



MONTMORENCY COMMUNITY GROUP

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MCG is a Transition Town

We are connecting local people with ideas, vision and action to move from oil dependency to sustainable communities.

Be part of this vibrant group and help create a community that YOU would like to live in:

Growing food
Community gardens
Climate change action
Transport advocacy

The Transition Town (TT) movement is a global network of localised TT groups.

MCG aims to inspire and enhance connectedness and sustainable living within community.



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On behalf of the Monty Community Group Committee, we wish the community much love, laughter and good cheer for the festive season. Be kind to each other and share the joy.

Sugar Gliders return to Montmorency!

Volunteers were excited to discover sugar gliders in 2 recently installed sugar glider boxes last weekend. Although gliders are common in some surrounding suburbs such as Eltham – a live sugar glider has not been sighted in Montmorency for many years.



The sugar glider project was conceived last year to bring gliders back to Montmorency. With the help of Council and neighbouring men's sheds, 35 nesting boxes have been built. Over the last month Monty Community Group volunteers have been putting them up in local reserves. When they are all up more boxes will be assembled and painted by the Lower Plenty and Eltham's men sheds.

If you would like to help us welcome our new arrivals consider buying a nesting box for just \$15. An order can be placed by emailing montysugargliders@gmail.com

To learn more about sugar gliders and other nocturnal neighbours consider joining us on our Pecks Dam Spotlight Walk on Saturday the 17th January 7.30 – 8.30pm.

Further details in the flier below.



Pecks Dam spotlight discovery walk

Come and meet our nocturnal neighbours at Pecks Dam. We will walk around this secluded waterhole to look for and/ or hear sugar gliders, micro bats, owls and many types of frogs. As well, hear strange and interesting facts about Peck's Dam native residents from our guest speaker Richard Francis, zoologist and botanist and Managing Director of ABZECO.

When; Saturday 17th January, 7.30pm - 8.30 pm

Cost; Free.

Where. Pecks Dam is found at the end of Napier Cres or Pedersen Way Montmorency. It can be accessed on foot via a walk through, next to house 152 Grand Boulevard.

Bookings/enquiries Call Jane on 0412 468 432 or email Montysugargliders@gmail.com

This is an initiative of the Montmorency Community Group and Montmorency South Primary School.

Good news from Belmont Reserve

The efforts of the Friends of Monty Bushlands are being rewarded. At Belmont Reserve, the small indigenous plants and shrubs put in at working bees are doing very well. The slopes of the reserve are looking a picture at the moment, with abundant spear grasses, kangaroo grasses, wallaby grasses and yellow flowers. Recent rain has encouraged fresh growth. It is well worth taking a look if you are in the area.

At Saturday's working bee, our Bush Crew supervisor, Paul, introduced a new activity for us – seed collecting. We collected bags of wallaby grass seed and some microlaena and spear grasses as well. The best time of year for grass seed collecting is November-December. This seed will be stored in cool conditions over the summer and will be ready to sow next April and plant out later in the year. It is wonderful to see that indigenous vegetation in our reserves is becoming self-sustaining!

We were also delighted to see the two nesting boxes for sugar gliders installed in trees near the entrance in Belmont Crescent. We are now waiting for these cute little animals to take up residence. Paul is currently working on the FOMB program for our reserves next year. It will include another seed collecting activity, more community plantings with barbeques and possibly a sugar glider-related activity.

Pam Rowley

Note date for Monty Foodswap in January – Sunday 11 January (second Sunday)

Our local monthly foodswaps continue to attract newcomers to the area and new swappers and this is fabulous. Thanks again to everyone who comes along with whatever you have to swap, or just comes along to join in, if you want to find out what we do. (We really just have a great natter, and as well we swap veggies and fruit and herbs and seedlings and worm tea and sometimes egg cartons and marmalades. There's always a surprise something!) If you came along to the December swap you would have been amazed at the variety and abundance of seedlings (thanks especially to Norm and Lee) and lettuce (thanks to Yvonne for her lettuce leaves washed three times by the recent rain), and those delicious early nectarines (thanks Helen for sharing a wok-full!).

Please note our January food swap will be held on the second Sunday of the month Sunday January 11 (just for January, then we will revert to the first Sunday from February onwards) again in Were Street park, from 10.30am to 11.30 am. If you like the way Norm prepares his seedlings using newspaper, he will be demonstrating this for us to have a go. Everyone is welcome.

