must be bought online at [www.fan-force.com.au](http://www.fan-force.com.au)**

**We must sell 60 tickets by Aug 2nd for the screening to proceed.**

**This is a child friendly film and is appropriate for children from upper primary and above. Bring the whole family**

<https://fan-force.com/screenings/2040-hoyts-cinemas-greensborough/>

2040 is a hybrid feature documentary that looks to the future, but is vitally important NOW! Award-winning director Damon Gameau (That Sugar Film) embarks on journey to explore what the future could look like by the year 2040 if we simply embraced the best solutions already available to us to improve our planet and shifted them rapidly into the mainstream. Structured as a visual letter to his 4-year-old daughter, Damon blends traditional documentary with dramatized sequences and high-end visual effects to create a vision board of how these solutions could regenerate the world for future generations.



## Sustainable Watsonia Open Day

The June Sustainable watsonia open day was fantastic. Over 340 people came through and all of the eight activities were popular. There were many new faces and most stayed for a while to chat, share and connect.

It was an indication of community participation in action with about 26 volunteers plus a few extra who arrived on the day to help.

Cindy and Hartley from Gurwidj neighbourhood house held a unique smoking ceremony and Cindy facilitated the yarnning circle around the fire where people learnt about looking after the land and shared their thoughts as the message stick was passed around. It was a beautiful casual opportunity for people to relax and discuss indigenous links to the land.

There were many highlights of the day which include;

- A repair café where people brought items for mending and fixing. There were 6 fixers & 3 facilitators with a few enthusiastic fixers joining in on the day. It was a popular event with people queuing up and 4 people arrived on the day asking to help. In addition to this there has been lots of interest after the event; for inquiries ring 9434 6717
- We had a full house in the skill share area in the Lounge room. A group of people sat with participants sharing knowledge of clothing repair. It was a lovely atmosphere and across the foyer the share table and information area always had people too. These spaces allowed for a quiet chat, learning about the transition movement and Diamond Valley LETS, and for generosity and giving to be experienced with the share table.
- Alan Cuthbertson led a group of 20 people on a tour of the retrofitted house discussing energy management.
- A diverse range of people discussing public transport and disability with the group from VALID (advocacy for people with disability) around the fire
- A casual chat chaired by Lucy Bovessa with the theme "it's not always easy being green", again around the fire where we shared issues we face in our busy world while trying to live through a sustainable living lens.

I was heartened to see a range of ages and men also present at both these conversations which covered topics like looking after the land, connecting with country, using lists well, managing your inbox (emails), life balance and mindfulness.

The fire as a focal point gave a lovely softness to the day which was made possible thanks to Julie, Aaron, Lucy and Sophie who brought sticks, wood and the fire pit (which was wheeled up the road that morning). All OH&S precautions were followed with water, hydrant etc. available and a warden on duty.

Angela arrived and set up the crochet coral not coal stand which fitted in beautifully, I know many people enjoyed a quiet chat with her in the art

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## Sustainable Watsonia Open Day (cont)

room. The other group acting independently were Roving Refills who set up on two trestles under a marquee in the garden space and looked great. They love the day and are community minded people sharing a message about reducing landfill by re-using containers.

Lastly a significant point to recognise is that people came to our open day from other transition groups and had a great time. It is brilliant to connect and network at these grass root events with each other as this renews our passion and spirit to continue sustainability, environment and community development work together.

Project Officer  
Sophie Miller

### PickMyProject

#### Solar Panels!

We are making progress on our plans to install \$100,00 worth of solar panels for Not For Profit Groups!

Our first order is about to be signed with the Ivanhoe Scout Group.

We are talking to other scout groups and the Monty Tennis club and Keon Park Kindergarten.

If you know of a Not For profit group who may be interested, please pass on their details to me.

