



CANWin
for a sustainable future

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DIARY DATES

Monday December 6, Resilient Hearts Group, 7.30pm

Our last meeting for 2010 in Henrietta Rose (in front of library), Bendooley Street, Bowral – an open space for reflection and conversation ... all welcome. Contact Francine at francinebart@gmail.com

Thursday 9th December, screening of 'Gaslands' at the Empire

See below for detail

AND FOR YOUR 2011 DIARY!

Sunday February 13, CANWin AGM

2pm, Wingecarribee Council Theatrette, Moss Vale

AGM following discussion on CANWin's involvement in 2031+

Friday, March 4, State Candidates' Forum

7pm, Uniting Centre, Boolwey Street, Bowral

Friday, March 18, CANWin Speaker Night: Hugh Mackay

7.30 pm, Mittagong Playhouse

Other 2011 Speaker Nights: May 27 , July 22 and September 23



END OF YEAR ROUND-UP

2010 comes to a close, and we might wonder whether groups like CANWin are making positive progress. How can we know? We have little to measure besides membership and email lists! Most of us simply feel compelled to work towards a sustainable future – to give up is to betray our marvellous planet and all its inhabitants.

For those of you who share my melancholy personality, following is a quote shared at a Resilient Hearts meeting which I've found helpful:

"And if fear seems to follow me, what do I do?"

Hold fear in one hand. Hold love in the other. Holding both, choose love and choose love again." From Emmanuel's Book II: The choice for love. Compiled by Pat Rodegast and Judith Stanton. 1989.

For the activist, "holding love" leaves the hand open and full of possibility. If we hold onto fear, the hand closes in on itself and becomes inert.

Wow! That was a heavy way to wind up the year! And there's been so many good things that have happened in 2010 – things we couldn't have imagined happening this time last year. Who imagined there'd be a Southern Highlands Coal Action Group with 800 members and growing? Who imagined the Southern Highlands would be chosen by OzGREEN for continuing Youth Leadership Training and be generously sponsored by a local business *InterfaceFlor* over three years? Who imagined Wingecarribee Council would lead the community to plan for a sustainable 2031+? Who imagined there would be a small group seriously talking about the possibility of a community wind farm?

Big moves are afoot, and CANWin continues to play its part – communicating, networking, encouraging, educating ...

So pat yourselves on the back, members and supporters of CANWin – the *first point of call* for community contact on all matters sustainable! Together we've made a difference!

Thank you sincerely for your contributions, large and small. We wish you a wonderful Christmas break – may it be a special time of peace and replenishment. And before I sign off for the year, please consider two things:

1. Renewal of your membership – its only \$20 and it lets us know you're serious about Climate Change and a sustainable future; and
2. Think about joining our Committee – over my two years as Convenor, its been a really pleasant group to work with. I don't think we've ever voted on anything – all decisions have been decided by consensus. We respect each other's capacity for involvement – all of us are involved in other important groups and activities. **But we do need a minimum of four new committee members to continue operating effectively.** Why not give it a go in 2011!

Warm wishes to you all,

Maree Byrne
Convenor 2009-2010



YOUthLEADing Australia Climate Congress, Bowral 23-25 November



"GASLAND"

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS SCREENING!



**THURSDAY 9TH
DECEMBER
7PM
EMPIRE CINEMA
BOWRAL**

Not to be missed!

This film by young filmmaker Josh Fox relates the environmental destruction wrought by the uncontrolled development of Coal Seam Gas in the USA.

Here in the Southern Highlands we now have two companies, Planet Gas and Leichhardt Resources who have a 3200 Sq Km lease to explore for Coal Seam Gas. They may already have started exploration!

This powerful film is a must-see for everyone concerned about the safety of our water and food supplies and the health of our communities and environment... and is simply a great watch.

Hosted by **Southern Highlands Coal Action Group**

Tickets \$10 – we expect a sellout so recommend buying tickets early