

# Wodonga Albury Towards Climate Health

## WATCHWORD 18.7.18

### **#StopAdani Albury Wodonga (SAAW)**

#### **Action outside Sussan Ley's office, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

WATCH members continue to be actively involved with the #StopAdani campaign. You couldn't miss the denyosaurs stomping outside Sussan Ley's office. There were speeches, poems and beeps for the Reef, all in the name of stopping Adani. Knitting Nannies for Renewables looked cosy in the corner, preparing for a weekly vigil. And dozens of stamped, self-addressed envelopes were delivered to Sussan's office. No replies to the letters submitted 4 months ago have yet been received. Thank you to Prime7 News, ABC Goulburn Murray and Triple M/Hit FM for stopping by and 2AY for an earlier interview

#### **Adani protest - 1494 2AY**

Listen to Tracey Esler in this interview on local radio:

<https://www.2ay.com.au/articles/adani-protest/>

#### **Big Letters walk, Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup>**

Another group of our dedicated [#StopAdani](#) crew participated in a Big Letters Walk around Albury's main street. People braving the weather were happy to talk, take a pamphlet and read it. Voters are connecting the dots. Stopping Adani equals Saving Our Reef, our water and our planet. Contact Les Langmead for further details [leslangmead@gmail.com](mailto:leslangmead@gmail.com)

#### **Knitting Nannas**

A small but stalwart bunch of Knitting Nannas are keeping the pressure on Sussan Ley. Each Thursday these grandmothers will stand up for the future of their grandchildren and the planet. Come along and say hello from 12.30 to 1.30 every Thursday.

#### **Facebook**

For photos and videos of our actions and to be kept abreast of breaking news, go to our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StopAdaniAlburyWodonga/>

#### **Next meeting, Thursday August 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 - 7pm, Sustainable Activity Centre**

Contact Jenni Huber for details: [jenniferruthhuber@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferruthhuber@gmail.com)

<http://ecoportal.net.au/event/stopadani-albury-wodonga-meeting-2-2-2-2/>

#### **Update on Adani from Market Forces**

[Click here to read our July 2018 update](#) on Adani's destructive Carmichael coal mine proposal, and what potential avenues it still has for securing finance.

#### **Letters to the editor**

##### **Renewables: so many reasons why it works for us**

Read this terrific letter by Lauriston Muirhead in the Border Mail on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Great also that it was given top billing and photo. You can find it on p15 of the digital edition:

<http://specialpubs.fairfaxregional.com.au/DPE/BMM/2018/07/06/3dissue/>

#### **Wodonga Community Energy Forum**

##### **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 7pm – 9pm, Huon Hill Hotel, 48 Reid Street, Wodonga**

Come and find out how community energy can benefit Wodonga and our region. Community energy gives local towns and regions power over how they generate and consume electricity. This includes the setting up of a local community energy retailer that will source locally produced energy, create

local jobs and invest profits straight back into the region. Three great speakers who are leaders in this field will outline what community energy is and how we can benefit from it.

### Speakers

**Professor Kate Auty**, ACT Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment

**Nicky Ison**, Co-founder of the Community Power Agency.

**Alison Rowe**, Chief Executive Officer of Moreland Energy Foundation.

The forum is free but **please RSVP** to reserve a seat: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wodonga-community-energy-forum-tickets-47536443783>

### Similar events are also happening in these towns:

- [1st August - Wangaratta](#)
- [2nd August - Bright](#)
- [3rd August - Benalla](#)
- [4th August - Beechworth](#)
- [5th August - Tallangatta](#)

The forums are being hosted in conjunction with the Community Energy Retailer project, the Victorian Government and local energy groups including Renewable Albury Wodonga Energy, Wangaratta Sustainability Network, Benalla Sustainable Future Group, Totally Renewable Beechworth, Sustainable Upper Ovens, and Totally Sustainable Tallangatta.

