



MONTMORENCY COMMUNITY GROUP

www.transitionmonty.org

May 2016

Featuring

- Food Swap
- Stop the Coal
- FOMB
- Classifieds

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



Next meeting

Wednesday 1 June 2016,
7–9pm
at Busybird Publishing
2/118 Para Road
Montmorency 3094

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.

Steering Group

Convenor: Alan Cuthbertson

Co-convenor:

Katherine Barling

Treasurer: Ross Woodham

Secretary: Pam Rowley

Member Secretary:

Alison Johns

Ordinary members:

Barbara Jackson

Rohan Johns

Blaise van Hecke

Karl Bates

Margaret O'Dowd

Jane Oldfield

Kathryn Landers

Meet Your Community

Food Swap – Pizza Day

At this month's food swap we had our annual Pizza day. The weather was cold and windy, but at least the rain didn't come. This kept our numbers down from the usual turnout.

We had the normal cheese, tomato, pumpkin and herb pizzas, but the standout success was an apple and cinnamon pizza. The nutella pizza was less of a success as it tended to burn!

It was terrific to see all the things people brought along, and a special thanks to those who made the pizza bases and tomato base, and those who helped on the day making the dough etc. Also, thanks to the Montmorency Primary School for providing the pizza oven.



For info, contact:

montymoves@gmail; or
phone Alan on 9439 8205 or
Katherine on 0439 652 680

We “Stopped The (Coal) Boats”

Last Saturday you may have heard of a blockade of the Newcastle coal port by around 1,500 protesters. Claire and myself were two of those protesters.

When we joined the protest we were not sure what would happen. Technically it is illegal to enter the shipping channel in the port. If the police asked you to leave and you didn't you could be arrested. I had never disobeyed a policeman before and wasn't sure if civil disobedience was really my thing. After all we live in a democracy and if you don't like something you vote for a government that will change it.

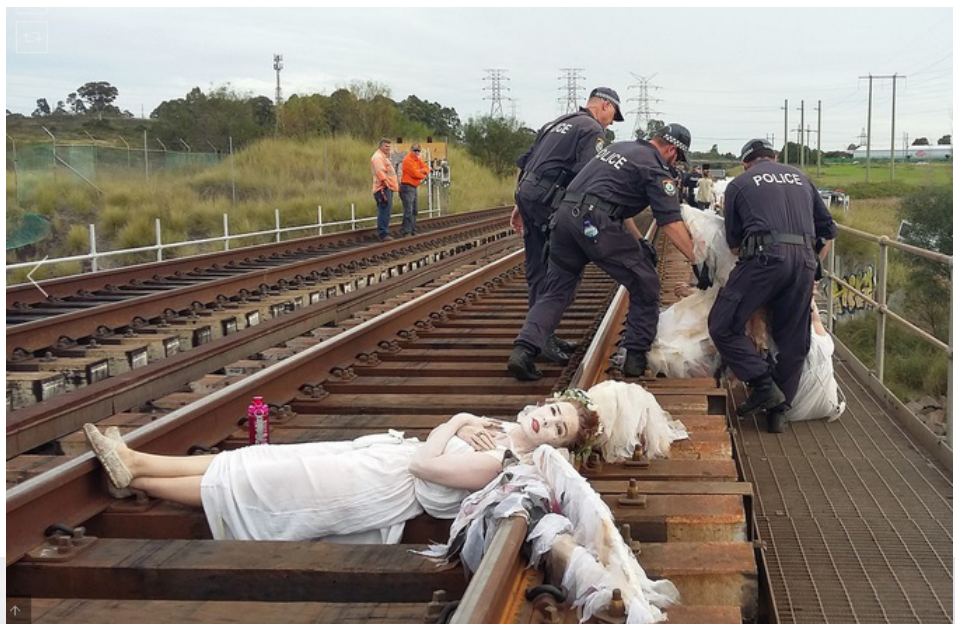
However, our government has signed the Paris agreement to limit climate change to 1.5 degrees. To do that 75% of all known reserves of fossil fuels must stay in the ground. Until our government can admit to this and come up with a plan to achieve it, we have a right to take steps to highlight the issue.