If you can come a little earlier than 10.30am, say 10.15am to help with set up that would be great. For any questions or further details please contact Katherine on 0439 652 680 or email us at montymoves@gmail.com with "January food swap" in the subject.



EVENTS

Open Mic Night

Busybird Publishing
Studio Gallery
2/118 Para Road
Montmorency 3094
Wednesday 17
December
7.00pm-9.00pm
Entry by gold coin donation,
includes supper.
For more information call
Blaise on 0416 157 281.

Monty Food Swap

Sunday 11 January
10.30-11.30am
Were Street

Peck's Dam Discovery Walk

Saturday 17 January
7.30-8.30pm
Pecks Dam

INTERNATIONAL DIVESTMENT DAY

FEB 13-14 2015

Almanacs for sale

We still have some Banyule Gardeners Almanacs for sale. At only \$5 a copy, what a wonderful locally produced gift they make for friends and neighbours and families, and they would also make a nice accompaniment to a potted or gardening gift. And notice how they can help make for great new years resolutions like “this year I’ll keep a record of what I plant and when I pick tomatoes / beans / peas / capsicums” etc.

You can find them for sale at local shops including:

** Edes and Bibi Organic Foods and Groceries in Were Street. See what’s in season as well at Edes & Bibi

** and our fabulous supporters at Bulleen Art and Garden (BAAG) in Manningham Road Bulleen. You may have seen them around as they gave us a generous donation of seeds for the Almanac launch, and if you have a discount voucher as handed out at this month’s food swap, you can spend that too! For what’s on, such as their 2015 pumpkin growing comp, or their latest art pieces for indoors or the garden, see <https://plus.google.com/+bulleenartandgarden/posts>

or contact Katherine on 0439 652 680 to arrange for a copy or two.

Local Home Harvest Feast is back for 2015

Have you heard that this local celebration of home growing and seasonal summer and autumn produce will be held on Sunday 15 March 2015. For the feast, locals like us grow and donate something from the garden, something common like herbs or silver beet, or something different that you might be growing this year. For all gardeners and aspiring gardeners to join in, have a go, even if you’ve never grown anything before. You will be welcome!

To sign up as a grower, and secure your feast ticket, all growers in the areas of Banyule and Nillumbik are invited! You can get ideas on what to grow over summer, and tips on growing, and register at

http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/Environment/Home_Harvest_Feast_2015/All_about_the_Home_Harvest_Feast_2015

The Transition Streets Challenge

A few folk from the different transition groups across Banyule (Monty Community Group, Sustainable Macleod, T3081 and Transition Banyule) got together over the last few months, to review and pilot this fantastic and engaging program initiated by Transition Newcastle. Some of us revised the chapters to make them more fitting to Victoria, some of us participated in fortnightly gatherings to discuss various topics as guided by the workbook. These topics included Water, Energy, Food, Transport, Waste and Consumption and more. The amazing thing was that even for those of us who thought we knew a bit, there was always something more to learn, and new ways and new fun challenges to try.

One participant commented: “We had some great discussions, and some good laughs when we realised a few assumptions that we had made along the way were not actually correct! In all seriousness, it was an engaging, sometimes challenging, and very rewarding experience to be part of it. Well worth the effort.”

When the new books are finished we will be rolling out a number of Transition Streets Challenge Groups across Banyule, thanks to a grant from Banyule Council to assist with printing and a launch event in 2015.

If you would like to be part of this, or start a group in your street or neighbourhood, please contact Katherine on 0439 652 680, or email us at montymoves@gmail.com with “transition streets challenge” in the subject.

NEXT MCG STEERING GROUP MEETING

all members welcome

Wednesday 4 February at
Busybird Publishing
Studio Gallery
2/118 Para Road
Montmorency
7.00pm–8.30pm
(behind Walkers Wheels)

Next Meeting in February

Our continuing and new members of the Monty Community Group steering committee will have our first meeting together on the first Wednesday in February. That will be Wednesday 4th February at Busybird Publishing, 2/118 Para Road, Montmorency, so please contact our Convenor Alan at montymoves@gmail.com with "next steering group meeting" in the subject, if you have some project ideas, or if you would just like to come along to join in for a meeting.

