



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.

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

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Margaret O'Dowd

Jane Oldfield

Kathryn Landers

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phone Alan on 9439 8205 or
Katherine on 0439 652 680

Your Community

Montmorency Community Group AGM

The Montmorency Community Group will be holding its Annual General meeting at 6:30 on Saturday 14th November at the Montmorency Primary School. We are still working out the exact format for the evening, but the plan is:

6:30 AGM
7:00 Shared Meal
7:45 Guest speakers.

AGM

One thing that we need to vote on at the meeting is changes to the constitution to bring it in line with the draft constitution from the Justice Dept.

We also have some guest speakers! Some of the students from the Montmorency Primary School will talk to us about the school and its environmental program

This will be an opportunity to celebrate our achievements and to look forward to what we hope to achieve over the next 12 months. Anyone is welcome, but you have to be a financial member to vote for people on the committee. These elections are not quite as hard fought as leadership elections for the liberal party!

If you would like to be involved either as a committee member or as just a helper,

come along to the meeting and put your name forward. If you wish to talk about what is involved, send through an email or give me a call.

Alan Cuthbertson
Co-convenor
9439 8205
alan@diydoublinglaze.com.au

Climate Change March

Have you ever marched for a cause in the City? Perhaps your last march was back in the days of the Vietnam War? Well, if there is only one march you ever go to in your life, the Climate March in November is it!

As you are aware, nations of the world will be meeting in Paris later this year to reach an agreement on addressing Climate Change.

A Worldwide weekend of action is planned for late November. Melbourne will be one of the world's first actions with a march in the City on Friday 27th November. This will start at around 5:30pm to allow city workers to join in.

The Montmorency Community Group plans to walk as a group with our banner to show our support. We would love it if you can join us.

I can't guarantee that marching will change what happens in Paris. However I can guarantee that not marching will not make a difference! So, be involved so that you can tell your grandchildren "I walked to save the planet"

We will be catching a train into the city so if you are interested in joining us please email us so we can coordinate activities. You can dress up and make some banners. This will be a family friendly march so we encourage you to bring your children. After all, it is them that we are marching for.

Alan Cuthbertson

Friends of Montmorency Bushlands

Want to help restore and beautify our nature reserves?

To find out how, or to receive our 2015 calendar, ring

Pam on 9439 1853

or email prowley@chariot.com.au

We are now on Facebook!

facebook.com/friendsofmontmorencybushlands

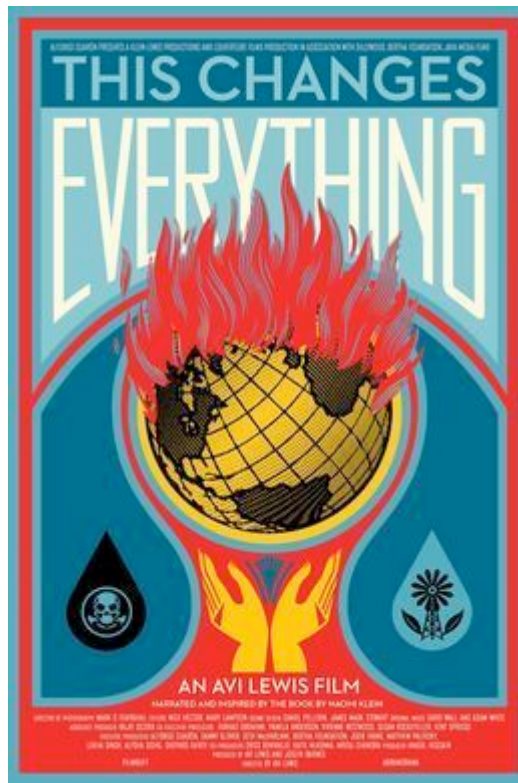
This Changes Everything

You may have heard of a book written by an international activist called Naomi Klein. She believes that climate change risks the future of the world and that it can only truly be resolved by addressing some of the underlying problems of the world that are created by capitalism and consumerism.

The Montmorency Community Group is hosting a showing of the film at Greensborough at 6:30 on Monday 9th November. For the screening to go ahead we need an additional 30 people to book before 2nd of November. So if you would like to join us for what should be a most thought provoking film, please book as soon as possible at <https://www.tugg.com/events/70207>. After the film, we will be adjourning for coffee in Greensborough.

If you have any questions, please speak to myself or Claire Holm.

Alan Cuthbertson



EVENTS

Food Swap

Sunday 1 November
10.30–11.30am

Monty Primary School

Friends of Monty Bushlands

Saturday 7 November
10am – 12 noon

Wooded Way

Map 21, D7

Handweeding: in designated location.

