



Key Recommendations – Climate of Change Project

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Engaging with the community to reduce emissions	
Develop and implement programs that focus on engagement through social networks, including online social networking. Explore options for the creation of linkages and incentives (e.g. a competition) for schools, families, local networks as another strategy for encouraging sustainable behaviour.	BREAZE, all partners
Collect stories and promote examples modelling sustainable living – with energy and cost savings quantified.	BREAZE, all partners
Develop ways for BREAZE members to share tips, news, success stories and good practice for energy efficient and sustainable living.	BREAZE
Continue to provide a range of information (from basic to in depth), in a range of formats (face to face, web, general media etc) and for a range of audiences (e.g. rental and home owners).	BREAZE, all partners
Incorporate interactive elements in BREAZE communications to encourage information users, and especially BREAZE website users, to engage in (inter)active discussion in response to questions and issues.	BREAZE
Develop a workshop program focused on “Capturing the Return of ‘Old Ways’” that are resource efficient and contribute to community and individual health and wellbeing, e.g. sustainable living tours, making food, wine, environmentally friendly products, etc.	BREAZE
BREAZE to continue to support existing members by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase opportunities for face to face contact • Providing information to inform sustainable purchasing decisions • Continue member involvement through Action Groups to provide opportunity for deep involvement • Continue to maintain comprehensive and interactive website 	BREAZE
Continue to run a series of Sustainability for Beginners workshops, and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop links with local sustainability experts to expand and strengthen sustainability education options. • Improve publicity and marketing using BREAZE networks and resources • Deliver a sustainability training program for 2010 	BRACE, CHRLC, BREAZE
Develop effective programs with business and industry to progress the widespread adoption of energy efficiency measures and staff programs within the workplace.	BREAZE, University of Ballarat, City of Ballarat
Extend research opportunities to better understand behaviour change around emissions reduction	BREAZE, University of Ballarat, City of B’rat

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Cutting emissions for Ballarat	
Establish programs that focus on indirect household energy use reduction, as the single greatest opportunity to reduce emissions, in particular a buy local food – grow your own food education campaign	BREAZE, City of Ballarat, other community partners
Establish programs that focus on reduction of industrial emissions (currently 50% of electricity consumption in the City). Draw on best practice examples such as the Maine’s power project in Castlemaine.	BREAZE, City of Ballarat, RSA Ballarat, other business partners, CSIRO
Establish educational and support programs that focus on reducing car use, e.g. car pooling, promotion of public transport, walking and cycling	BREAZE, City of Ballarat, other business and community partners
Promote the installation of Solar Hot Water, with an aim to switch all electric hot water systems to solar by 2030.	BREAZE, City of Ballarat, other business and community partners
Establish/extend supported purchasing / bulk buy programs solar hot water systems and energy efficient whitegoods.	BREAZE
Establish an “Emissions Reduction Challenge” with targets for local households, e.g. reduce household energy use by half, or individuals to reduce emissions by 1 tonne in a year.	BREAZE, City of Ballarat
Renewable Energy for Ballarat – encourage purchase of green power and local renewable energy generation – household and industrial / commercial. Continue to support members through bulk-buy programs.	BREAZE, City of Ballarat, other business and community partners
<p>Planning / development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate for planning law reform to mandate passive solar design and siting for any new developments, and other energy efficiency measures. • Provide input to construction and building standard reform to mandate a high level of energy efficiency in new and existing premises across all sectors. • Actively support the widespread adoption of PV systems on all domestic, commercial and industrial premises with suitable north facing roof space. • Redesign pedestrian and bike ways to make access to urban hubs from residential areas easy and safe. 	BREAZE, City of Ballarat, RSA Ballarat
Continue to support water demand management and installation of water tanks/grey water systems to minimise increased electricity consumption and emissions from super pipe water pumping.	BREAZE, City of Ballarat, RSA Ballarat, CHW
Continue to connect and provide access to relevant state government funded research and investigation which could add value to projects funded under the Sustainability Fund, e.g. Solar City research.	Sustainability Victoria
Develop projects to establish innovative industries and agricultural enterprises to develop carbon storage practices, such as bio-sequestration (e.g. biochar).	BREAZE, City of Ballarat, RSA Ballarat, Central Highlands Agribusiness Forum
Extend research to understand our emissions profile through further surveys to determine the specific energy use profile of Ballarat households in relation to demographics. Link in with Solar City if possible.	BREAZE, University of Ballarat, RSA Ballarat, Solar City
Climate Action Group network needs and opportunities	

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Catalogue existing CAG resources and forums in an easy-to-follow way and ensure they are well publicised and their relevance to groups clearly explained – with access from a central location, e.g. EV website. Include opportunities for groups to communicate their successes and project outcomes.	EV, CAGs
Seek funding for a CAG network web facilitator to ensure current information is readily available.	EV, CAGs
Run regular Central Victorian CAG gatherings, perhaps rotating or sharing event coordination between the larger groups to share the workload.	EV, CAGs, CVGA
Facilitate 6 monthly gathering of CAGs in Regional Victoria, possibly coordinated by EV or a local Greenhouse Alliance.	EV, CAGs
Establish a Central Victorian Regional Advocacy Alliance coordinator position, perhaps under the auspice of one of the larger Central Victorian groups, to establish the framework of a Regional Advocacy Alliance and implement networked advocacy activities.	CAGs
Further explore and identify the role that CVGA and other Greenhouse Alliances may play in supporting Climate Action Groups, particularly in the area of policy advice.	EV, CAGs, CVGA, other representative groups
See funding for administration and event support for smaller groups, with the cost being spread across a number of groups, with positions hosted by EV or a larger CAG.	EV, CAGs
Environment Victoria to continue mentoring groups on advocacy process and respond to feedback from regional climate action groups.	EV, CAGs