

## **2010 MASG Future Focus Review**

The MASG Future Focus Review was undertaken and completed in October 2010. MASG members and other key community members were invited to participate in the review in a number of ways – individual interviews, an on-line survey, and two group workshops. The extracts below summarise what the review found.

Vision for the Mount Alexander Shire in 20-50 years time:

- We have reduced carbon emissions and stabilised them to a totally safe level.
- We value and appreciate the intrinsic worth of our bio diverse eco systems.
- We are living in a community that is well educated on climate change issues and is aware of the link between behaviour and environmental consequences.
- We have thriving local industries that provide the majority of the community's organic food, transport and energy.
- We have created a local 'steady state' economy rather than a 'growth' economy, with prosperity through sustainability and full local employment.
- We are breathing clean air.
- We are eating clean organic food which is mostly grown locally.
- We are drinking clean water.

### **The following priorities were defined as:**

- 1 MASG to remain focused on 'Energy' as a core activity.
- 2 A broader focus on all sustainability activities such as transport, waste and food through supporting groups and people interested in these other areas of sustainability.
- 3 The building of community capacity.

### **The review found that the organisational structure needed to change to allow for:**

- 1 The responsibility for strategic decisions to be shared more equally and broadly.
- 2 MASG to become a facilitator that mobilises and enables members and other groups/ people to become involved, active and empowered.
- 3 The legal & safe responsibilities to be carried out by the relevant part of the organisation whilst allowing wisdom, energy and innovation to be harnessed to tactical and strategic needs.

The process that followed developed a three tiered organization structure with the following entities:

- 1 Committee of Management (COM)
- 2 Coordinating Group (COG)
- 3 Members Forums.