

# Monty Matters

**AUGUST  
2018**

**Next Food Swap,**  
7th Oct, from 10:30am to  
11:30am  
at Monty Primary School



## **Steering Group**

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Claire Holm

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## **Araluen Power Generation**

	Aug	Since Installation
Power generated	.9 Mwh	30 Mwh
Savings	\$200	\$6,400

## **What's on**

- **Mon 17th Sep—Last Vote for PickMyProject (pg 2)**
- **Fri 21st Sep—** Time Flannery Sustainability Talk (pg 6)
- **Sun 30th Sep—**Monty Spring Walk I (pg 5)
- **Sun 7th Oct—**Food swap
- **Sun 28th Oct—**Monty Spring Walk II (pg 5)

## **BZE—Electrifying Industry!**

Beyond Zero Emissions released their report on how to convert Industry to be zero carbon. This is a very interesting and valuable report

Check it out on Page 4!



### Community Solar Installation Project

Installing solar panels for community groups

 Heidelberg (4.1km away)

[Add to shortlist](#)



### The Banyule Sugar Glider Project

Sugar gliders will help us protect our disappearing wildlife corridors

 Saint Helena (4.8km away)

[Add to shortlist](#)

## Pick My Project

There are several groups around Monty who have submitted projects for this \$20 million state funded initiative. There are two run by Monty Community Group, and one by Sustainable McLeod. We recommend that you go online and vote for them.

Voting is complex. You must select a location and then vote for projects within 5 km. You must select Yallambie as your voting location.

- Register at [pickmyproject.vic.gov.au](http://pickmyproject.vic.gov.au), using your actual address.
- You will receive a confirmation email. When you click on it, you need to change your voting location to Yallambie by clicking on the orange tear-drop at the top of the page.
- Vote for our 3 projects (or any other project in Monty if you prefer). This can be done by clicking the following links:
  - [Community Solar Installation](#)
  - [Banyule Sugar Gliders](#)
  - [Solar panels for IDV](#)
- Go to [My Voting Shortlist](#) and "Vote Now"

Voting closes at 4:00 pm tomorrow (Monday)

### ALL ADULTS CAN VOTE



### Solar Panels for a Leading Banyule Disability Service Provider (IDV)

Bimonthly workshops at IDV explaining the solar project and benefits.

 Macleod (3.4km away)

[Add to shortlist](#)

## Good news for Monty Trees

Recently the Monty Biodiversity Group applied for a number of our magnificent mature trees to be given extra protection through the Banyule Council's Significant Tree and Vegetation Register. We were happy to hear that most of these nominations have been accepted. As a result, eucalypts and other species growing on public land in the environs of Were Street, Wellington Street carpark, Rattray Road and Belmont Crescent will be listed on the Significant Tree Register.

Please note that as a resident, you can nominate trees and other significant vegetation and a nomination form can be found on the Council website at

<https://www.banyule.vic.gov.au/Council/Environment-and-Sustainability/Trees-and-Plants/Significant-Tree-Register>

## Right Track - Volunteers needed to be hosts

The Right Track Conversations project, initiated by the ASRC is happening in suburbs across the Jagajaga electorate and we need more volunteers to be hosts.

The topic of the conversations is- ***The treatment of people seeking asylum currently living in the Australian community***

We want this vitally important topic to be opened up for discussion and the views of participants to be heard. A report will be compiled from the results of the discussions and this report will be presented to candidates for the next federal election.

We need volunteers who can invite 6 or more interested friends or colleagues to attend a conversation for an hour or so. The time and the venue are up to you. We provide a facilitator to lead the discussion, all notes and the equipment needed.

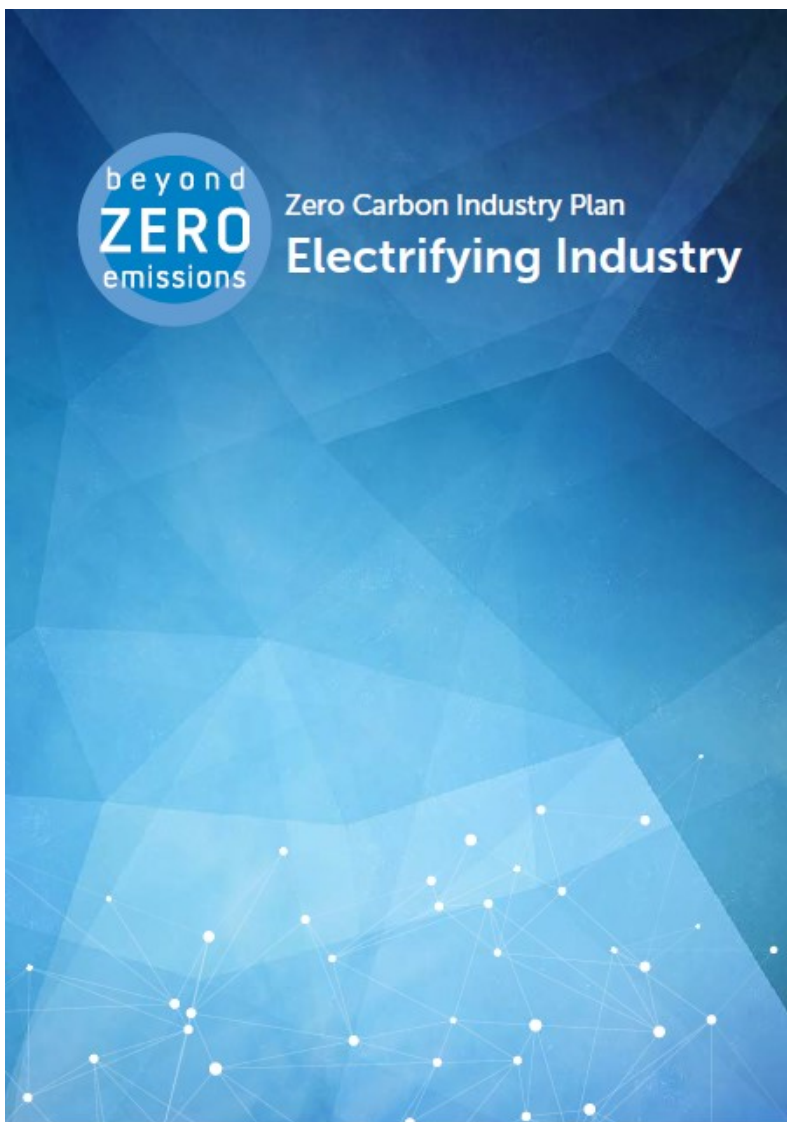
contact- Pam 0417 110 837 for more information

