

## HOPE e:news bulletin, 30 October 2008

Hello everyone,

Here is another enews! I hope that you will get as much out of it as I did. If there is any kind of information that you wish to see in this bulletin, or want to contribute something to it, please let me know. We want to keep improving it, and provide you with the information you are looking for.

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### Office news

#### Help out HOPE!

Next year in the Toowoomba region we will be very busy with extra displays and activities promoting the Queensland State Government's *Low Carbon Diet* program. HOPE will need some extra hands to set up/pack up and staff these displays, and distributing materials. We would like to get together a pool of volunteers to assist with these activities. If you want to meet new people and help out your community, and if you have a few hours a month to spare, please contact the HOPE office. HOPE needs you!

#### Toowoomba's *Walk Against Warming* goes ahead!

Great news!! The University of Southern Queensland (USQ) has given HOPE permission to hold the Toowoomba Walk Against Warming event on-campus on Wednesday, **12 November** 2008, between 11am and 2pm. There will be a short walk on campus grounds, various information displays, and a speakers program. Please direct enquiries to HOPE office, ph 4639 2135, else email [HOPEqueensland@yahoo.com.au](mailto:HOPEqueensland@yahoo.com.au).

#### HOPE Fundraiser

Our current fund-raiser is the sale of the 2009 People and Planet: A Social Justice and Environment Diary. They are for sale from the HOPE office for \$19.95 each plus P&H, or at the discounted price of \$15 on orders for 5 or more.

#### Invite to AGM

The next HOPE meeting will be the AGM on **8 November**. We ask everyone to join us for a **lunchtime social**, and the election of the 2009 committee members. If you are interested in a committee position, please contact the office on (07) 4639 2135.

## General

Check out <http://greenpowerpricewatch.com.au/index.html> for the cheapest greenpower in your area.

### **National plastic bag reduction campaign**

Did you know that each year Australians use more than four billion polypropylene bags, all made from non renewable energy resources. These bags have a big negative impact on our environment. The Sunshine Coast Regional Council has recently voted to support a national campaign to ban plastic bags. The campaign aims to ban plastic bags by the end of 2009. For more information on the National Plastic Bag Campaign visit [www.areyouready.com.au](http://www.areyouready.com.au) (sourced from Sunshine Coast Environment Council).

### **Carbon Market**

Carbon market is an online market place where you can find a wide range of low carbon emission products and services from a large number of suppliers and retailers. One of their products is a sustainable building guide. Whether you are building a new home, renovating or upgrading and want a dwelling that's energy efficient, this popular guide was written for you. Real solutions that work, all put together in one guide that's easy to read, understand & use. Check out the website: <http://www.carbonmarket.com.au/>

### **ClimateSmart 2050**

The Queensland Government is reviewing, updating and consolidating its current ClimateSmart 2050. As part of the review process, the Queensland Government seeks public input and ideas towards developing future programs and policies to support reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and help Queensland adapt to the impacts of climate change. Please consider providing input and critical assessment of the government's policies and plans in the face of climate change. Submissions to the Review can be made at [cs2050.review@climatechange.qld.gov.au](mailto:cs2050.review@climatechange.qld.gov.au) (sourced from Sunshine Coast Environment Council).

### **The Green Directory**

The Green Directory is Australia's number one online green business eco directory. They promote a comprehensive range of eco friendly products and services for sustainable living. Check out their website: [www.thegreendirectory.com.au](http://www.thegreendirectory.com.au)

### Save the Murray-Darling

The Senate is currently looking into this issue and we'll be presenting a petition directly to them as they consider how to keep the mighty Murray-Darling flowing.

With each State vying for their own interests in the matter, we need to encourage the Federal Government to act in the interests of the Basin and the nation overall. Please take a moment to tell your friends and family about this issue of national significance - you can forward the original email, copied below. [www.getup.org.au/campaign/BuyMeARiver](http://www.getup.org.au/campaign/BuyMeARiver)

### Webinfo (by Clare Davies)

[www.planetextinction.com](http://www.planetextinction.com) This website talks about the extinction on earth, occurring because of global warming. It also tells of the evidence of global warming. The site is put together by a group of people wanting to increase awareness of what damage we are doing to our planet. It tells us how we can change this, both personally and politically.

[www.thegreenguide.com](http://www.thegreenguide.com) - This website is part of National Geographic and deals with environmental articles, products, subscriptions to their magazines and other related issues.

[www.treehugger.com](http://www.treehugger.com) - This website is broken down into a series of in-depth how-to articles that will help you to green your life. No time like the present to start. 'How to green up your work', lighting, electricity, wardrobe, personal care, furniture and other. Also some interesting articles on current topical environmental issues.

### Updates on upcoming events

Nuclear Free & Peaceful Queensland Workshop & Strategy Weekend  
**Saturday November 1st** and **Sunday November 2nd** from 9.00am to 4.45pm each day at the CEPU Building , 41 Peel Street, South Brisbane.  
Entry by donation - billets and food will be provided. More information can be found on [www.nuclearfreequeensland.org](http://www.nuclearfreequeensland.org)

### National Recycling Week

This year national recycling week will be held 10-16 November. All the information you need about recycling can be found on [www.planetark.com/nrw](http://www.planetark.com/nrw)

### **Overseas item**

#### **Japan Post to Convert Entire Mail Delivery Fleet to Eco-Friendly Vehicles**

Japan Post Holdings Co. President Yoshifumi Nishikawa announced at press conference on June 26, 2008, that the group is considering replacing its current delivery fleet with eco-friendly vehicles, such as electric or hybrid vehicles, in order to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. This move would come as part of the overall group's effort to combat the problem of global warming. <http://www.japanfs.org/db/2234-e>

### **Office hours**

The office and library are open on the following days:

Mondays, 1pm - 5pm

Wednesdays, 9am - 1pm

Fridays, 1pm - 5pm

or by appointment.

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