

Climate Rescue of Wagga Inc.

Chairperson's report for 2011-12

It is worth recording what CROW has achieved during the year because the list is substantial. It allows us to keep a record of where we have been, review our direction and see the themes being played out:

- Vegetarian Potluck meals on 8th July and 4th November.
- CROW in the Daily Advertiser on 14th July in support of funding announcement for the Clean Energy Finance Corp. CROW members also engaged the local federal MP in discussion on renewable energy policy as part of the national 100% renewables campaign.
- CROW was in all the local media in July to refute Viscount Monckton during his visit to Wagga.
- Sustainable House Day in Wagga on 11th Sep with one house and the Demonstration Gardens open.
- Planning meeting held on 4th Feb.
- CROW members spoke at the Renewable Energy Roadshow held on 4th April. The event was organised jointly with the Nature Conservation Society of NSW.
- In March, CROW made a submission on Australia's draft energy white paper, based on William Adlong's work.
- Pizza evening held at the Demonstration Gardens on 11th May was great fun and raised nearly \$600.
- In June, CROW applied for a community grant for the project "Investing in Solar in Wagga". \$2,000 has been granted to CROW to promote solar PV in Wagga and to support the renewable energy events to be held later in 2012 in cooperation with Wagga City Council.

Although our paid-up membership remains small, we have over 80 people on our email distribution list. As ever for all groups and clubs, we need to keep working on membership. Update of our website with an on-line joining facility may help.

Our project Investing in Solar in Wagga should bring some exciting developments. Let's see how much solar PV we get installed in the Riverina, what with PV prices without subsidies around retail grid parity. I look forward to seeing what we can do.

Stephen James
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