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We acknowledge the Wallumedegal, original inhabitants of the Ryde – Hunters Hill area.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

The first of our objectives listed in the constitution of the Society is the education of the membership and the community, particularly in the local area, in nature conservation and protection of the environment. In more recent times it has been possible to restart our program of walks, seminars and other gatherings. In February this year our resident bird expert Cathy Goswell led our very popular bird walks and in March we organised a talk by Professor George Paxinos. George is an internationally recognised neurologist and talked about his book *A River Divided: Brain Power and the Environment*. This provided a very interesting insight about influencing thinking on environmental matters.

In May we conducted an election forum where candidates for the Bennelong electorate spoke about their priorities and background. In this edition of *Wallumetta* we report on an illustrated talk by Dr Peter Mitchell about local indigenous history revealing fascinating information not widely known about the people in the area of Ryde and the Lane Cove River. We also report a talk by Tim Pearson about Sydney bats which dispelled many of the myths and misunderstandings about them.

These events have all been well received by those attending and they are truly realising our objective of educating the membership and the community. This edition of *Wallumetta* lists more events and we are planning for others through to March next year.

Members are encouraged to see our [Facebook page](#) and [website](#) (see details on the last page of this edition) for more information, which will also be circulated by email to members and others who have indicated that they would like to be included on our email lists.

Members can assist in spreading the news about these events by letting their friends and neighbours and their social media groups know.

Frank Breen, President

EDITOR'S NOTE

There have been changes in the format of this newsletter over the past few years, accommodating the need to report an ever-increasing amount of environmental news and the shift to electronic distribution. Clicking on an item of personal interest in the table of contents will take the reader straight to that item, but the general format remained with news of a global scale first, and local items (including events) last.

At a recent committee meeting we decided to do things the other way around...

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Our constitution embraces the need for us to be concerned with wider issues and we will continue to be so; but our Society was formed as, and remains, an important local group.

Therefore, starting with this edition, after the *President's Note* you will find news about our activities, the Field of Mars Reserve and other items about the Ryde – Hunters Hill area before coming to the wider issues. We hope you continue to find our newsletter informative and helpful.

Phillip Ward, Editor

COMING EVENTS:

Winter Wildflower Whispering – 10am and 2pm Saturday 6 August 2022

On Saturday 6 August at 10am and 2pm members of our Society will lead walks in the upper areas of the Field of Mars Reserve where shrubs are flowering in abundance. Wear closed shoes and bring water, a hat and suitable clothing according to the weather.

The walks are of about 90 minutes' duration and will go ahead even in case of light rain.

The tracks are not considered difficult but not suitable for people with serious mobility problems.

As always, coffee and tea will be available at the Visitor Centre before and after the walks.

For registration or further information, phone **0417 439 456** or email onetonner@gmail.com indicating the number of participants and your preferred time.

Numbers are strictly limited, so registration is essential.

If you register and find you are unable to attend, please let us know, as there may be a waiting list.

Grasses and Groundcovers – Saturday 3 September 2022

Society member Phillip Ward will talk about the variety of grasses, vines and groundcovers to be found in the Reserve, and demonstrate how to differentiate native species from exotic weeds.



NCC Picnic Day – Sunday 16 October 2022

People power made the federal election a climate election. It was a time of celebration for nature. To keep that momentum going, the NCC is planning a state-wide picnic day to bring people together to celebrate nature, grow the movement and talk about what we need to do next.

Groups and organisations have been invited to co-host a picnic in their area, and we will be doing just that! We plan to celebrate with:

- bush walks,
- displays including The Habitat Nursery,
- a barbecue lunch, and
- family activities around the Visitor Centre.

The day will be about celebrating the natural beauty of our local area. And we will talk about what to do to win positive change, protect nature and take urgent action on climate change, especially coming up to the state election next March.

