



GIPPSLAND CLIMATE CHANGE NETWORK - OUTLINE

Since 2007, Gippsland Climate Change Network has been a region-wide voice for action on climate change, engaging through information, consultation/research and project development. It is an independent NFP incorporated body with a membership of around 30 organisations, comprised of local govt (6), many state govt departments and instrumentalities, business and community groups who elect a governing board.

The Board is assisted by an executive officer, and funded by local government and state government agencies. GCCN may be briefly summarised under the following headings:

INTERACTION

Victorian Greenhouse Alliances – formal partnership of 70 Victorian municipalities

Gippsland Local Govt Network - energy efficiency street lightning project

Low income Energy Efficiency program

University of Melbourne -2 projects

National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility project – Inverloch, Sandy Point, Lakes Ent.

Environmental Upgrade Agreements - made available to rural councils

Gippsland Waste Management & Resource Recycling Group – Vic. Govt consultation

ACHIEVEMENTS

Sustainability Gippsland website – over 100 interest groups registered

Leadership Sustainable Gippsland program

Resource Smart Schools – education expo's in conjunction with SV

ClimateWorks Low Carbon Growth Plan for Gippsland

Heyfield flagship program – World Environment Day Award from UN Assoc of Aust 2011

Bio-energy forum on Category 3 waste – Australian Paper, SV, EPA, GWRRG, Gippsland councils

Renewable Energy Demonstration trailer – built and displayed widely

TRY Youth retrofit program – energy efficiency, education, jobs and engagement

Speaking tour for Soren Hermansen 2017 – Danish community energy advocate

ONGOING PROJECTS

Mirboo North Community Energy Hub – feasibility stage of 1.2MW solar farm

Carbon neutral towns - Mallacoota energy self-sufficiency

Building a Biomass Industry in Gippsland – near completed research paper to inform GWMRRG regarding a Gippsland biomass industry, possibly with a large scale plant at Aust Paper

Electronic updates on regional, state, federal and international policy, events and news via website

Submissions and written responses to policy documents such as the Finkel Electricity Review

Represent Gippsland at Vic Greenhouse Alliance – projects include *Low Income Households* and *Solar Savers* to support pensioner, low income and vulnerable households

Attendance at events (field days, festivals etc) - promote sustainability and use of RE trailer

TAKE2 partner - Vic Govt CO2 reduction target of 25% by 2020, 40% 2025 (Climate Change Act)

Low Carbon Growth Plan implementation – liaise with Govt and community

Continued advice on climate change adaptation and CO2 reduction to GLGN and local govt

Climate change sound board for orgs eg SV, LVA, GWMRRG, Bank Australia, AP

Climate change awareness and its effects on Gippsland agriculture, industry, community

Eco-Hub – overall advocacy for safe climate action by business, govt and community organisations

Foster relationships with other renewable energy organisations eg C4CE, Embark, ENOVA

Continued promotion of the Resource Smart Schools program

FUTURE

Development of the organisation to become self funding

Establish a revolving fund for financial support of local projects

Involvement in RE projects and innovation eg floating solar

Support for local community energy projects through the LV Community Power Hub

Grow awareness of CC and effects of CC on Gippsland ag, ind, comm

Hosting climate change and renewable energy related forums for Gippsland

Attendance at environmental related conferences and workshops

Interaction with research projects, organisations and universities

New jobs and business/manufacture eg Earthworker, manufacture of floating solar floats

Develop training opportunities at new Morwell Technical school and Hi-Tech Precinct

FURTHER INFORMATION

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