I feel that the actions of the fossil fuel industry is a crime against future generations. This is not unlike the actions of the asbestos industry and we are entitled to take non-violent direct action against them. This is even more so when they continue to want to open new mines such as the giant Carmichael mine in Qld that Adani wishes to open.

Anyway, back to Newcastle. Over 1,500 people were present and around 400 took to the water in canoes. And we won! The coal industry decided that the bad publicity from running over some canoes wasn't worth it and all shipping movements were halted for the whole day. The police were quite friendly. They kept an eye on us from several boats and jets skis, but took no further action. So we were not arrested. However for 70 other protesters it was a different story. They lay on the train line, stopping coal trains for 6 hours. All were arrested, including the Climate Angels.

For more information, visit www.australia.breakfree2016.org .

Alan Cuthbertson



Friends of Montmorency Bushlands

Want to help restore and beautify our nature reserves?

To find out how, or to receive our 2016 calendar, ring

Pam on 9439 1853

or email prowley@chariot.com.au

We are now on Facebook!

facebook.com/friendsofmontmorencybushlands

EVENTS

Open Mic Night

Busybird Publishing

Wednesday 18 May

7–9pm

2/118 Para Road

Montmorency

Entry \$5.

Read your poetry, stories,
sing us a song.

Friends of Monty Bushlands

Saturday 4 June

10am–12noon

Belmont Reserve Map 21
F6

Planting+ BBQ: Re-
introducing more herbs
to both bollard areas with
some grass species also
ENQUIRIES:

**Ratray, Belmont and
Wooded Way Reserves**

Contact: Pam on 94391853
or Julia on 94392378

Pecks Dam

Contact George on
94397375

Monty Food Swap

Sunday 5 June

10.30–11.30am

**Monty Primary
School**

Montmorency Asylum Seekers Support Group

Location: Uniting Church,
cnr Mountainview Rd and
Ratray Rd

or Monty Primary School

Convenor: Maree Krohn
9432 0190, maree.krohn@bigpond.com

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Saturday 21 May, 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Montmorency Uniting Church

Cnr Rattray and Mountainview Roads, Montmorency

Guest speaker: Refugee advocate, Kobra Moradi

\$15/\$10 Refreshments by donation

Enquiries: Lisa 0467 801 579 or Sophie 0422 989 035

Book online: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/frame-by-frame-tickets-24552476117

Friendship Concert

a FREE, Family Friendly Event



Come and share
music and supper
with asylum seekers
and refugees

Date: June 18 2016

Time: 6.30 for 7pm start

Venue: Living Faith Church, 37 Grimshaw Street, Greensborough
(opposite Watermarc: ample parking at rear of the church)

Performing on the night are
The Wonderful Chocolate Lilies (below),
Brent Watkins on the *didgeridoo*,
The Travellers from *Sudan and Burma*,
The *local talent* of Heather Simms
MC Mal Webb



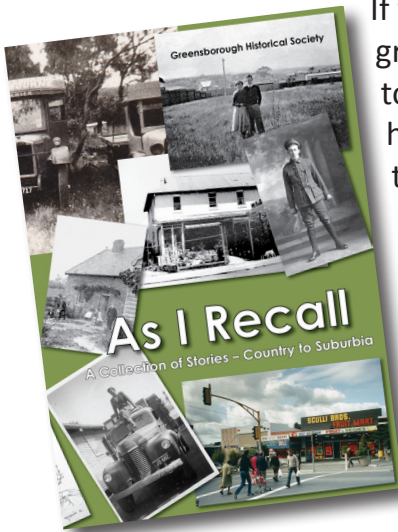
Living Faith Church Social Justice Group & Montmorency Asylum Seekers Support Group

Inquiries: Rex 94355588 <https://massgblog.wordpress.com/>

Donations to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre welcome 😊

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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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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 2015–2016

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