Looking Ahead:

- Bird Walks – Sunday 6 November 2022
- Society Members' End-of-Year Get-Together – 12pm Sunday 4 December 2022
- February 2023 (details to be advised) – State Government Election Forum

NEWS FROM AROUND THE FIELD OF MARS

PAST EVENTS

Wallumattagal of Turrumburra – talk by Dr Peter Mitchell OAM, on 18 June 2022

Around 50 members and interested visitors enjoyed this very informative illustrated talk which explored what we know of the lifestyle, cultural values and history of the Wallumattagal and other people of the Dharug Nation in the area of Ryde and the Lane Cove River.

Peter played a significant role in locating the grave site of Bennelong and assisted in the assembly of the educational website <http://findingbennelong.com/>



We were fortunate to have Peter share his wealth of knowledge.

Forest Therapy Walks – Sunday 26 June + Sunday 17 July

Society member Karen Oliver conducted free forest therapy walks in the Field of Mars Reserve. The small number of participants appreciated the experience, even though the weather at the time was rather cold.



Society members Lyn, Brigid and Phillip with RDHS President Kim Phillips at Willandra

Visits to Other Groups

Upon invitation we have, from time to time, visited like-minded groups to spread the word about our Society, the work we do, and the Field of Mars Reserve.

Recently we accepted the opportunity to mount a display at Willandra, the historic building at the corner of Victoria Road and Devlin Street Ryde, and home of the Ryde District Historical Society (RDHS).

And even more recently, Phillip Ward gave a talk to the Eastwood Garden Club, about the Field of Mars.

Meet the Bats – Saturday 23 July 2022

Tim Pearson, of the Ku-ring-gai Bat Conservation Society, gave a very interesting talk about bats - including microbats, Grey-Headed Flying Foxes and other species found around Sydney. He was assisted by Haley and four live Grey-Headed Flying Foxes which cannot be released into the wild.



Tim highlighted how many species face a number of threats. He gave us this list of

Ten Things You Can Do To Help:

1. Value every native tree, shrub and grass – grow local natives and spare a second thought before you cut a tree down. And preserve tree hollows!
2. Learn more about your local native species and the environment. Share this knowledge with friends, colleagues and students.
3. Spend time in nature – especially with your kids and grandkids. Encourage them to explore and discover.
4. Join or support the work of conservation groups.
5. Vote for politicians with clear environmental advocacy, and not climate change sceptics.
6. Phone or write to politicians to voice your concerns.
7. Write to the media to show your support for environmental causes.
8. Sign up your property as a Wildlife Refuge if it is eligible.
9. Be a responsible pet owner, or even a wildlife carer instead.
10. Live more sustainably – reduce your carbon / ecological footprint.

WILDLIFE

Wallaby sightings are more frequent, especially in areas around the Kunzea Track, the Sand Track and near Strangers Creek, but an unfortunate incident was reported to us: apparently one wallaby was hit by a car in nearby Pidding Road. And near the boardwalk a tree trunk had graffiti inscribed by vandals.



Wildlife seems to be confused by the changing weather conditions, but the wildflowers are now in blossom with bright white, gold and red flowers appearing along the Sand Track.

With more rain having fallen recently, the tracks are again very muddy, and the rocky parts of the Doyle Track and Warada Track have significantly eroded, making it difficult for walkers to negotiate these sections of the tracks.

And cyclists are making the situation worse along the Sand Track by putting their wheel tracks through the boggy sections and making the mud even deeper.

Dead Frogs?

Sydney Wildlife received a Frog Mortality Notification from Louise Hatton at Wildlife Programs and Regulation, Conservation Programs Branch, NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service. Wildlife Health Australia seeks help for disease investigations...

Throughout winter 2021 there was a flurry of reports of sick and dead frogs across eastern Victoria, NSW and Queensland. Reports ceased as temperatures increased, but there has been a recent recurrence of some similar reports in eastern Australia. The first cold snap of each year can be accompanied by a few localised frog mortalities, but mortalities in 2021 impacted more animals over a greater range than previously encountered. The Australian Registry of Wildlife Health, the Australian Museum, Wildlife Health Australia and state government environment and biosecurity agencies are working together to investigate the event and determine the likely cause.

