

Sutherland Climate Action Network

DRAFT NOTES OF MEETING #1: Tuesday, 27 March 2007

1 Welcome & apologies

Present

Rob Cook Gynea, aircraft engineer
Michael Gerard Miranda, watched AIT, take to schools!
Rick Cavichioli, Prof UNSW Env'tl Microbiology
Steven Wester Grays Pt - Sylvania, green builder, permaculture
Phil Smith
Jenni Gormley
Graeme Booth
Jonathan Doig
John Levitt, SSEC, Real Estate agent
Catherine Philips, retired
Andrew Crisp, USyd Arts, Heritage, Geography, enviro climate collective, Miranda
Kate (with Andrew)
Roger Bramble, environmentalist, SSEC Board member
Fred Bell, Grays Pt, helped Bob Walshe start TEC. Fomer modeller, advised in climate change early on. Based on Central Coast. Ourimbah campus of Newcastle Uni.
Laura Bishop, bushwalker, Miranda, musician, composer.
Jamie Paterson, Sutherland west.
Kristen media, Jamie's wife
Phil Woods, ex Insurance Aust, now with Sydney Water, sustainability advisor. Has advised Aust Catholic Bishops.
Margaret Caparé
John Caparé
Jenny from Bundeena
Others... see attendance sheet

1.1 Apologies

Lynda Mcmillan
Bob Washe

2 Review agenda

- Rob Cook chaired
- Accepted draft agenda is-is.
- Meeting end time? 8:30-9pm

3 Goals of the group

Overall vision/goals

A number of points raised here:

- Raising awareness, and taking action to reduce greenhouse pollution in the Shire.
- A Sutherland Shire deliberately reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- Need not only to raise interest but to maintain it
- Importance of engaging whole community

First activities

Handout - what you can do

Earth Hour

"Walk the walk and talk the talk:" Use the list of personal actions

Education - schools

Educating ourselves

DVDs - JD can lend

Andrew will ask for John Kaye's PPT

DVDs and books in SSEC library

Heat - George Monbiot

Evening meeting: watch a DVD

Raising awareness

Newspapers weekly greenhouse ideas column

Margaret: Community radio to pick up regular climate change items. Community Broadcasting Foundation could fund it.

Letterhead

Jenni Gormley

Jenni will also help write letter from SCAN to 2SSR.

Reporting progress

Count and report numbers on GreenPower

64,000 state-wide now?

Jenny: Cover all suburbs

Have someone representing and working in each suburb/village

JD: Check supporters list and report to discussion list on which are there and which missing

Bunnings (Rob Cook), Domayne (Andrew)

Ask Bunnings for funding for newsletter, including advertising energy-saving products

Bunnings offers sausage sizzle for any charity - kangaroo and veggie burgers?

Products include: low-energy light globes, insulation for hot water systems.

Could display items at SSEC

The Shed (Rick)

Incubator in the Shire.

Get solar power now?

Jenny: be a test case for Origin

Offer to test new solar technology

Jamie

Carbon count of ourselves, then local businesses

Eg Fed govt program.

Jenny

Boards for stalls and events
10 things you can do as a graphic display
Work with Unis to promote their research

Roger Bramble

Need to weave it into a strategy
First Shire to go entirely green energy

Jonathan

Prepare talk to raise awareness at chambers of commerce, clubs, churches, schools, events. First have a preparation session for trainers.
Talking door-to-door eg get GreenPower companies to call them.
JD to arrange 4pm meeting: Dialogue with Council - Ian Drinnan re what they've done and how we can work together.

Steven (or Rick?)

Push for higher BASIX standards.
National energy ratings for housing. 6 star worth \$50k more than 4.5 star. NSW only one not to follow national scheme.