For further details please contact Cambell Klose, Communications & Engagement, Community Energy Retailer Project: - [cam@communityenergyretailer.com](mailto:cam@communityenergyretailer.com) t - 0490 436 948. Find out more at [www.communityenergyretailer.com](http://www.communityenergyretailer.com).

## Ecoportal

<http://www.ecoportal.net.au>

Ecoportal is your online directory, listing groups and events for sustainable living in Albury-Wodonga, North East Victoria and Southern New South Wales. Follow Ecoportal on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Ecoportal.net.au?fref=nf>

**July** <http://ecoportal.net.au/events/2018-07/>

**August** <http://ecoportal.net.au/events/2018-08/>

## Selected events

**The Future of Transport public forum, Thursday August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6 pm - 9pm, The Bended Elbow (upstairs)** <http://ecoportal.net.au/event/the-future-of-transport-public-forum/>

What does the future of transport in our region look like? Our panel of speakers includes Dennis Toohey (Border Rail Action Group), Peter Gorton (electric vehicle expert), Cathy McGowan MP, Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC (NSW Greens transport spokesperson) and a representative of Albury Wodonga Pedal Power.

## Tree planting opportunities in July

**Clyde Cameron Reserve Tree Day, Thursday July 26<sup>th</sup>, 11am - 1pm, Clyde Cameron Reserve, Wodonga**

<http://ecoportal.net.au/event/clyde-cameron-reserve-tree-day-2018/>

**AlburyCity National Tree Planting Day, Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup>, 10am - 1pm, Wagirra Trail**

<http://ecoportal.net.au/event/alburycity-national-tree-planting-day/>

**National Tree Day, Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am - 11:30am, Reform Hill, Myrtleford**

<http://ecoportal.net.au/event/national-tree-day/>

**National Tree Day, Rural City of Wangaratta, Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup>, 10am - 1pm, Three Mile Creek, Wangaratta**

<http://ecoportal.net.au/event/national-tree-day-rural-city-of-wangaratta/>

**National Tree Day – West Hume Landcare Community Tree Planting morning & BBQ, Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup>, 10am - 1pm,**

<http://ecoportal.net.au/event/national-tree-day-community-tree-planting-morning-bbq/>

**Baranduda Landcare 19th Planet Ark Tree Planting Day, Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup> 9.30am – 1.30pm**

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1979494569028695/>

**Bethanga & Wises Creek-Talgarno Landcare Groups tree-planting, Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 11am, Bethanga's South Common near lookout**

[Bethanga & Wises Creek-Talgarno Landcare Groups](#)

## **And more tree planting in August....**

**Federation Hill Community Planting morning – 10am-1pm, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August,**

Park on Barton St and follow the signs. All are welcome. Please let us know you're coming by registering with our Eventbrite listing [here](#).

**House Creek Community Planting morning – 10am-1pm, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August**

Look for our Landcare signs on Huon Creek Rd for parking and access. All are welcome. Please let us know you're coming by registering with our Eventbrite listing [here](#).

**Felltimber Community Planting morning - 9.30am – 1pm, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

At Lambourn Dr, West Wodonga. Please let us know you're coming via our [Facebook page](#).

## **Living Lightly**

*Living Lightly* is published every Wednesday in the Border Mail and published on the Ecoportal website <http://ecoportal.net.au/articles/> Karen Bowley is always on the lookout for inspiring articles so please send your 380 word article to [kbowley53@gmail.com](mailto:kbowley53@gmail.com) .

### **Recent articles**

[Community Energy Project](#) By Cam Klose, Community Engagement for the community energy retailer project

[Thinking of Shade](#) By Jenny Indian, Stanley

[Being more Australian](#) By Bruce Naulty, Wodonga Urban Landcare Network (WULN)

[Science versus Tribalism](#) By Lauriston Muirhead, Wodonga Albury Towards Climate Health

## **Reducing our waste**

[War On Waste Series 2](#)

This excellent series with Craig Reucassel returns to ABC TV on July 24<sup>th</sup>. See how Australia can reduce its waste. Join the conversation and take action.

