

**BCCAN MISSION**

A community based network of organisations and individuals that work together to promote action on climate change & equitable & sustainable development.

BCCAN AIMS

To involve the Bathurst Community & liaise & communicate on their behalf with Council.

Reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Achieve sustainable & equitable development in the Bathurst Region

Adoption of renewable energy technologies throughout the Bathurst region

Bio-sequestration of CO₂

Raise public awareness of associated problems

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Welcome to the first newsletter of 2009!

Hello and a Happy 2009.

The action for 2009 has already started and yours truly, editor of your BCCAN Bulletin, is lagging behind.

Now this is where we have a quick self-assessment.

Tick the box and take the appropriate action.

Are you:

1.) A slacker, like me?

Action: TURN the PAGE IMMEDIATELY to see what is happening.

2.) An Internet Guru?

Action: You know what is happening from keeping up-to-date through the BCCAN website. NOW, use your password and make a contribution to the site

3.) A font of all Knowledge?

Action: Send an article or some info or news on an aspect of Climate Change for the BCCAN Bulletin and attach it to an email to Judy at: judygreg.walker@gmail.com

THE WHITE PAPER

A brief summary of Prof Garnaut's article in the SMH Dec 19-21, 2008

This article deals with three main issues:

Garnaut recommended the 5% target for the reduction of carbon emissions if there is no satisfactory international agreement. However, if there is an agreement Garnaut believes the target for 2020 should be 25%. By ruling this out a 25% reduction Australia is discredited in the international negotiations.

Garnaut believes that paying \$3.9 billion dollars to existing generators of power shows the unreasonable success of the lobbyists. The 5 year cap on the price of emission permits is a danger to our country's economy.

Garnaut is alarmed by the uncontrolled proportion of free permits allocated to trade-exposed, emissions-intensive industries. He believes there is a good chance that this will increase the risk of dangerous climate change and of a deeper economic recession

UPCOMING EVENTS

Meeting

29th January 5pm
Council Chambers

HOW CAN BATHURST
REGION PRODUCE, MARKET
& CONSUME MORE of its own
FOOD?

Biodynamic Farming Workshop

1 February 9am - 5pm
703 Bridle Track
Duramana

Contact: Len Palmer
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Cost \$110

See website for details

Peel River Field Day

6 February 2009 9am
Meet Peel Hall

Contact: Marita Sydes
Before 3 February
On 0429 979 780 or
maritasydes@bigpond.com

Climate Change Trade Expo

22 February 12 - 4pm
Conference Room
Bathurst Leagues
Club

Find out about products
and building methods
Contact: Iain Townsend
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Food Production, Food Marketing and Community Gardens

The Food Production and Marketing Action Planning Team (APT) contributes much to BCCAN's vision & activities. As well this APT works with other groups in the community with similar goals.

Look at the Upcoming Events column on this page and this becomes clear.



Pictures of Telopea's Community Garden

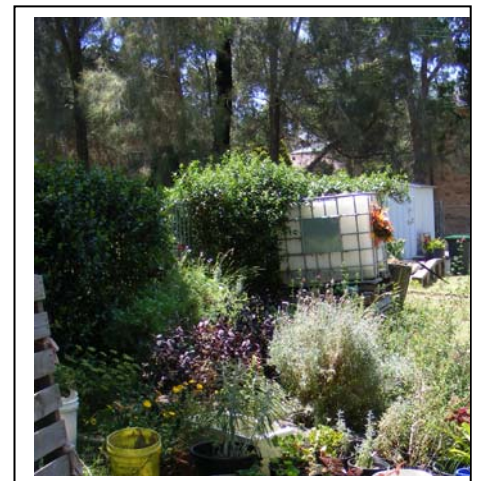
NOTE:

Thursday, 29th January, 2009 at six pm
Public Meeting

First floor of Bathurst Regional Council
Cnr Russell & William Sts

HOW CAN BATHURST REGION
PRODUCE, MARKET & CONSUME
MORE of its own FOOD?

Speakers from Dept of Primary Industry



Rahamim and Bathurst Information & Neighbourhood Centre (BINC) have taken the initiative in the development of Community Gardens.

BCCAN is encouraging Bathurst Regional Council to make available parts of the Bathurst floodplain land for community and market gardens.

Watch this space for news and pictures of Bathurst's Community Gardens

Did you know?

London is changing to a localised system of electricity generation because of the large amount of electricity lost in transmission.

There are more people who eat alligators than there are alligators that eat people.

When a landscape is denuded of trees the rainfall in that area decreases

Trees around a house lower the temperature inside the house.

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Local Action

BCCAN's Steering Committee is planning for 2009.

Come along to the next Steering Committee Meeting on Tues 10/2/09 at 5pm in the Committee Room of Bathurst Regional Council.

Your input would be valued.

Or go to a meeting of an Action Planning Team and be a part of the action.

Contact details on this page.

AUSTRALIA'S CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT

This will take place in Canberra from:
Saturday 31st January to Tuesday 3rd February, 2009

The first 2 days aim to create a strategic national campaign and a grassroots network.

On the Monday there will be practical workshops.

On the Tuesday there will be a call for action to deal with Climate Change.

To find out about this important event on any of these days, refer to the website: www.climatesummit.org.au.

Patrick Forman is our contact point for those from BCCAN who want to attend any of the 4 days. So email: pforman@csu.edu.au to discuss car pooling, registration, etc.