ENQUIRIES:

Ratray, Belmont and Wooded Way Reserves

Contact: Pam on 94391853
or Julia on 94392378

Pecks Dam

Contact George on
94397375

Montmorency Asylum Seekers Support Group

Monday 16 November
1.30pm

Location: Uniting Church,
cnr Mountainview Rd and Ratray Rd

or Monty Primary School

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

Open Mic Night

Wednesday 18 November

7.00pm-9.00pm Busybird
Publishing Studio Gallery

2/118 Para Road

Montmorency 3094

7.00pm-9.00pm

Entry \$5, includes supper.

For more information call

Blaise on 0416 157 281.



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Montmorency Community
Group (MCG)**

Montmorency Primary School Habitat Garden

At Montmorency Primary School, students, teachers and parents believe they have a “Most Habitat Friendly Garden.”

In August and September students from all grades weeded, prepared and planted 850 indigenous plants in the first phase of an exciting project with help from Banyule Council, teachers, parents and community members to improve the Banyule Wildlife Corridor, beautify the school and respect the First Peoples.

The project reflects the environmental values of the school which support a whole-school approach to developing and encouraging a sustainable lifestyle that helps children understand and appreciate their connection to, and impact upon the natural environment.

Principal's Report, continued...

Indigenous Planting

Can you believe that by the end of this week 850 plants will be planted in the area at the front of the school? Students from all grades have been involved in this initiative. Jaz and her team have enthusiastically and strategically designed this area using indigenous plants.

When this project began, Jim Mead from Banyule Council completed a Bio-diversity audit with our senior students. This will contribute to our Environmental star rating. The audit included how many logs and rocks we have as habitat for native animals, how many animal boxes we have in our trees as habitat for animals such as sugar gliders and how many native trees and shrubs are on school grounds. Although we received a high rating there is of course scope for improvement. Jaz has been teaching our students about the importance and difference between Native plants (being from Australia), Indigenous plants (being native to just our area) and Exotic plants (those plants from outside Australia).

Students have been learning about the need to plant indigenous plants as they are better suited to our conditions, our soil, the water available and our climate. We appreciate the many volunteers that contribute their time to ensure our school is always not only well maintained but also celebrates the importance of indigenous plants in our school environment. We are so fortunate to have Jaz's expertise as a Horticulturalist to assist our students as they develop their knowledge and love for a sustainable school environment.



Montmorency Primary School



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FREE TRAINING IN SAFE TREE ACCESS USING ROPE, HARNESS & LADDER

Would you like to support our small local sugar glider population?

We are looking for volunteers to undertake specialised training in the safe use of ladders to install, monitor and maintain sugar glider nesting boxes.

This training qualifies participants to work in public reserves, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the local council. Once trained, the volunteers need to commit to do checking of nesting boxes in public reserves in Montmorency twice a year.

Course: offered by Mark Cashmore from Treetec. Mark has provided similar courses for Latrobe Uni, Department of Environment Water and Planning, Latrobe Uni and Parks Vic. to name a few.

This course is funded by Banyule City Council for up to 6 people

Length of training: one full day practical skills plus reading in preparation

Date and times of training: to be offered in late January/February 2016

Equipment, including ladder and harness: provided

Nestbox checking hours and dates: to be negotiated – approx 2 days per check

Contact: Jane Oldfield 94311445 or janeoldfield2000@yahoo.com

Sugar Glider Project – Montmorency Biodiversity Group



NEXT MCG STEERING GROUP MEETING

all members welcome

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



Australia's Gambling Crisis

'Australians spend more per person on gambling than any other country in the world – almost double that of New Zealand.

We spend more money gambling than on other activities that can be addictive and dangerous including alcohol, tobacco and all illegal drugs. It is a major driver of household debt, and family and personal dysfunction.

Over the past twenty years this is an industry that has been unleashed on Australia, without reasonable regulatory controls or even a genuine community conversation.'

– Extract taken from the www.pokiesplayyou.org.au website

This lack of community conversation is happening right now in our Monty community. Our RSL is currently in the process of increasing its 35 pokie machines to 50. This is not widely known.

If you'd like to know more about the addictiveness of gambling, visit the newly formed gamblers alliance website on www.pokiesplayyou.org.au or watch the award winning documentary 'Ka-Ching' on iview. It is showing until 2/11/15.

If you are already aware of the addictiveness of gambling and would like to make our clubs and pubs 'con free' including our RSL, visit www.pokiesplayyou.org.au and sign the petition. And/or call your local councillor and share your concerns with them.

Jane Oldfield

Montmorency Community Group.

Busybird Book Swap

Just like a library, it's free. The difference is that it's open 24 hours a day and to take a book out, you need to put a book in.



Located at Busybird Publishing
2/118 Para Road (cnr Station Road)
Montmorency VIC 3094.

www.bushbird.com.au



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



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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