

Monty Matters

OCTOBER
2018

Next Food Swap,

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

at Were St . Montmorency

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NEXT Meeting:

Wed 7th November

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Araluen Power Generation

	Sept	Since Installation
Power generated	2.4 Mwh	34 Mwh
Savings	\$446	\$6,500

What's on

- **Sat 20th Oct**—Sustainable Macleod Auction (pg 7)
- **Sun 28th Oct** —Monty Spring Walk II (pg 5)
- **Sun 28th Oct** —Sustainable Watsonia Un-leashing (pg 7)
- **Sat 10th Nov**—MCG AGM (pg 2)
- **Sat 17th Nov**—Monty Street Stall (pg 2)
- **Wed 28th Nov** —Screenagers film (pg 6)

Naked Truth Calendar

This fund raiser for the Stop Adani Eltham group has 12 very tasteful images of naked activist protesting against coal.

Check it out on Page 4!

NOVEMBER STREET STALL

Monty Community Group AGM

Monty Community Group is holding its AGM next month.

When: Sat 10th November

Time: 6.00pm—Dinner
7:00pm AGM
7:30pm Presentations

Where: Monty Primary School

Presentations will be given around the two PickMyProjects that we were successful in getting plus discussion on our work getting Council to declare a Climate Emergency

Monty Community Group is planning to hold an information stall to promote ourselves and our activities to the public.

No- you won't need your iPad, iPhone or social media

Yes- you can become informed, meet your neighbours and support community activities in the lovely surroundings of your local Were Street park.