Currently a combination of the amphibian chytrid fungus and the chilly temperatures are suspected to be the cause, however we simply don't know the full story and what other factors may be involved (see background below). We also aren't sure how widespread this frog mortality event is, what impact it will have on our frog populations, or how long it will last. While the temperatures stay low, we suspect that frogs will continue succumbing. If we don't investigate quickly, we will lose the opportunity to achieve a diagnosis and understand why.

The following signs in any frog species have been seen so far:

- Lethargic (slow to move)
- Skin discolouration (lighter or darker than normal)
- Thin (emaciated)
- bellies, red feet and excessive sloughed skin have been seen in some frogs.

Please report:

Sick frogs or frogs that have died within 24 hours. Call Sydney wildlife or Wires for collection or contact the Australian Registry of Wildlife Health as soon as possible, so that they can try to organise transport and examination. Please contact The Australian Registry of Wildlife Health at 0481 468 505.

Sick frogs from the Sydney area can be transported by Sydney Wildlife Rescue, Wires or qualified wildlife handlers to Taronga Wildlife Hospital.

Please pass on any information on dead frogs to provide better understanding of how widespread it is and the level of impact on frog populations. Send information about dead frogs (with location and if possible, photos) to the national citizen science project FrogID (email: calls@frogid.net.au).

Biosecurity:

Frogs can carry diseases which in some cases may be transmissible to other frogs, other wildlife and people. Call a qualified wildlife rescuer before handling a frog.

Further information:

- Amphibian Disease Knowledge Base: <https://www.arwh.org/amphibian-disease-knowledgebase/>
- Wildlife Health Australia Fact Sheets: <https://www.wildlifehealthaustralia.com.au/FactSheets.aspx>
- The 24-hour Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on free call 1800 675 888
- The NSW Department of Primary Industries or your local veterinarian.

BUSHCARE

City of Ryde Council staff have followed up the issue of damage along the Fire Trail as reported in the June 2022 Wallumetta. The contractor responsible for the damage has apologized and is attempting restoration where damage was caused by their machine. Meanwhile, we decided to enter the Cemetery Creek 2 bushcare site in year's City of Ryde Spring Garden competition anyway; noting that some of our work now involves recovery of the site after the damage, and removal of exotic weeds and rubbish from behind a newly-constructed crypt in the cemetery, with its back wall on the boundary of the Reserve.

Some other Field of Mars sites have also been entered again this year, even though the wet weather has brought on several cancellations of our activities.

VISITOR CENTRE

Visitor numbers dropped during the cooler months and there were a few occasions when the centre was not opened because of the extreme wet weather conditions. However, on most weekends our services were appreciated by bushwalkers who came with the usual questions about the reserve and the accessibility of the walking tracks. During winter months we closed at the earlier time of 4pm, but with longer daylight hours we now return to the 5pm closing time.

JOIN OUR VISITOR CENTRE TEAM! to keep the Visitor Centre open 9am-5pm on weekends and public holidays. Our roster of 4-hour shifts is negotiated according to members' availability. No specialised skills are required, and Alfred happily provides the training needed. Most visitors' questions are answered in the maps and range of free leaflets we have available.

CITY OF RYDE GREENLINKS MASTERPLAN

The new Green Links Masterplan was tabled and adopted at the Council Meeting on Tuesday 26 July. It recognises three links for green transport and wildlife:

- Shrimptons Creek, extending from Macquarie Centre to the railway bridge at Meadowbank
- County Road reservation, from Macquarie Centre to Eastwood Station
- Terrys Creek, from Browns Waterhole to Eastwood Station.

We made submissions during the planning stages of this document and it is heartening that they resulted in increased attention to environmental issues addressed in the Masterplan.