The only requirements are:

- They have a suitable roof
- They pay for their own power
- They are happy to pay back the panels over 10 years out of the savings they make

Our main aim is to install the panels. If they don't make any savings, they don't pay us back. Any payments will be used to install panels elsewhere.

### Cohousing Banyule

Workshop on sociocracy

17th August 1:30 – 4:30 pm

Save this date!

There will be limited places for this great little workshop on how to create projects and make decisions democratically and inclusively in our community.

We learned so much we are running it again! Please send an email for any further details and to be included when the flyer is launched so you get a chance to register before it fills!

[cohousingbanyule@gmail.com](mailto:cohousingbanyule@gmail.com)

\$10 per person to cover handouts and afternoon tea.

### Land Donated to Food Growing for Charity

Episode 21 of the ABC's Gardening Australia programme, tells the wonderful the Baguley family who have donated some of their market garden land to charities which distribute food to people in need. The seedlings and tools are donated and the work is done by volunteers. Large quantities of produce have been obtained by Fair Share, Second Bite and the ASRC Food Bank. The episode is on IView at

<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/gardening-australia>



# BANYULE SUGAR GLIDER PROJECT LAUNCH

Hear about our progress from volunteers  
and sugar glider enthusiasts  
Register for a nesting box  
Sugar glider footage

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CNR PROSPERITY RD & MAIN RD. LOWER PLENTY.  
SATURDAY AUGUST 24TH 4PM-6PM  
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**Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/BECBY](http://www.trybooking.com/BECBY)  
[www.transitionmonty.org/banyule-sugar-glider-project.html](http://www.transitionmonty.org/banyule-sugar-glider-project.html)  
Contact Sophie on 0422 989 035**

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**“18 YEARS SINCE TAMPA:  
WHEN WILL WE GET IT RIGHT?”**



**Montmorency Asylum Seekers Support Group  
invites you to our annual fundraising event**

**LUNCH WITH MASSG  
AND JULIAN BURNSIDE**

**at Bridges Restaurant, Hurstbridge,  
on Friday 6th September, 2019,  
12.30pm for a 1pm start.**

**Tickets are \$45 including a 2-course lunch.**

**Book online at**

**<https://www.trybooking.com/523200>**

More details at <https://massgblog.wordpress.com>  
or email [massglunch@gmail.com](mailto:massglunch@gmail.com)





Join the MASSG

# Long Winter Food Drive

— donate food from June 16th to July 22nd, 2019.

**Who's it for?** People seeking asylum and refugees

We're helping restock the [Asylum Seeker Resource Centre's Foodbank](#), which currently provides meals and food basics to over 700 people seeking asylum and refugees each week, most of whom have no income.

**What's needed?** Nonperishable essentials. Here's the ASRC's urgent list:

Food	Essentials
1. tinned tuna in oil	1. Coles Group & Myer gift cards for families to buy essentials such as underwear, kitchen utensils, heaters)
2. honey	2. nappies all sizes (hypo-allergenic preferred)
3. coconut cream	3. Unscented baby wipes
4 tinned tomatoes 400g	4.. Laundry powder
5. peanut butter & jam	5. Toothbrushes
6. Basmati rice	6. Disposable razors
7. breakfast cereal	7. shaving cream
8. tomato paste	8. Soap
9. sweet & savoury biscuits	9. deodorant
10. tinned fruit	

## Where do I drop off food?

**In Banyule:** 3 libraries are leading the food drive (Watsonia, Rosanna and Ivanhoe).

**In Eltham:** Earthbound Bolton Café, 266 Bolton St. or Vicki Ward MP, 1040 Main Road.

**In Montmorency:** 52 Looker Road.

**In Hurstbridge:** Nature's Harvest, 920 Main Road; Hurstbridge Deli & Larder, 4 Parker Rd.

**The Manningham Uniting Church** is taking donations.

**All food collected will be delivered by MASSG to the ASRC**

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

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Your membership will help to support initiatives of the Monty Community Group and our Transition Town program.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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