Minimising the impact of indian mynas on indigenous (local) birds

Indian Mynas are very aggressive and will attack local birds, destroying nests and killing chicks. They compete with local birds for access to nesting sites and will even kill small birds such as thornbills that make their own nests.

Because they roost in groups, Indian Mynas droppings can accumulate and pose a health risk to people.

How you can help:

Don't let Indian Mynas nest on your property. Destroy nests if you see them. Nests will be in hollows of trees or in nooks in buildings. Mynas will line the nests with soft materials such as grass or plastic which you can remove. While this might seem cruel, reducing the numbers of Mynas will help other birds to breed.

Don't give them a free lunch. If Mynas are eating food you are putting out for the birds, please stop. Check that Mynas are not eating pet food or food from your compost heap.

Provide cover for small birds. Dense prickly shrubs such as Prickly Moses or Hedge Wattle will provide a refuge for small birds under attack. Banyule offers residents Buy-One-Get-One-Free plant vouchers for indigenous plants.

Info from Banyule Council website:

<http://www.banyule.vic.gov.au/Council/Environment-and-Sustainability/Wildlife/Pests/Indian-Mynas>

How can I tell an Indian Myna from a native myna?

It's good to see some pictures. I find the yellow legs a bit of a tell tale sign. Follow this link from the local Yarra action group to determine how to distinguish the introduced Mynas from the locals

<http://www.yimag.org.au/indian-myna-identification.html>

Some seasonal inspiration from transition folk in the UK

Have you heard of a book called Incredible Edible Todmorden? Or perhaps you've heard of the project, or seen a video clip about them.

What happened? In 2008, a group of local residents initiated the Incredible Edible Todmorden project to raise awareness of food issues and in particular local food and food provenance. The project has been responsible for the planting of 40 public fruit and vegetable gardens throughout the town, with each plot inviting passers-by to help themselves to the open source produce. The project has attracted publicity, media attention and visitors, and the idea has been replicated in at least fifteen towns and villages in the UK. And they've just published a book! See [here](#) for a review -

<http://www.transitionnetwork.org/blogs/rob-hopkins/2014-12/one-minute-review-incredible-pam-warhurst-joanna-dobson>

Maybe someone could suggest our library network buy a copy, or perhaps someone will buy a copy and donate it to our library.

See a little song they put together with a bit of joyful inspiration.... with the power of small actions we can make heaven right here on earth if everyone tries.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h0ZLxOumr9E>

And for a summer read of the UK Transition newsletter (actually we recommend signing up and getting this monthly) see <http://www.transitionnetwork.org/news/2014-12-04/december-2014-transition-network-newsletter>

And for more inspiring stories from around the world in transition see the following link for stories around a particular transition theme (energy, housing, food etc) see <http://www.transitionnetwork.org/transition-themes>

A wrap up on 2014

As a way of saying yay to 2014, and a pat on the back for all the work towards a positive vision for a stronger, more resilient local community, we are compiling a list and commentary on our accomplishments from 2014, for publishing early in 2015.

If you would like to contribute something – a review of the community dinners at Cherry Red, a comment or a poem or a photo, perhaps from an event in the park, or one of our games nights or foodswaps, or our Almanac, or our market stall at Monty Primary School, or our attempts at community gardening, maybe a local sustainability story from your school or your local group, or anything else, please contact a steering committee member, or perhaps email us at montymoves@gmail.com with “wrap up on 2014” in the subject, and in the email add your comments or review, your name and a contact phone number too please, and you might just see yourself in print for 2015!

Solar Panels and Batteries

The economics of solar panels and batteries is quiet complex and difficult to understand. What I would like to do is to explain it in a different way which will hopefully clarify issues. I will assume initially that power used in the home costs 30 cents per kwh and excess power can be sold back to the grid for 9 cents per kwh. Let's also assume a usage profile in the house of 12 kwh per day (ie.5 kw for 24 hours a day), equally spread over the day. I will also assume it costs \$1,500 to install 1 KW of solar panels and they generate 4 kwh per day or 1,400 kwh per year.

The first .5 kw of panels is very cost effective. All of the power will be used in the house so the annual saving will be 700 kwh times 30 cents or \$210. The \$750 cost of the panels is paid of in just over 3.5 years.

The next .5 kw of panels is also pretty good. 90% of the power will be used in the house and 10% fed back into the grid so the annual saving will drop to \$195. The \$750 cost of the panels is paid of in 4 years.

