

## **Bellingen Climate Action Group meeting summary: 6 February, 2008**

**Present:** Nick Rose, Irene, Nick Radford, David, Thomas, Thea, Fiona, Lisa

**Apologies:** Olivia, Karen, Colin

**Welcome, Check in.**

### **Announcements:**

1. Please join the Environment Centre if you haven't already– membership only costs \$5!
2. Bobbi Allen events – Feb. 8-10 – Public Talk and 2 day workshop (see flyer)
3. Save South Moonee Rally – Feb 9
4. Local Food Film Festival – Sundays: Feb 17, March 2, March 16 (see flyer)
5. Plant Fair – March 8
6. Renewable Energy Fair – May 24

### **Reports:**

**Finances:** The BCAG is opening its own community account at the Credit Union. We currently have approximately \$1000 dollars in the BEC account. Unfortunately, last years account book has been misplaced – however, Leif (treasurer of BEC) has records of our accounts so they can be reconstructed. We are desperately looking for someone to take on the bookkeeping role!

**EcoBello Network:** Representatives from 8 environmental/sustainability groups met last week to share information about projects, etc. It was a very interesting and informative meeting, the summary of which will go out to each group for sharing among its membership as desired. The aim of the group is to meet every few months.

**Local Food Network:** The first meeting was held in November and was very successful, and a Local Food dinner was held in conjunction with the BCAG in December. The Local Food Film Festival is about to commence, under the enthusiastic guidance and sponsorship of Kevin from Kombu. The next general planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19 Feb.

### **Old Business:**

**Memorandum of Understanding update:** The MOU is still with Council, as they are finishing the final work on Milestone 1 (collecting the information necessary to set emission targets for Milestone 2). The plan is to sign the MOU only after Milestone 1 is completed. The groups from the EcoBello network meeting indicated their interest in being part of the signing, contingent on approval from their respective membership bodies.

**Energy Meter:** David Wallin has prepared the Energy Meter, complete with handy carry box and simple instructions, for others to borrow and use. The idea is that BCAG members may borrow it to measure the energy usage in their homes, then return it with a small donation (which goes towards the next Energy Meter purchase.) Thanks for your work, David!

### **New Business:**

**Transition Towns:** Nick gave a short explanation of the Transition Town model, which is based in the UK, and is quickly gaining popularity in Australia and around the world. After questions and discussion, we decided that the Transition Towns project would be an ideal project for the BCAG to take on for 2008. **We agreed that everyone would learn more via the Transition Towns website: [www.transitiontowns.org](http://www.transitiontowns.org), and that the March general meeting would be dedicated to working out a plan of action.**

**Plant Fair:** Lesley is preparing for this years Plant Fair, on March 8, and would love some help. Any one who can help with set up, clean up, serving cake and coffee, working the raffle, etc – please contact Lesley at the Environment Centre [bec@bellnet.com.au](mailto:bec@bellnet.com.au).

**Meeting adjourned:** Next general meeting to be held **Wednesday, March 6.**