Steven

Leader re sustainable housing tour

Jenny

Is arranging Bundeena presentation of AIT slideshow and CCD&E roadshow

Jenni G

Speaking June 15 re climate

Jonathan

Jenni G and JD: Training session to practice presentation

Initial Actions and Ideas

- Earth Hour 31 March; see Leader Thu 29 March
- Education into schools: Andrew thinking about doing a presentation at Caringbah
- Self-education: evening of Inconvenient Truth
- Probus clubs
- Library of DVDs and books
- Come to meeting with new ideas or items that we identify as important...build a list...media
- Bring friends from different parts of Shire...to ensure we have someone from most suburbs
- Radio segments...contacting radio stations etc (one station applies...2SSR.. funding available September)
- Countdown of people on non-renewable energy....Countup of people taking up renewable energy
- Letterhead...
- A convenient evening?
- Bunnings Hardware/Domayne (Andrew)....low energy products; approach them and help them encourage their env friendly products and they support us; (eschew endorsements); display;
- Incubator at Loftus (the Shed)....meet there...watch dvds, discuss grid (Rick C)
- Churches...WED...sermon....
- Lobby council....LEPs, local building requirements...
- See what companies like Origin to see if SS can be a test run of new technology

- Carbon count for members of SCAN (Jamie)...and work with local businesses to encourage them to reduce their carbon count
- Display boards and posters (would Bunnings support this?)
- A list of products
- What's the best technology coming out of universities?
- Andrew/Kate – what is your group at uni doing?
- Strategy...
- Count residences that are switching over...get SSC on side with this idea
- Go to companies and ask them to fund this shire-wide countdown
- Talking to chambers of commerce, clubs, schools, churches, halls, RSLs, (Marcus will speak at Bundeena)...put together a presentation
- Build the idea of *network* of groups working towards climate
- Door to door
- Jack Green...
- Work on one main street at a time....(green power not currently available to businesses)
- Need to understand the complexity of power sources etc...what is accredited? what isn't?...link on SCAN to relevant sites
- Meeting with council...Ian Drinan, (JD)
- Promote benchmark standards rather than minimum standards for building
- Leader Homeshow (September) tour of sustainable houses...already happening; green building expo in June at Redfern;
- Renew magazine into SSEC
- Scrapbook
- All to look for opportunities to get stuff into the papers; all to use the email with ideas and stuff to submit to papers....
- Practise presentations...a session to practise giving ppt presentations
- Joining the Yahoo discussion group
- JD wants to stop using email list and just rely on the discussion group

4 Finances

Report - balance. \$206.

5 Roles in the group

Specific tasks

- Spokespeople - for media and speaking to groups. Stay with Jonathan for now as convenor and group spokesperson. Will evolve.
- A number of people expressed interest in giving presentations
- Treasurer - Jonathan for now. [After meeting Kate offered to be Treasurer, open bank account.]

6 Communications

6.1 Meetings

- How often? Would like to meet in 2 weeks, but that is Easter. Monthly in general.
- Next meeting: 7pm Tue 24 April
- Discussed weekend meeting option (alternating), but no-one keen to meet then, and many said they couldn't
- SSEC good for now, unless we need more room!

6.2 Internet communications

- Email discussion group
- Website - Michael & Jamie will help, Grraeme re hosting
- Announcements list - talk to Michael

7 Other business

Lobbying group

Laura will enter attendee list

8 Review actions

Update website: change Vote Climate to air travel (see email)

9 Next meeting

24 April 7pm at Sutherland Shire Environment Centre.

Actions

- Remember 31st March
- JD to send weblink for SCAN (and to link to SSEC website)
- Develop vision statement (PS)
- All print out front page of website and start doing those...turn things you CAN do into 10 things you ARE doing (All)
- Contact John Kaye re presentation (AC)
- Membership profile/suburb (JD...email people and ask)
- A list of other CANs around NSW link on SCAN website (JD)
- Letterhead (JG)
- Letter to 2SSR (MC)
- Insurance – check that SSEC covers SCAN (PS)
- Arrange a meeting with Bunnings
- Discuss bbqs with/at Domayne (AC)
- Arrange meeting with council (JD)
- Homeshow/green building (Stephen)
- Letter to Mayor – thanking him for the use of Hazelhurst
- Bundeena RSL put on presentation
- Display...(MC & Stephen) to consider a display of appropriate products; local provider will be sufficient
- Traveling show....
- Can get a spot on www.climate.net.au/sutherland (Michael and Jamie); SSEC can host (GB)