



CASES Climate Action Sydney Eastern Suburbs

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1. CASES door knocks Phillip Bay for 100% Renewables' Renewable Energy Survey

CASES is planning door knock the 220 residences of Phillip Bay as part of [100% Renewables Renewable Energy Survey](#). Initially we'll be mentored by Lydia Andrews, from 100% Renewables, who has loads of experience and ideas to get us motivated and confident. Hopefully be able to branch out into other areas of our domain after we have conquered Phillip Bay. The idea is that we present a short survey to householders which asks them to share their views on renewable energy. Hopefully, we can get them on board to join CASES as well!

As 100% Renewables website states, "We've set a goal to have 20,000 conversations using a community survey as a tool for those conversation. We'd like Rob Oakeshott to table these survey results in parliament in June and for local community groups around the nation to present them to their local members of parliament on Friday 24th of June." Now there's a challenge for climate action groups (CAGs).

Please contact Greg Olsen, sustainability@exemail.com.au, if you are willing and able to be involved. Possible training doorknocking days are April 16 & 17 or May 1 so reply with haste if you want to join us.

2. Dirty Banks campaign update – new spoof ANZ video

Over the last few months, CASES has leafleted outside five ANZ branches in our local area, informing ANZ customers and the broader public about the gap between ANZ's sustainability rhetoric and its massive financing of new coal, and asking them to raise the issue with their bank. Climate action groups across Australia have been taking similar action, and Greenpeace has been taking the campaign to the ANZ head office in Melbourne. See Greenpeace's new spoof video highlighting ANZ's greenwash on [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#). See the latest from the campaign [here](#).

3. Climate Action Summit outcomes

Three hundred grassroots climate activists representing over 100 community climate action groups around Australia have voiced their frustration over the failure of Australian governments to develop effective climate policy. Participants at the Climate Action Summit in Melbourne on Saturday and Sunday called for far more ambitious emission reduction targets and policies that will deliver large and escalating emissions reductions to achieve zero net emissions in the shortest possible timeframe. For more information about the summit outcomes, see the [Climate Action Summit website](#).

4. A 25 year plan to mine coal and coal seam gas in NSW – please make a submission by 15 April

The NSW government is considering increasing its investment in coal and coal seam gas. Please visit <https://coalandgasstrategy.discussions.nsw.gov.au/>, read the scoping document, and make a submission to help prevent this new plan. The deadline for submissions is this Friday 15 April. You can read CASES member Greg Olsen's submission [here](#).

5. CASES members' climate change efforts featured in the Sydney Morning Herald

CASES members Greg and Leanne Olsen were featured in the Sydney Morning Herald recently. They have made a range of changes at their Phillip Bay home to halve their carbon footprint and significantly reduce their energy bills – [find out](#) how they have gone about it. - click here to read their story. Greg and Leanne also convene an Energymark discussion group on energy, climate change, water and waste, and how we can make a difference in our homes. Find out more about this joint CSIRO/NSW Government program [here](#).

6. Next CASES Monthly Meeting, 27th April

CASES meets every 4th Wednesday of the month, at Barrett House (6 Barrett Place Randwick), from 7pm – 9pm. All are welcome! Please bring a plate to share for dinner. At the last meeting, we heard from Lydia from the [100% Renewable Energy campaign](#) and made plans to participate in the campaign's efforts to complete 20,000 community surveys for delivery to the federal parliament. The next meeting is on 27th March.

7. Events

Tuesday 19 April: Zero Carbon by 2030 – Britain's Dream or Reality?

A public lecture by UK scientist Peter Harper, from the Centre of Alternative Technology (CAT), in Wales, on ZeroCarbonBritain 2030 – a plan offering a positive realistic, policy framework to eliminate emissions from fossil fuels within 20 years. Zero Carbon Britain (ZCB) brought together leading UK's thinkers, including policy makers, scientists, academics, industry and NGOs to provide political, economic and technological solutions to the urgent challenges raised by climate science. 6.30-8pm, Vestibule, Sydney Town Hall.

Presented by the British Council, VEIL (Victorian Eco-Innovation Lab), Banksia Environmental Foundation, Key Message and the City of Sydney. RSVP essential. For more information, see <http://www.sustainablecitiesnet.com/events/peter-harper-%E2%80%98zero-carbon-britain-2030-in-sydney/>.

Sunday 1 May: National Permaculture Day

Permaculture is a design system for creating sustainable human environments. It is about designing households and communities that are productive, sustaining and largely self-reliant and have minimal impact on the environment. National Permaculture Day is a day where a range of Permaculture events occur across Australia. All activities are held on Sunday May 1 unless specified otherwise. See [events in the eastern suburbs](#).

Sunday 1 May: Sustainability Open Day at Clovelly Child Care Centre

The Clovelly Child Care Centre is holding an open day to celebrate their continuing commitment to the environment and the unveiling of their new solar panels. Join in for a fun-filled day with a kids' wildlife show, native plant giveaways, eco-workshops, sustainability demos, kids' yoga, face painting and more! The day is free and all are welcome. 10am - 2pm, 40A Arden Street, Clovelly. For more information visit www.clovellychildcarecentre.org.au.

Sunday 15 May: Book Launch – Climate Change Denial: Heads in the Sand

Climate change can be solved – but only when we cease to deny that it exists. This book by Haydn Washington and John Cook shows how we can break through denial, accept reality, and thus solve the climate crisis. It will engage scientists, university students, climate change activists as well as the general public seeking to roll back denial and act. To be launched by Bob Carr at Gleebooks, 3:30pm. RSVP essential. For more information, see <http://www.gleebooks.com.au/default.asp?p=events/launches4.htm>.

Randwick Council Website Listed Events and Workshops

Randwick Council has a listing of environmental events and workshops. Upcoming events and workshops include:

- April 14 & 15: Marine Discovery Program and Filthy Art Festival - Maroubra Beach
- Saturdays 30 April, 14 & 28 May: Basic Bike Mechanics Workshops

See more details [here](#).

Waverley Council Website Listed Events and Workshops

Waverley Council has a listing of environmental events and workshops. Upcoming events and workshops include:

- Sunday 17 April: Waverley's Water Walk
- Saturday 30 April: Compost Cocktails
- 1-7 May: Compost Awareness Week, a variety of activities and events
- Monday 2 May: Love Food Hate Waste Workshop
- Wednesday 4 May: Bike Maintenance Workshop
- Friday 20 May: Walk Safely to School Day 2011
- Sunday 5 June: Bondi the Beautiful Sea Fair

See more details [here](#).

Woollahra Council Website Listed Events and Workshops

Waverley Council has a listing of environmental events and workshops. Upcoming events and workshops include:

- Monday 18 April: Living With Less Chemicals Seminar
- Friday 20 May: Walk Safely to School Day 2011
- Saturday 28 May: Autumn at the Holdsworth Rain Garden

See more details [here](#).

Reduce Your Footprint Website Listed Events, Workshops and Courses

The Reduce Your Footprint website (a collaboration between Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra Councils) has a listing of environmental events, workshops and courses. Upcoming events and workshops include:

Thursday 21 April: Visit the Little House of Sustainability

Saturday 30 April: Neighbourhood compost events in 6 locations across the eastern suburbs

Sunday 1 May: Visit the Randwick Sustainability Hub, National Permaculture Day

Tuesday 10 May: Five Keys to a Sustainable Home Presentation

Commencing Thursday 5 May: Creating EcoCentres Course (6 Thursdays)

Commencing Saturday 7 May: Living Smart Course (6 Saturdays)

See more details [here](#).