To view this Masterplan, the direct link is

<https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/council-meetings/2022/council-meeting-26-july-2022-item-5-att-1-green-links-masterplan-report-for-adoption-june-2022.pdf>

You may also access it via the City of Ryde website: <https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Home>

FIG TREES IN HIGH STREET



Near the corner of Pittwater Road and High Street Boronia Park were two magnificent fig trees (*Ficus macrocarpa* var. *hillii*) which, as you can see in the photo, were of excellent value for habitat and wildlife corridor.

Earlier this year Hunter's Hill Council surrounded them with safety tape and posted a sign stating that they were to be removed. Admittedly

their root systems can be quite invasive but, in this location, they presented no significant risks. Our Society wrote to the council expressing our view that they should not be removed. Council reconsidered the decision but the tree at the roundabout was still slated to go. The tree behind it, and near a drainage easement across High Street, is now to be saved – in our view an unsatisfactory compromise.

Look to the end of this newsletter to see what happened...

IVANHOE PLACE - MACQUARIE PARK UPDATE

In last year's August edition of Wallumetta we reported on the Ivanhoe Place development, with our specific concern being the preservation of the remnant Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forest (STIF) along Epping Road. It is fortunate that the efforts of our Society were successful here, all the more so now that STIFS have been reclassified as being critically endangered.



But we were not successful in saving trees along Herring Road, which served as a wildlife corridor. Many have been removed as the road is widened and footpaths narrowed. And, even more sadly, along these narrowed footpaths there have been replacement plantings which are mostly exotic species, with the few Australian native plants being not native to this area.

A comparison of the 2021 photos with these recent ones will show the changes in Ivanhoe Estate itself and it will still be quite some time before this project is completed. It is interesting to see that Frasers, the government-contracted developer, recognises trees as a selling point:



ARTIFICIAL TURF LIVES ON IN RYDE

Noting the use of artificial turf in several parks in the City of Ryde, we wrote to Council concerning its environmental, health and economic impacts. Here, in part, is the reply we received:

The City of Ryde currently operates multiple facilities that use artificial turf; three full size fields, 26 tennis courts and numerous cricket pitches and practice nets. The use of artificial turf at these facilities ensures that more residents can enjoy playing more sport, more often. Council has a long history of using artificial turf as it provides a very robust surface, suitable for high intensity community sport such as tennis and football...

Artificial turf is one solution Council is using to meet the demand for sport by our growing population, which is increasing by 40% between 2016 – 2036. As outlined in Council's Open Space Future Provision Strategy... <https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/publications/parks-open-space/open-space-future-provision-strategy-adopted-may-2021.pdf> there are various solutions to meet this growing demand. These include the expansion of sports field lighting to all full size fields, field optimisations to create new fields as seen in the Magdala Park masterplan: <https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/publications/parks-open-space/magdala-park-masterplan-report.pdf> and gaining access to existing fields located on schools or private land. There is no single solution to this problem however by using a variety of these projects Council will be able to continue to meet the demand for sport into the future.

Abovementioned “expansion of sports field lighting to all full size fields” is another concern! See page 7 in the February 2021 Wallumetta: “When The Birds Light Up”. We continue to work towards seeing more environmentally-friendly solutions in open spaces within the City of Ryde.

FIGTREE PARK DEVELOPMENT

Hunter's Hill Council was fortunate last year to receive funding of **\$4.75million** from a grant titled [Public Spaces Legacy Program](#).

Their application centred on upgrading and 'revitalising' Figtree Park in the heart of the Hunters Hill 'village'. It's a small reserve with few needs and a good number of trees of mixed species, acquired by Council about 70 years ago. Curiously, Blacktown City Council which caters to a population of over 340,000 received the same amount of funding from this grant!



Photo – Hunters Hill Trust

In fact, the intent of the NSW grant was to 'incentivise' local government to accelerate their development application approvals. So it seems the excessive generosity for this 'pocket' park was a reward quite disconnected to the apparent purpose of the grant, which came with few conditions on how it could be spent.