After installing 5 kw of panels on the roof, the next .5 kw of panels will be less cost effective. Only 20% of the power will be used in the house and 80% fed back into the grid so the annual saving for these panels drops to \$92. The \$750 cost of the panels is paid of in just over 8 years which is still pretty good.

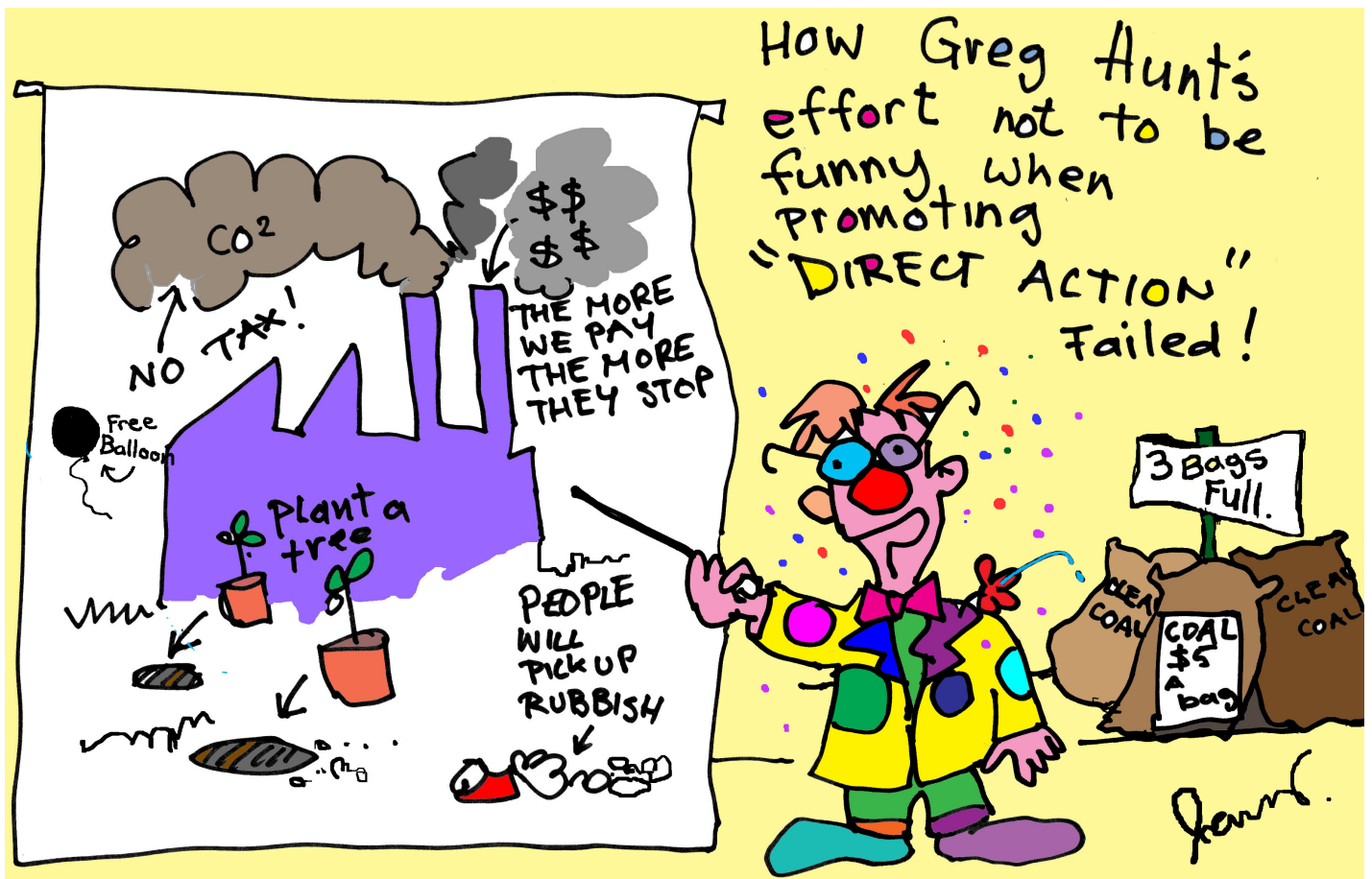
At that stage though, is it better to use batteries? Rather than sell the energy for 9 cents per kwh, is it better to store it in a battery and use it at night time and save 30 cents? The price for a 1 Kwh battery is around \$750. Assuming we have spare power each day, we can store 1 kwh of power during the day and use it at night, a saving of 21 cents. If we do that every day of the year, we save \$55 a year, taking 15 years to pay it off, not a terribly good investment. Batteries would have to halve in cost before it is more worthwhile than investing in additional solar panels. Besides costs of batteries, there is also the issue of how long they last. I would expect 5 – 10 years, which is much less than the life of panels.

