



# Meetings and Minutes

## Present:

22-30 people approx

## Apologies:

n/a

## Minutes of General Meeting Wednesday May 15 2019:

### Discussion

- New initiative – new ideas and fresh energy
- Focus on Climate emergency in Orange
- Response to the earlier student climate strikes to show that the kids have been heard
- Political influence
- David Attenborough – climate change – the facts - film
- Futuring Orange is:
  - Ideas and local knowledge
  - Projects
- Draw expertise into the group – legal, accounting etc
- School groups with duke of ed etc.
- Find out what good is happening in the community and around Orange i.e. don't reinvent the wheel
- Collaboration is key
- What can we do to lift community engagement – education
- Political pressure
- Orange City Council policies are within our grasp to write and put pressure on
  - Esky community forum – feeds into council
- Climate emergency needs to be front and centre even after the election, local government to declare the emergency
- We are all in this together
- Point out the benefits of projects to engage community, rather than just seeing it is for the larger whole
- Start joining the dots to get people to associate the group with positives, interesting and innovative and a great story.
- Positive social outcomes/inclusivity/jobs etc
- Have your occupation plus “earthjob” positivity from projects
- Hepburn wind project – have released a blueprint to how it was done
  - It would be good to extend that to the whole region – not just orange
  - Blueprint vision for the central west
  - Work with BCCAN, ECCO and Clean Cowra
- Regional Australia has an important role to play – positive story
- DA lodged in OCC: Energy Democracy - a small scale solar farm
  - people can buy into this farm and invest with a discount co-op model good for community,
  - onsite storage,
  - sell surplus back to the grid.

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

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- Next 6-8 weeks now important for grant 3.5 million possible.
- Sell local solar energy to householders who can't afford panels now
- Community excited by innovation
- FO – role to promote?
- wind farm model didn't get off the ground
  - Flyers Creek windfarm? Not off the table, but apathetic as to whether or not it will go ahead. Enough power for Orange and surrounds... FO need not get involved because it will go ahead or not regardless... Bonus if it goes ahead.
- Three things to effect change
  - Stop the harm
  - Provide the solutions
  - Drawdown cleaning up the mess
- Is there a role for language change e.g. climate change vs climate crisis etc
- Need to be sensible and pragmatic – go slowly and work with the politics around
- FO movement is to collaborate and share knowledge
- Governance: is the group incorporated? No
- Can we publish skillset of each person present
- Movie nights good promotion and opportunity to hand out information about other projects
- Note: what are the projects? Lots of talk but no action as yet
- To do: compile lists of possible projects
- Ideas:
  - bio – composting ideas and FOOD week possibilities
  - Electric car manufacturing - Joel Little to provide info to Kate Hook about electric cars