



Meetings and Minutes

Futuring Orange meeting 12/06/19

Present:

21 approx - people in attendance

Apologies:

Apologies: Grant Smith, Simon Wright, Stephen Nugent

Minutes of General Meeting:

Recap of the purpose of the Futuring Orange

- A local group for people to act in regards to climate change
- To build a structure that everyone can participate in as much as you can
- Project-based group
- Approach schools to get younger people involved
- Climate emergency – motion to occ to declare the emergency needs to be addressed in the next 10 – 11 year window of opportunity.
- There is a window – try to stop it... OR, there is **not** a window -try to stop it...Whatever it takes in the next 10 years - is worth it!
- What can I do? Importance of starting. It will be messy. Enthusiasm is important.

Add to calendar

25 June 7pm (next council meeting)

Stephen Nugent to move the motion about climate emergency (538 jurisdictions declared already). Support declaration at the next meeting! Need a many people as possible. Amendments welcome by 5pm cob -13/6. Media coverage regardless of the result.

Suggestions

- Dubbo sustainable council - good contact for the group
- Sally Neaves: Rahamim and BCCAN (Bathurst Community Climate Action Network) Al Gore climate reality training
 - Have meeting such as these and encourage discussion about climate change problems and solutions. Share resources from the reality training. Scenarios used were from just last week (rather than the last 10 years) discuss renewables drawdown,
 - **Community Education & Engagement:** Discussion regarding election – and the climate debate:
 - How to connect with the population that don't participate or engage with groups such as ECCO (Environmentally Concerned Citizens of Orange); with people not concerned; who are not in this room?
 - Indigenous population inclusion. How do we engage?
Note from Tina - AECG – aboriginal communities **are** creating programs – cultural astronomical calendar!!!

Discussion

- Jobs? Job creation 20000 jobs in renewable energies – cheaper than coal
 - o Suggest images and stats – why is this happening? Minerals office in parliament? \$30 billion US -subsidised coal...
- Drawing the whole community in to this project that is not politically involved (left, centre left)...
- Rahamim and BCCAN how do we collaborate? Conduit? Sally Neaves happy to act as such
- Projects should be submission based; support for other events

Thanks for your ideas, energy and enthusiasm! Let's get some great things done!

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- Note: Climate for farmers event in September in orange
- Every act should be logged on the website -momentum building for the global movement.
- FO Vision: thoughts?
 - o KH: A group to belong to – designated project groups
 - o Mission and values: discussion
 - o Send an email if thoughts arise
 - o How are the values perceived by general public?
 - o How these projects are structured?
 - o Project guidelines?
 - o Bring it to the meeting and discuss
 - o “unconventionally” in the values questionable – wording needs to be careful not to alienate anyone –
 - o will reword values to stop alienation

Brainstorming Project ideas:

1. stopping the harm,
2. Providing alternatives,
3. cleaning up the mess - drawdown

Notes: to get more people involved in Futuring orange. Watch out for long ongoing projects -due to volunteer burnout. Solar farm project: due diligence – to get community members to invest in project. Simon to drive solar project.

Further discussion

- About “extremes” turning people off Futuring orange: suggest collaboration rather than attacking politicians. Interact with local member: Andrew gee is our member - work with him rather than fight him and approach him about more apolitical issues that he hasn’t officially opposed in parliament.
- The need to be more than just one person [engaging with local govt] over and over again...
- Project idea of political engagement
- Suggestion of inviting local council and govt reps – show inclusivity rather than protest based
- Engaging with Andrew Gee about solar farm...
- Suggest many individual approaches to see how Andrew Gee responds to each individual
 - o what makes Andrew gee tick? positive publicity?
 - o easy to get positive profile of projects in local news...
- 2040 film is running - Solutions focussed
- David Attenborough documentary – brutally honest... credibility “climate change the facts”
- Compost in orange already happening
- What can you as an individual do? Simplest things: reduce foodwaste,
- Solar on rooftops for renters? How to move forward -community solar farm
- Project idea: lobby Council re waste in the cbd (green and yellow bins)...?
- Waste – forum fliers
- Open to working with existing projects
- Email to list: mission values etc, notes of project date, minutes
- Agree date of Next meeting: Wednesday 24 July 5:30pm