(Right Track Community Conversation project team)

## Beyond Zero Emissions - Electrifying Industry

Last week I went to the release of a discussion paper put out by BZE. This is a Melbourne based forum which has produced a raft of papers on how we can move to zero emissions. This addressed how industry can be converted.

I was sceptical. Trying to replace furnaces with electrically heated furnaces seemed very wasteful. The only thing I could think of was converting gas heaters to heat pumps. But that only works if the desired heat is less than 100 degrees.



I was wrong. Here are 3 very interesting approaches.

Firstly, a heat pump (think of a split system air conditioner) is very efficient. For 1 kw of power it delivers over 4 kw of heat to the house. But it only works well if the temperature difference between the two parts of the split system is less than 50 degrees. However, most industrial processes generate waste heat up chimneys. If you put the external condenser in the chimney, you can reach much higher the temperatures.

Secondly, most furnace applications act like your oven. You heat the oven which heats the air which heats the food to be cooked. Very inefficient. Your microwave delivers heat directly to the food which is much faster and uses less energy. An equivalent system can use various types of electromagnetic waves to heat the object directly and improve performance of a furnace enormously

And the final thing is electric vehicles. This is much closer to reality than I thought. A Qld company can use any vehicle chassis, install an electric drive train, then place the normal cabin on the top. They had a rubbish truck with a 300 km range!

[Click here to download the full report](#)

So, the answers are out there!

Alan Cuthbertson



**MONTMORENCY  
COMMUNITY GROUP**

**WALKS THROUGH MONTY  
SPRING WALK NO.1**

**SUNDAY SEPT 30TH, 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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COMMUNITY GROUP**

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

**.. Also Monty Spring Walk Number 2-along the river**  
Sunday October 28th, 2pm start

Bookings and Meeting place- to be advised in October newsletter

## Free public lecture by **Tim Flannery** on September 21st

### How to build resilience and sustainable environmental policy



Melbourne Sustainable  
Society Institute



### Basiana's Pig: A tale of Wildlife Conservation, Murder and Redemption

#### FREE PUBLIC LECTURE

Join us for a special lecture by Professor Tim Flannery, as he reflects on over 30 years working with the community of Kwaio, in the island of Malaita, Solomon Islands. Interweaving a history of biological and cultural diversity, European colonialisation, and reconciliation, Tim brings a personal perspective to Australia's complex relationship with our Pacific neighbours, and the lessons that we can learn from their resilience and sustainable environmental management practices.

*Speaker: Tim Flannery is one of Australia's leading thinkers and writers, and an internationally acclaimed scientist, explorer and conservationist. He is currently an Honorary Professorial Fellow at the Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute. Tim's books include the definitive ecological histories of Australia (The Future Eaters) and North America (The Eternal Frontier). He believes that human activity is drastically altering the earth's climate, and that before too long these changes will have a devastating effect on life on this planet. He became the first environmentalist to deliver The Australia Day address to the nation. In 2005 he was honored as Australian Humanist of the Year and, in 2007, he was named Australian of the Year.*

Eltham Bookshop will be selling books by Tim Flannery at the event



Friday 21 September 2018  
4:30-5:30pm

Kathleen Fitzpatrick  
Theatre  
Arts West Building  
Professors Walk  
University of Melbourne

Register: [flannery-mssi.eventbrite.com.au](https://flannery-mssi.eventbrite.com.au)

ELTHAMbookshop is privileged to be setting up a table of Tim Flannery books for sale and signing.

## 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 an 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 pondering the idea 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.

Screenagers Movie | Growing up in the digital age



Screenagers dives deep into how technology impacts kid's development and the challenges of parenting in the digital world where parents must compete with video games, texting addiction, and social media.

To look out for a screening of this incredibly informative documentary go to

[https://  
www.screenagersmovie.com/](https://www.screenagersmovie.com/)

We will keep you posted if we manage to organize one locally.

**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](mailto:montymoves@gmail.com) and send a copy to the Editor [alan@diydoubleglaze.com.au](mailto:alan@diydoubleglaze.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.

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## Montmorency Community Group Inc. Membership Form 2018–2019

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: \$\_\_\_\_\_

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