When: Sat 17th November

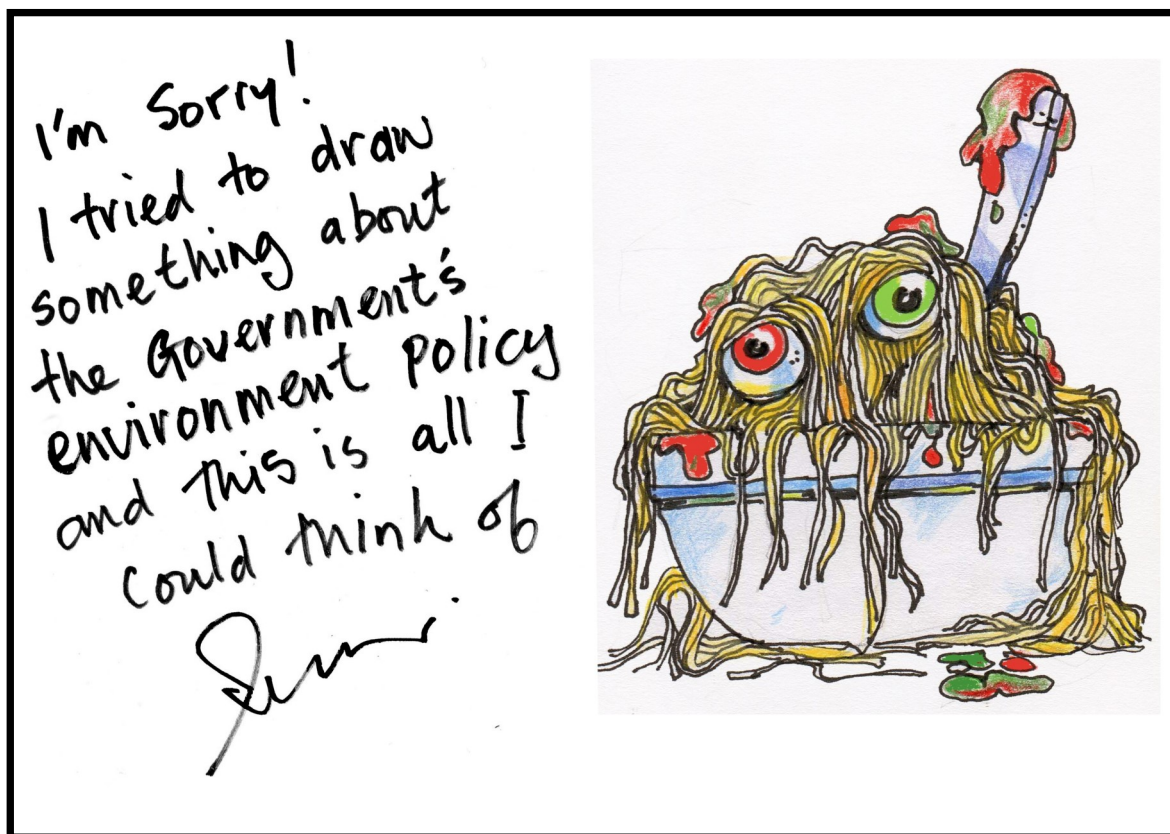
Time: 9.30am to 2.30pm

Where: Were St park

Information will be available for the public about community groups in Monty

- MCG- climate emergency, Pick My Project, Transition Towns, how to join us and participate
- MASSG- petitions, "tiny treasures" table, Xmas food drive for people (single mothers, students, unemployed etc) who have no access to even basic income support.
- Friends of Montmorency Bushlands- indigenous plants, identify your garden weeds, see Julia's decorated bike

Enquiries- Pam 94391853



Pick My Project

Well, we won—both our projects! A big thankyou to all who voted for us.

Banyule Sugar Glider Project

The Banyule Sugar Glider Project came number 4 out of 18 winning projects in the Pick my Project Northern Metro area.

With the money we will be able to put up 300 nesting boxes in an important area of Banyule starting in Lower Plenty and stretching to the north east of Banyule.

Occupancy of the nesting boxes in these areas will determine where wildlife corridors are which in turn will help us to ensure that corridors are protected and enhanced.



The Banyule Sugar Glider Project



Community Solar Installation Project

Thanks to everyone for the amazing support we have had so far. We are looking for more. If you want to be part of this exciting project so far please email Montysugargliders@gmail.com We need people to join monitoring groups or host a 'nesting box' in specific areas of Banyule. Outcomes will a growing population of sugar gliders and a dynamic corridor development strategy for Banyule.

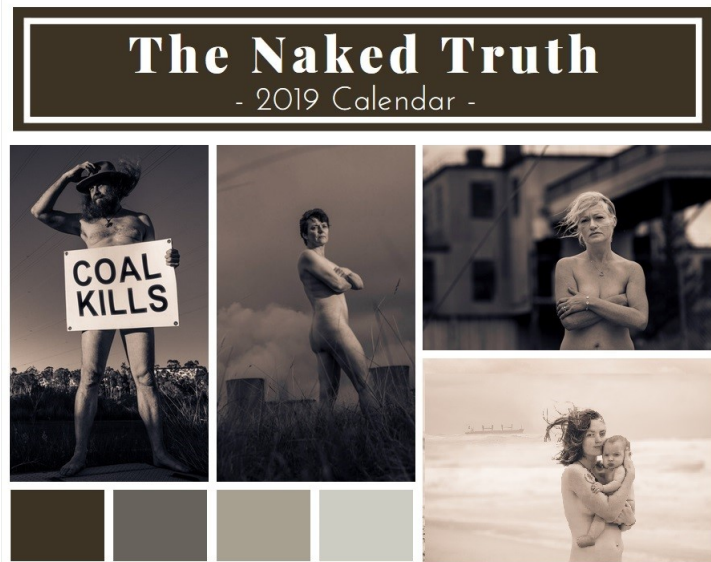
Community Solar Installation Project

We plan to install \$100,000 worth of solar panels for community groups in the Banyule area. This can include any not for profit groups who have a good roof for solar. It will take several months to clarify how it will work, but if you know a potential group, please email me at alan@diydoubleglaze.com.au



Correction

The last newsletter suggested that 100's of plants were planted from money allocated from the Bush Dance offset program. While 100's were planted, only 20 came from the Bush Dance



Naked Truth Calendar

A group of us in Stop Adani Eltham have been working together to make a Naked Calendar for sale for X'mas. It has been more work than I expected, but I am very pleased with the result.

It goes on sale today. We need early orders so that we can pay for the initial print run of 2,000 calendars. You can view the images and place an order at:

<https://stopadanicalendar.weebly.com/shop.html>

Profits from the sale will go to grass roots organisations around Australia fighting Adani. We would prefer that groups spend their time fighting Adani rather than trying to raise money!

Our original idea was to make it a humorous calendar, but we decided that the issue of Climate Change was too serious. So we have gone with a series of serious artistic images.

Besides raising money, we hope that people can have a calendar on their fridge for 12 months and be reminded of the fight that goes on against Adani in particular and Climate Change in general

The calendar costs \$15. We also have a program where bulk orders of more than 5 calendars can be made for \$10 each. Groups can then resell them for \$15. If groups are unable to sell them and return them by the 30th of November, we will give a full refund.