Assuming you did install 10 kwh of batteries, the economics of additional batteries gets worse. The additional batteries will only be used when there has not been sufficient solar power to charge the first 10 kwh of batteries. This will only occur around 100 times a year, so each kwh battery is only returning \$21 a year.

Let's return to the solar panels. I assumed that you can always sell your power back to the electricity companies. At the moment this is true since renewables accounts for only 6% of the power generated. Even in peak production they never reach 100% of the demand – although recently this did occur in South Australia which has a much higher percentage of wind energy. If renewables reach 20% of production, peak production will exceed demand and you won't be able to sell power to the power companies. The 9 cents will drop to zero cents, reducing the value of additional panels. Of course this helps the case for batteries, since the value increases from 21 to 30 cents.

What about the dream of going “off grid”? This is a different calculation which I will look at next month.

Alan Cuthbertson



Friends of Montmorency Bushlands

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Want to help restore and beautify our nature reserves?
To find out how, or to receive our 2014 calendar, ring Pam on 9439 1853
or email pauwley@chariot.com.au

We are now on Facebook!
facebook.com/friendsofmontmorencybushlands

A nine part TV series worth watching

YEARS OF LIVING DANGEROUSLY SBS 1 9.30 TUESDAYS

Or catch up on SBS on demand

Climate change is the biggest story of our time, and this nine-part winner of the 2014 Emmy Award for Outstanding Nonfiction Series tells it like never before. Separate stories around climate change unfold across nine episodes, told by a cast of A-list Hollywood celebrities and high-profile journalists, including Harrison Ford, Matt Damon, Jessica Alba, Michael C. Hall, Ian Somerhalder, Olivia Munn, Arnold Schwarzenegger, America Ferrara, and more. These correspondents travel to areas throughout the U.S. and around the world to interview both experts and ordinary people affected by, and seeking solutions to, the impacts of climate change. Presented by Jamie Durie. (From the US) (Documentary Series) PG CC

Click on the blue links below to catch up on previous episodes.

Episode 1, "Dry Season" -

- The differences in thinking between religious and non-religious people in the US and how they interpret climate change.
- Deforestation and palm oil in Indonesia and how it relates to carbon emissions.
- Drought and its connection to civil war.

<http://www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/video/356560963577/years-of-living-dangerously-s1-ep1-dry-season>

In Episode 2, "End of the Woods" –

- Harrison Ford investigates the global effects of the palm oil industry, corruption in Indonesia and greenhouse gases caused by rainforest deforestation.
- Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger joins fire fighters fighting forest fires made deadly by climate change.
- Discovery of insects migrating as a result of climate change.

<http://www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/video/360413251643/years-of-living-dangerously-s1-ep2-end-of-the-woods>

In Episode 3, "The Surge"

- Superstorm Sandy and how it affected towns and families.
- A climate sceptic Republican who changes his position.
- Politicians circle the globe to see the effects of climate change firsthand and interview scientists about global warming.
- Data collected around the world, for example at Christmas Island, where El Niños began.

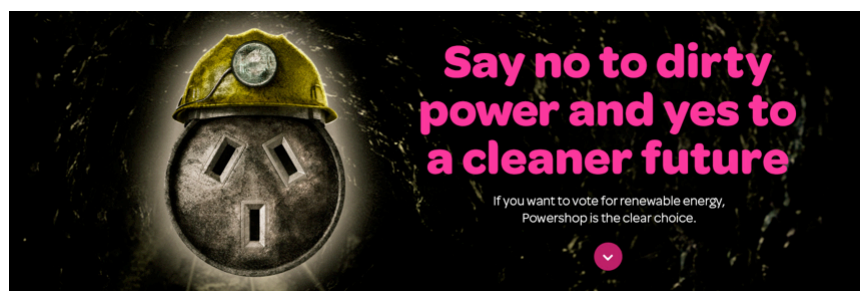
Years of Living Dangerously has an incredibly informative webpage which includes a "what you can do" tab and a Facebook page. There is still hope yet if we all get active and off our sofas.

