

Mount Alexander Sustainability Group
Member Newsletter Dec 23rd, 2009.

Key Dates

- MASG Office closes Dec 23rd
- MASG Office re-opens Jan 11th 2010.

Chairman's Message

Thankyou to all those who have contributed to the cause this year. Special thanks to the committee, to our donors, volunteers, industry and community partners, and particularly our staff, ably led by Mike Hall.

Seasons greetings to you all and here's to a better outcome for a safe climate future at Mexico in 2010.

Regards

Jim Norris.

EO Message.

Thankyou to all the members who have supported the organisation this year. Also thanks to committee members past and present, and to the staff who have worked hard to keep everything happening. It has been another big year in the life of MASG.

Though it has been a challenging year financially, the MASG has managed to deliver on a number of key projects, while increasing the profile of, and participation in climate change action. For example:

- The Maine's Power project was brought to a conclusion, with ongoing progress being made in emissions reductions by the industry partners.
- The 3 element 'Creating a climate of Change' project was also successfully completed with some outstanding results, including the Low Energy Solar Display Home having nearly 200 visitors.
- We have facilitated a bulk solar PV installation program, with 107 of the 200 total now installed and providing renewable energy to the Shire.
- We continued our advocacy work with vigor, encouraging and influencing governments to take effective action on climate change at the Local, State and Federal Levels.
- Offered The Greenloans Home Assessments to many members

- And explored many other possibilities and projects for the future.

With the outcome of Copenhagen falling far short of what is required, it is clear that 2010 will be a key year to get the safe climate message out to the wider community, and especially our political leaders.

Enjoy the Christmas period, and hope to see you in the New Year.

Kind regards

Mike Hall

Advocacy Update

The Copenhagen Accord De-brief.

From Monday December 22nd 2009, Theatre Royal Castlemaine.

Despite the crazy rush of Christmas that overtakes people at this time of the year over 30 people came out on Monday afternoon to the Theatre Royal to talk about the Copenhagen Accord.

People expressed a range of emotions, some feeling a sense of shame to be Australian, others grief, frustration, anger and even rage and yet all were united in a strong sense of determination to take action next year.

They brainstormed what sorts of things they wish to see and confirmed that MASG will again be at the forefront of the call for a safe climate; a voice of reason and hope.

Information and analysis of Copenhagen COP15 and where to next will be up on the MASG website soon.

Cheers

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