Thus we now have a grand design via a glossy consultants' Landscape Concept Plan and a Development Application for '**Removal of 37 trees and pruning of 7 trees**' to facilitate the upgrade of Figtree Park in order to improve the space for the community'.

It's hard to see a genuine case for removing around a third of the trees. Council made this difficult to assess. Trees considered for removal or retention on site were not physically marked to distinguish them; using the various documents provided to try and understand which trees are under threat and exactly what is being proposed was very time-consuming; and how the final decision will be made for the 37 trees to be removed is not stated. It was not clear which values will inform the assessment of trees and whether some proposed for removal are simply impeding the consultant's preferred design. Council referenced a Masterplan as a guide to the elements of the Concept Plan - but this was not included in the DA reports.

As often happens, the community is responding to DAs which contain insufficient detail. No final design work or layout plan was provided. The landscape proposals for "embellishing" the park should surely be focused around the maximum number of trees able to be kept, with emphasis on healthy shade trees, and the few that could most suitably be sacrificed? Paths could then meander through rather than appearing as a fairly direct line to get to the Gladesville Road retail area and the proposed over-sized amenities block.

Similar to many projects, once Council has decided there's a "need", a government hand-out is located and it moves ahead, although without clear justification or the level of transparency rightly required by the local community.

As a result, the NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program grant appears not so much about upgrading Figtree Park but about how the parkland meshes with what Council intends for eventually redeveloping along Gladesville Road, however well disguised this may be for now. There is a separate DA to demolish the 48 Gladesville Rd buildings, with no full disclosure on the future of the land apart from initially using it to make an entrance to the park from the shops and cafes.

While Figtree Park will benefit from improvement with some new infrastructure, a playground, more seating, paths, and important remediation of the drainage problems that often leave the park waterlogged, we also know there was so much more that could have been achieved with this level of funding for open space, parks and our local bushland.

FUTURE FOR THE HUNTER VALLEY: HUNTER RENEWAL

Report from Dan Coleman, Hunter Renewal Coordinator

Across the Hunter, 17 mines are due to close over the next 20 years, posing major economic challenges so new industries and employments need to be found.

- What will happen when the mines close?
- Who will make sure there's land for wildlife alongside land for new jobs?

A Renewable Energy Zone and a Hunter Regional Plan are coming to address decades of the environmental and social impacts of mining.

To develop new clean industries to replace the coal economy, reuse and revitalise the region's decommissioned coal mine sites in a way that creates new jobs, restores biodiversity, and boosts traditional industries, consultancy EY was commissioned to develop scenarios and lay out a vision of different economic restoration pathways for former mine sites and the region more widely.

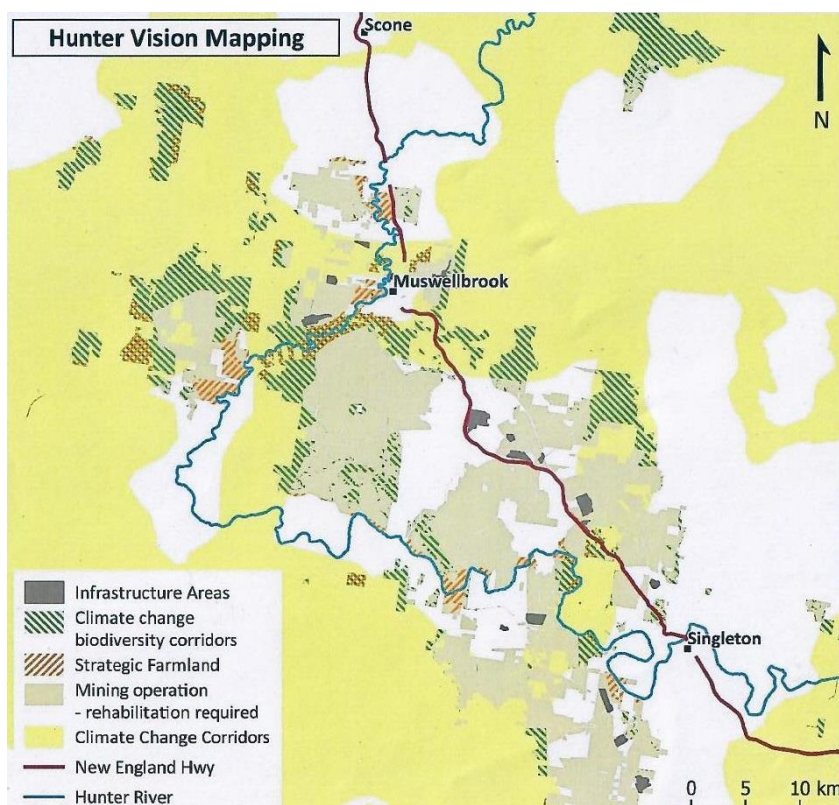
Diversification and growth: transforming mining land in the Hunter Valley