<http://yearsoflivingdangerously.com/>

POWERSHOP

Claire gave a presentation on Powershop at our last community dinner. Getup (an environmental and humanitarian lobby group) is running a "make the switch" campaign to get people to switch away from 'the Big 3' energy providers (Energy Australia, AGL & Origin). These electricity

companies and others have been lobbying the government to weaken the Renewable Energy Target. Powershop on the other hand has been lobbying to keep the RET. By putting our money where our mouth is we can send a strong message to both energy companies and the government that the RET is worth keeping. Powershop is owned by Meridian, which is an international renewable company with headquarters in New Zealand but has offices and wind farms in Australia.



Several Powershop perks include:

- The Essential Services Report from 2013 took a snapshot of 2013 prices and compared them. Powershop's prices were within the cheapest 3 in all 15 scenarios.

- Ranked as Victoria's greenest energy provider by Greenpeace's Green Electricity Guide.

<http://www.greenpeace.org/australia/en/what-we-do/climate/The-Green-Electricity-Guide/>

- Mobile app which connects to your Smart meter
- A mobile app that displays your daily, weekly and monthly usage in both kW and dollars.
- "Switch your mate" incentive. Powershop gives you and your mate \$75 free energy for every person you switch to Powershop.
- They pay your exit fees from your previous electricity company.
- Zero contracts required to join.
- Ability to purchase energy from other green energy providers through their mobile app.
- If you are not an "app" or a smartphone person then you don't need to use it, just let the company direct debit your account on a monthly basis and don't think about it again.



See link below to sign up.

<https://www.getup.org.au/campaigns/climate-action-now/energyswitch-faqs/our-massive-next-move-on-renewables?t=dXNlcmllkPTlwMzY3NixlbWFpbGlkPTQ4MzU%3D>

INTERNATIONAL DIVESTMENT DAY FEB 13-14 2015

AN EMAIL FORWARDED FROM 350.org

As negotiators meet in Lima exactly one year before a new climate agreement needs to be signed in Paris, we face a pivotal moment in our movement's response to the climate crisis. We know that world leaders won't act in accordance with the urgency of the climate crisis as long as the fossil fuel industry holds the balance of power.

That's why a growing global fossil fuel divestment movement has been directly challenging the power of these rogue corporations who prioritise profits at the expense of people and planet. In just two years, this movement has already secured huge victories that are putting the industry on the backfoot. But to truly win this fight, we need to step things up.

So, this February, 350.org and gofossilfree.org are holding the first ever Global Divestment Day and we'd love you to join us.

On February 13 and 14*, thousands of people around the world will turn out to take collective action and demand institutions do right by the climate by divesting from fossil fuels.

Exciting plans are already taking shape on 5 different continents.

- Students will hold flash-mobs, vigils, sit-ins and rallies calling upon their university endowments to invest in a liveable future.
- We'll be joined by the UK and Africa as, together, we close our accounts with banks and super funds investing in climate chaos.
- Faith leaders, doctors, farmers and people living on the frontline of climate change will band together to urge their communities to divest from climate destruction.
- In financial capitals, people will gather for large, colourful rallies calling on investors to break up with the fossil fuel industry and sever their ties once and for all.

Together, we will show that we are a global and growing force to be reckoned with. As the fossil fuel industry throws more money at fossil fuel expansion, we will turn up the volume of the divestment movement. And we won't stop until we win.

Join us to for Global Divestment Day and together; let's make fossil fuels history!

Sign up at <http://gofossilfree.org/australia-gdd/>

Claire will be participating and welcoming any Montmorency Community Group members who sign up. Please send an email to our Montmorency Community Group Facebook page in order to link up with other participants from our local area.

SUSTAINABLE CHRISTMAS IDEAS

Christmas is both a lovely and a stressful time of year for our family. Having children and seeing their faces light up over the magic is certainly one of the best parts of the day. However, as I have been getting older I have increasingly been thinking about the impact the day has on our planet.