### **Living Plastic Free – Plastic Free July**

Plastic Free July is well underway. Check this link for great resources:

<http://www.plasticfreejuly.org/living-plastic-free.html>

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And here's more info from Sustainability Victoria:

<http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/campaigns/plastic-free-july>

### **More reasons to cut out plastic straws**

<https://www.smh.com.au/lifestyle/health-and-wellness/more-reasons-to-cut-out-plastic-straws-20180704-p4zpfy.html>

### **Victoria says no to plastic waste**

<https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/victoria-says-no-to-plastic-waste/>

## **Climate updates**

### **Huge iceberg threatens tiny Greenland village**

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/jul/14/huge-iceberg-threatens-village-in-greenland>

### **The straight-forward climate question Josh Frydenberg will not answer**

A great article by David Spratt.

### **Ecosystems across Australia are collapsing under climate change**

This article describes several large Australian ecosystems being destroyed by climate change, including kelp, mangrove and alpine forests, it also introduces the useful terms 'presses' and 'pulses'.

### **Lethal Consequences: Climate Change Impacts on the Great Barrier Reef**

A report by the Climate Council released 5 July 2018.

## **Energy matters**

### **How government inaction fuelled Australia's renewable energy boom**

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-07-16/how-government-inaction-fuelled-the-renewables-boom/9996458>

### **ACCC can't decide if electricity market needs more or less regulation**

The electricity market is 'broken' but the solutions offered could make things worse.

<https://www.smh.com.au/business/consumer-affairs/accc-can-t-decide-if-electricity-market-needs-more-or-less-regulation-20180711->

### **As power prices soar, we need a concerted effort to tackle energy poverty**

Energy justice is a social issue, and by leaving it up to vulnerable people to sort it out for themselves, we as a society risk making it even worse.

## **Local media**

### **Why Food Share matters**

<http://www.bordercafe.com.au/2018/06/26/why-food-share-matters/>

### **Adventure park & turtle sanctuary for Gateway Island?**

<http://www.bordercafe.com.au/2018/06/26/adventure-park-turtle-sanctuary-for-gateway-island/>

*Please note that a subscription is now required to be able to read the following articles in the Border Mail:*

### **Top energy experts to encourage more use of renewables at North East forums**

<https://www.bordermail.com.au/story/5523725/top-energy-experts-to-encourage-more-use-of-renewables/?cs=11>

### **NSW FACS asks residents to BYO heater, while inefficiencies cost renters**

<https://www.bordermail.com.au/story/5524236/byo-heating-in-nsw-public-housing-while-inefficiencies-leave-renters-in-cold/?cs=11>

**Good clothes find happy new homes in Yackandandah, rather than going to waste**  
<https://www.bordermail.com.au/story/5526002/good-clothes-find-happy-new-homes-rather-than-going-to-waste/?cs=11>

**Climate science and charities under attack**  
<https://www.bordermail.com.au/story/5506214/climate-science-and-charities-under-attack/?cs=14>

**Saint Monday cafe takes disposable coffee cups off the menu**  
<https://www.bordermail.com.au/story/5511118/saint-monday-cafe-takes-disposable-coffee-cups-off-the-menu/?cs=11>

**'Electric cars require feds to power up'**  
<https://www.bordermail.com.au/story/5523426/electric-cars-require-feds-to-power-up/?cs=11>

## **And finally...**

For Border collie lovers, here's another great story:  
<https://www.stockjournal.com.au/story/5497312/teaching-an-old-dog-new-fireweed-tricks/>

## **Thankyou**

Thanks again to everyone who has provided content for this newsletter. Next one will be coming out on August 22nd.

## **WATCH meetings**

We meet every second month in central Albury and offer plenty of opportunities to take positive action. The next meeting will be at 6pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August. Contact Lizette to be advised of the venue: [lizette@salmonfamily.id.au](mailto:lizette@salmonfamily.id.au)

## **Website**

Please check our website: [www.watch.id.au](http://www.watch.id.au)

## **Facebook**

And follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/wodongaandalburytowardclimatehealth>

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*Warm regards,*

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