New mapping identifies lands owned and used by mining companies in the Hunter could be repurposed for job creation as mines close according to their existing planning approvals. Three scenarios were developed to investigate the economic potential of transforming mining land.

1. The **"core scenario"** which would see rehabilitation restricted to mining titles as per current statutory obligations.

2. The **"maximum conservation scenario"** would expand biodiversity restoration and agricultural productivity investment into the extensive buffer lands owned by mining companies beyond the mining titles.

3. The **"Renewable energy precincts"** scenario includes maximum conservation and adds strategically-located heavily impacted land on mining titles for clean industrial development.



Key economic indicator ↓	Core transition pathway	Maximum conservation pathway	Renewable energy precincts
Land area (ha)	79,716	130,609	132,239
New investment	\$12.2 million	\$24 million	\$1,333.1 million
Industry output	\$239.7 million	\$500.4 million	\$6,968.5 million
Aggregate economic output	\$95 million	\$200 million	\$3,700 million
Average annual employment	320	670	13,600

NEWS FROM THE NCC... BIG GAINS FOR ENVIRONMENT NOW POSSIBLE

(abridged message from Chris Gambian, Chief Executive - Nature Conservation Council)

“Australia is lucky to be home to the most beautiful natural environments in the world, which we need to protect and preserve for future generations. Let’s get to work.”

- Tanya Plibersek, new Federal Minister for Environment and Water

Voters sent a strong message on climate and integrity, so the new federal parliament has several “teal independents” and Greens on the crossbench and a progressive majority in the Senate.

We remembered how Scott Morrison held a lump of coal in the parliament and bellowed: *“This is coal, don’t be afraid,”* before passing it to Barnaby Joyce and Josh Frydenberg to worship.

The political ramifications of the Liberals losing many blue-ribbon seats will hopefully provide Labor with the mandate and courage to make the big changes necessary for better policies and programs for the environment, water and climate change. NCC is already working hard to ensure the potential gains for the environment are realised. Here are some:

Water

There is a chance to restore more natural flows to the rivers of the Murray-Darling Basin, establish integrity and transparency for water management, and revive our rivers. The review of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan will occur during this term of parliament, so water recovery targets may increase towards what the science says is necessary for healthy rivers, wetlands and floodplains.

Forests

Western Australia and Victoria recently committed to end logging in their native forests. NSW could do the same in the near future. The Albanese government could assist the states to transition to 100% plantation timber and protect native forests.

Threatened species

The recent review of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* by Professor Samuel was scathing, finding the Commonwealth was failing in its core responsibilities. Labor promised to create a federal Environmental Protection Agency to improve environmental compliance, information and analysis. We hope it will be genuinely independent and effective.

Land clearing

Labor promised to set a domestic target to protect 30% of land and 30% of sea areas by 2030. However, land clearing has been surging in NSW and Queensland, destroying important habitat for koalas, gliders, quolls and other threatened species, and also undermining our ability to meet our emissions reduction targets. Federal Labor should work with state governments to reduce land clearing to protect threatened species (including koalas in NSW) and deal with climate change.