This year our family had decided to cut the waste and do the following:

- Use reusable Christmas bags instead of wrapping paper. Last year I filled 2 garbage bags with paper. This did not leave me with any pleasant feelings, as I know the current state of our environment.
- Make homemade food which can either be stored or frozen as a present and accompany with home made cards.
- Before you rush out and buy a new tree. Have a look at the link below to find the most sustainable option. Plastic takes a long time to breakdown in landfill.

<http://www.australianethical.com.au/news/tree-or-not-tree-sustainable-christmas-tree-conundrum>

- Give charity gift cards to one another from our favourite charities.
- Australian Youth Climate Coalition is fighting to save the Great Barrier Reef from the destruction of coal



mining companies and have created fundraising cards for Christmas. <http://www.aycc.org.au/xmas>

- Oxfam Unwrapped have a great range of cards and projects.

https://unwrapped.oxfam.org.au/?utm_source=UW&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=topnav

Market Forces is an affiliate project of Friends of the Earth Australia and a member of the BankTrack international network. Market Forces have been connecting with passionate campaigners, environmental issue experts and have been advocating for environmentally sustainable behaviour from the finance sector. Market Forces have created interactive webpages for people to see how their bank and superfunds are funding the fossil fuel industry and encouraging people and organisations to divest (move their money away from fossil fuels).

Examples of their work include:

- <http://www.marketforces.org.au/banks/map/>
- www.superswitch.org.au

Market Forces and Friends Earth desperately need more money to continue their good work for 2015. Please donate if possible:

- <http://www.givenow.com.au/foemarketforces>

Kids Christmas ideas

- The Enviro shop in Northcote has a range of sustainable presents for kids. It looks like they have solar phone chargers and numerous other sustainable toys in their shop.

<http://www.enviroshop.com.au/>

- Eco toys in Montmorency have a range of things for kids.
- <http://www.ecotoys.com.au/>



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- * Art Workshops & Gallery
- * Sustainable Garden Consultancies
- * Landscape Supplies and Nursery
- * Local & Handcrafted Gifts

* known universe may possibly be an exaggeration... but we do have LOTS & LOTS!

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See www.communityexchange.net.au for details*.**

Check out our website www.baulchplumbing.com.au for service details.

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Excellent Christmas present!!

Walk With Me To Everest Base Camp and Back

A gorgeous coffee table book with over 300 full colour images of Nepal. Some proceeds are going to CMT, a nerve degenerative condition that makes it hard for suffers to walk great distances.

\$59.95

See website for details
www.bushbird.com.au
or pop into our studio at
2/118 Para Road, Montmorency



Please send us your contributions for the Monty Community Group Newsletter.

What is your burning issue?

Do you want to:

- Form an interest group?
- Write a paragraph on your favourite topic?
- Advertise a community event?

**Keep the Monty Community
informed.**

Email us at: montymoves@gmail.com

www.transitionmonty.org



Vision and Purpose

Montmorency Community Group – A Transition Town

The Montmorency Community Group acts as a catalyst to bring together residents and locally-based groups that share a common goal of building a stronger more resilient local community. It utilises the Transition Town model to help create a community that is socially, environmentally and economically sustainable, in the face of changes brought about by Climate Change and Peak Oil.

It achieves this through:

- awareness raising activities
- building strong networks to build an inclusive community
- undertaking practical projects to reduce our impact on the planet,
- promoting the well being of local residents.

The Montmorency Community Group is guided by principles of social justice, the valuing of differences, a respect for all views and personal and community empowerment, and principles embedded in the Universal Declaration of Human rights and The Earth Charter.



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<https://www.facebook.com/MontmorencyCommunityGroup?fref=ts>

CONTRIBUTIONS to our newsletter are welcome. Please send articles of interest to the newsletter coordinator by the 10th of each month. The newsletter is issued on the 15th of the month.

ADVERTISING

Advertising is \$10 per quarter page but must be in line with the MCG ideals of community and sustainability.

Newsletter coordinator is Blaise van Hecke

Email: busybird@bigpond.net.au

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Montmorency Community Group Inc. Membership Form 2014–2015

You are invited to become a financial member of the Monty Community Group, by filling out this form and posting it (with your membership fee if you would like to pay by cheque) to the Monty Community Group at the address below.

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

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.**

Payment by Cheque: Payment Enclosed: \$_____

Cheques payable to: Montmorency Community Group
c/- 251 Old Eltham Rd, Lower Plenty, 3093