

Murrindindi Climate Network – Annual Report 2015

During the 8th year of the Murrindindi Climate Network Inc. we have worked on the following projects:

Community Garden & Kitchen Project

- Weekly working bees in the community garden at Alexandra
- Participation in the 1st Organic Vegetable Open Garden weekend 21/22.03.2015. This involved Preparations of the garden with Dame Pattie Menzies Men's working group.
- Collaboration with Berry Street Connect for Kids program to offer community gardening activities for local youth – learning to growing your own fresh and healthy food and enjoying each others company.



Voluntary Green Code of Practice

Energy Efficiency

- Over 40 business assessments completed and over 60 Energy Monitors installed.
- A report with energy efficiency suggestions is on the MCN website and a 20 minute documentary entitled “Greening Your Business” showcasing local businesses and their achievements is on YouTube
- First Expert seminar “A Major Power Shift” on future energy costs, energy generation and the global role of renewables
- Providing further assistance to some of the business owners and public buildings to increase their energy efficiency.
- Second Expert seminar “ Breaking free from the Grid” that explores different solutions including new technologies



Cleaning Product assessment

- Cleaning Product assessments completed and report with suggestions is available on the MCN website.
- Workshop series with council staff and contractors to change their cleaning practices to more environmentally friendly products and processes.
- Product trials and development of guidelines for council's cleaning contractors is work in progress.



Outlook for 2016

In 2016 there will be Federal Elections and MCN will host a Candidate Forum – either as a meeting or as a virtual forum on the internet. In the past, we had good experience with both formats.

We also consider going on a road show with our expert talks on energy efficiency + renewables, and keep assisting Council and community with the green cleaning product information In the Community Garden in addition to the working bees, we plan to organise interesting workshops and talks.

If you have suggestions for interesting topics for further workshops, please let us know with the Feedback Survey Form today!

For further information, please visit our website at www.murrindindiclimate.org.au or become a member!