Climate

During his victory speech, Prime Minister Albanese promised to end the climate wars and make Australia a ‘renewable energy superpower’. This is welcome news and we hope the influence of the fossil fuel lobby in Canberra will be much diminished.

Transport is a major source of greenhouse emissions. The Morrison government left electric vehicle policy to the states. A national strategy and policies to electrify the transport sector and reduce oil use will become increasingly important in reaching Australia’s net zero target.

None of these outcomes are guaranteed...

We all need to work together to ensure political promises are kept and the government and parliament know just how many Australians want a safe climate and a healthy environment.

NEWS FROM THE SOLAR CITIZENS TEAM

The election results are a HUGE win for stronger action on clean energy and transport! Australians have cast a resounding vote for a cleaner, brighter future.

Together, we have already won some big commitments from the new Labor Government:

- 82% renewable energy and 43% emissions reduction target by 2030
- \$200 million for 400 community batteries and \$100 million for solar gardens
- \$20 billion to boost the energy grid to bring more renewables online
- \$3 billion for renewable manufacturing and hydrogen, including \$140 million to develop renewable hydrogen hubs in Townsville and Gladstone
- An Electric Car Discount to lower the upfront cost of electric vehicles

These are exciting pledges. But now we need to make sure the new Federal Government delivers on their promises! **Can you help give the new government a push to hit the ground running?**

Solar Citizens have made it easy with their online form and message template:

https://www.solarcitizens.org.au/email_energy_minister_post_election22?utm_campaign=post_election_22_email_sc&utm_medium=email&utm_source=solarcitizens

Rolling out these policies will help tackle high household power bills, petrol costs and rising emissions, and get Australia on the road to becoming a renewable energy superpower [1].

Labor was elected on the back of these policies, alongside wave of Greens and Independent candidates with even sunnier ambition [2]. The next three years are crucial for rapid action on clean energy and transport, and for our nation's chance to prosper in this new cleaner economy.

The election victory shows that when our community comes together, we are powerful.

[1] <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/commentisfree/2022/may/25/australia-can-swiftly-end-the-climate-wars-and-become-a-renewable-superpower-heres-how>

[2] <https://theconversation.com/the-teals-and-greens-will-turn-up-the-heat-on-labors-climate-policy-heres-what-to-expect-183532>

LEAKING COAL GAS

News from Carmel, for the Lock the Gate Alliance

On 8 June 2022 Lock the Gate Alliance unveiled the findings from a new report commissioned from independent energy think tank 'Ember'.

It found that methane emissions leaking directly from Australia's coal mines each year are equivalent to twice the climate impact of all the cars on Australia's roads.

Methane has more than 80 times the global warming power of carbon dioxide, making it a very potent greenhouse gas. So it's a massive concern that Australia is on track to become the third-worst emitter of coal mine methane in the world.

There is technology already available for coal mine methane abatement in use elsewhere in the world that can be implemented here in Australia.

The report presents an opportunity to make change... urgent action to protect Australians facing hardship from extreme weather events fuelled by climate change.

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The winning ticket will be drawn at our Society's next Annual General Meeting.

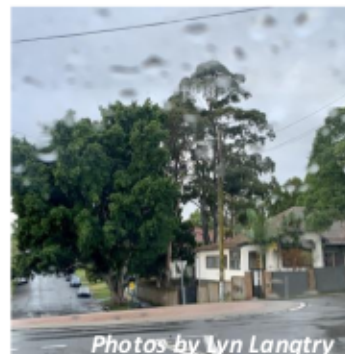
* This new rug was handknitted and kindly donated by members of the Holy Spirit Yarnknit Group.

FIG TREE FATE

at the corner of
High Street and
Pittwater Road:
Going...



Gone!



Photos by Lyn Langtry