Alan Cuthbertson

***An ageing warrior who's
body has seen better days***



Walks Though Monty—Spring Walk 1

For our third walk in Monty rediscovering some of our settlement and recent history, we walked through Monty South. The group visited 2 reserves skilfully maintained over the years by the Friends of Monty Bushland. Jocelyn and Ian provided knowledgeable commentary on the flora and fauna of these areas. We picnicked at Pecks dam on a hot cuppa and some lovely home made treats.

Some amusing anecdotes from locals who grew up in the area added to the folklore about why they never swam in the dam. Members of Monty Community Group added recent history on our Council and the water authorities working on storm water diversion to keep the dam from emptying, and we saw the recent rain water garden installed and heard how Friends of Pecks Dam regrouped through a public meeting calling for these works.

The last part of the walk was steep, back up to the Monty South shops via Kirwana reserve and again local residents provided some lovely anecdotes to complement the recoded local history. All enjoyed a sunny spring afternoons walk in Monty. If there's ever awards for the prettiest streets in Banyule there will certainly be many contenders from Monty. Lucky us.

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**WALKS THROUGH MONTY
SPRING WALK NO.2**

SUNDAY OCTOBER 28, 2018
TIME: 2.00 - 4.30 PM

Bring water bottle and wear comfortable walking shoes.
A guide will point out areas of historical
and environmental interest along the way.
Afternoon tea for post-walk revival.

Meeting place will be advised on receipt of registration.
There is no charge, however, a gold coin donation will help
with our printing expenses.

To book please call / text Margaret on
0439 435 897

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Supported by a Banyule Community Grant 2017 and many hours of volunteer time.

MORE GREEN TIME AND LESS SCREEN TIME FOR KIDS

Have you ever questioned the role that screens now play in our children's lives? TV at home, teens with their own smartphones, toddlers with iPads and students on Surface Pros. It recently came to the attention of the group that it was time to do something for the more junior members of the community. There have been several articles in the media highlighting the negative impacts of screen media on children. Toddlers are having language delays, teenagers seem to make less eye contact and there seem to be young children addicted to games.

MCG are therefore having a community movie night and running the documentary 'Screenagers' to help raise awareness about the issue of mental health and children. Dr Delaney, the documentary-filmmaker, takes a deeply personal approach as she probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including her own, to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through moving, and unexpectedly humorous stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, SCREENAGERS reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance.

\$21.00 AUD Admission + \$2.00 booking fee = \$23.00

74 tickets need to be sold for this screening to go ahead.



Where: Hoyts Cinemas Greensborough

When: Wednesday the 28th of November

Time: 6:30 pm

Buy tickets online

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

Annual Community Garden Fundraiser Sustainable Macleod

NEXT SATURDAY!

**Silent auction online NOW at www.mocg.club
In-person next Saturday 20th 11 am - 12 noon at the vegie swap**

This is the biggest and most significant event of our year as it provides us with the funds for everyday expenditure to keep the community garden flourishing!

Thank you to all the businesses and members who contributed vouchers and items.

We have 141 items online and bidding ceases at 8 pm on Thursday 18 October and then goes live at the vegie swap for one hour on Saturday 20 October. If you are an online bidder and you are not outbid at the in-person final hour of the auction, we will contact you.



A silent auction means that there will be a bidding sheet with each item, with the current bid listed, and you can add your name (and phone number) as the next bidder. Increments are \$2, \$5 or \$10. At 12 noon you can collect any items that you have been the successful bidder on. Payment must be in cash.

We already have over \$1200 worth of bids

Sustainable Watsonia Unleashing

It is a Transition tradition to call the formal opening of a Transition group an Unleashing. There will be a food swap, repair cafe and clothes swap, a learn how to make beeswax wrap event, quick composting techniques with Paul Gale-Baker and tips on waste reduction at home. Also a BBQ (meat and vego options). Hope to see you there!

When: Sunday 28 October, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Where: Watsonia Neighbourhood House. (47 Lambourn Avenue)

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.

Please email to montymoves@gmail.com and send a copy to the Editor alan@diydoublinglaze.com.au .

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

ADVERTISING

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

Newsletter coordinator is Alan Cuthbertson

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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
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