

Mount Alexander Sustainability Group

Member Newsletter, Wednesday June 2nd 2010

Key Dates and opportunities

- *Saturday June 5th, World Environment Day, Theatre Royal 2.30pm-8pm*
- *MASG renewable energy survey of Castlemaine people this Sat/Sun 5th and 6th June*
- *MASG to meet with Steve Gibbons Monday June 7th @ 11am.*
- *Sad farewell to Jill Bryant and new short term job vacancy for the administration manager*
- *MASG future review process underway – Saturday July 17 Community consultation*
- *Flying the Flag*

Help us for 1 hour this Saturday 5th or Sunday 6th

Dean needs only 4 more people to help with surveying our public THIS SATURDAY, World Environment Day (Wesley Hill Market) and SUNDAY (Farmer's Market) as part of a National Renewable Energy survey that is MASG is taking part in. Ring/text him on 0448 327791 to nominate yourself for a shift so we can do a good job.

Concerned people to meet with Steve Gibbons

A delegation of concerned people will be meeting with Federal Member for Bendigo Mr Steve Gibbons on Monday June 7th.

A full report of the meeting will follow on our website and a brief summary and link in the next enews.

World Environment Day Saturday June 5th from 2.30pm at the Theatre Royal

Come down to the Theatre Royal for a fun afternoon of films and presentations this Saturday with a diverse selection of the shire's environment and community groups. Are you ready to join with our shires' environmental organisations in testing your knowledge of local projects? Participate in a little theatre sports in the name of sustainability or just have fun watching others do so!

2:30 Stalls and general information

3:00pm screening of the fantastic Studio Ghibli animation *Nausica'a and the valley of the winds* (PG)

5:00 – 6:00 just a minute presentations, theater sports presentations and stalls

6:00 pm *Big River Man* (M)

\$12 adult/ \$8 concession/ under 5 free

Hope to see you there. Bookings Theatre Royal on 5472 1196 or just turn up.

Sad Farewell to Jill Bryant

Jill Bryant, our steadfast, well organised and much loved Administration Manager, has found a job with another great organisation in the local area. All of us at MASG – staff, volunteers, people who just drop in – will miss her. Over the two years of her time at MASG she has brought order out of chaos and set in place systems that will

stand us in good stead in the future. We wish her the best in her new career and for our sake hope we can fill her big shoes very quickly.

Short term job opportunity

We need someone take over Jill's duties as soon as possible. Her duties are:

- Book keeping and administration
- Maintaining the membership database
- Making sure the office files and supplies are kept up to date
- Reception and phone calls
- Managing office volunteers.

In addition, there will also be short term additional work to support the review the Future Focus MASG will be conducting over the next three months.

MASG is offering a five month position of three days per week for the basic admin position plus 8 weeks of another day a week to support the Future Focus Review. Payment will be offered at around \$25 dollars an hour.

Please send Bronwen Machin (MASG Chair) an expression of interest in the position by COB Tuesday 8 June (info@masg.org.au). Please, no more than one page. MASG is interested in people applying for all the duties or just some of them. You can ring Bronwen after hours on 5472 4798 if you wish to discuss this position.

Future Focus Review of MASG underway

Over the last five years, MASG, with the help of its staff, volunteers and partners, has helped to bring about big changes to our community. During this time our context has changed; there are more people actively working on environmental problems, there is a greater understanding of sustainability amongst the general population, and a number of new groups are working on sustainability in the Mount Alexander Shire. It is timely, therefore, for us pause and think about where and how we are going in the next five years. Over the next few months MASG will be reviewing what our activities should be and how we should be organised to best meet our goals.

Please be involved in the review. We would love to hear from you about what you think MASG should do and what would inspire you to be part of MASG's future activities. There will be a Community Consultation Workshop for MASG Members on Saturday 17th July. Invitations will be sent out soon, and those unable to attend will be invited to complete a survey.

Are YOU Flying the Flag for Sustainability?

Does your community group walk the walk on sustainability? Do you have a corporate policy on climate change? Ever wondered what the reference to Triple Bottom Line on your company website really means? MASG would like to hear from you to be involved in a creative, flag-flying activity where your organisation and it's sustainability action will be lifted in a celebration of colour and fanfare. Be one of 10-12 organisations involved. Contact Deanna with expressions of interest ASAP on 0428 751 090 or deanna@focusoncommunity.org or call MASG on 5470 6978.

Events organised by other groups

Changing the Dream Symposium, Castlemaine: 19th June, 10am-4pm@ Castlemaine Community House

Transition Mount Alexander have organized a 'changing the dream' symposium with Deane Belfield. It is a profound inquiry into our purpose for being on the earth

at this time and how a deeper understanding of this purpose can help us to create an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, and socially just human presence on our planet. Suggested Donation - \$50 (lunch provided). Bookings essential with Jacinta Walsh 0412 759942 or Janet Phillips 0400050399 or: www.bethechange.org.au and www.transitionma.org.au

Latest science and news:

Interesting Information and Links

Replace Hazelwood campaign

For a great video explaining the whys and hows of this national call to replace Hazelwood power station by 2012 go to

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9obNn8ulBg8&feature=player_embedded

For more info on the idea go to <http://www.replacehazelwood.org.au/>

MASG enews is put together by Dean with volunteer help. To advertise an event or comment on any items, please send to: e-news@masg.org.au or phone 5470 6978.