At 2017 AGM from left:
Ray Prouse (Latrobe Valley CE Hub)
Moragh’s son Tarkyn
Moragh Mackay (Chair EICo-op)
Chris Barfoot (LVCEHub Co-ord)
Cr Pamela RothField (BCSC Mayor)
Chris Weir (Bendigo Sustainability Gp)

For more AGM details see website  www.eico-op.com.au

Energy Innovation Co-op AGM Nov 2017

The 2017 AGM was held at the Wonthaggi Theatre Group rooms, State Coal Mine Wonthaggi, with around 30 members and friends attending. Chair Moragh Mackay listed the many achievements of the Co-op in the last year and thanked Directors for their hard work, plus Bass Coast Community Foundation, the Victorian government’s N.E.J Fund and ETU Vic for financial support.

Moragh also welcomed new board member Graeme Watson, who brings a wealth of experience in the power industry, industry training and governance. Graeme is a proud member and Treasurer of the Electrical Trades Union Vic.

Bass Coast Mayor Pamela Rothfield presided, congratulating the Co-op on its achievements and describing its fit with the Bass Coast Shire’s Economic Development and Natural Environment Strategies.

Chris Weir from Bendigo Sustainability Group gave an inspiring presentation on the successful community energy projects of BSG and their work as Bendigo Community Energy Hub. See  www.bsg.org.au

Afterwards participants shared a light lunch & chat.

Old Energy-New Energy Project

The Co-op’s current major focus is the “Old Energy-New Energy project at the State Coal Mine Tourist Park in Wonthaggi. Stage 1 creation of the Southern CORE (community owned renewable energy) Fund is developed.

Stage 2, installation of up to 100 kW of solar PV and 25 kWh batteries at the State Coal Mine is funded and on its way, thanks to the Bass Coast Community Foundation’s pledge of $60,000 over four years, and Victorian government’s New Energy Jobs Fund (round 2) grant of up to $241,000.

Planning funds for stages 3, 4 & 5 of the Old Energy-New Energy project were applied for in late 2017 under the Victorian Government’s Climate Change Innovation Grant program

John Coulter has been appointed as the (part-time) Project Development Officer to assist with both the Mine installation and beyond.

When the Coal Mine installation is up and running, it will provide income to the Co-op to help support the Southern CORE Fund.
Southern CORE Fund

The Southern CORE (Community Owned Renewable Energy) Fund supports community groups to install renewable energy and energy efficiency measures, helping them cut power bills and put vital funds back into their primary activities.

Community groups apply for no-interest loans to fund solar panels, solar hot water or energy efficiency measures. Interest free loans are paid back to the Fund, over a manageable period, to be re-used for the next group’s project.

First Funded project:

A $20,000 no-interest loan enabled Foster Pool Association to complete works to install a solar water heating system on the roof of a large newly erected shelter at the pool. Warming the waters of this lovely outdoor pool, with its grassy shade and treed surrounds, helps improve the pool’s long term viability.

This very first Southern CORE Fund no interest loan was enabled through a generous donation to the Co-op’s Public Fund from the Electrical Trades Union Vic. The ETU Vic supports both renewable energy and community activities.

More Funds=More Community Owned Renewable Energy

In 2017 the Co-op was successful in its application to be a federally registered charity and registered environmental organisation. This means all donations over $2 are tax deductible.

Donations Welcomed!

Post cheque, with your name and address details to attention Treasurer EICo-op PO Box 111 Inverloch Vic 3996

OR Direct deposit:
Energy Innovation Cooperative Public Fund Account

Bendigo bank
BSB 633-000
Acct 1589 835 28

Then email your full contact details for receipt.

info@eico-op.com.au

2018 Activities.

First Southern CORE project funded and installed at Foster Community Pool.

The story inspired our next generous donation! Project two underway!

New website coming:
Ideas on useful links, additional features you’d like are very welcome.

Thanks to Bass Coast Shire small community grants for $2,500

Meeniyan Garlic Festival 17 Feb 2018 (with Grow Lightly)
www.meeniyangarlicfestival.com.au

Southern Gippsland Sustainability Festival
April 8th, 2018
State Coal Mine, Wonthaggi

Victorian Residential Efficiency Scorecard.
The Co-op is now registered for this program. Rhys Freeman is accredited to do home energy audits for the Scorecard. He is also qualified and experienced with business energy audits. Contact info@eico-op.com.au There is a cost for the audits. We are looking for funding!
ENERGY INNOVATORS’ COMPETITION 2018

The Co-op will be at the Southern Gippsland Sustainability Festival at the State Coal Mine Wonthaggi on 8th April 2018

See www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/events

We will be asking visitors to the festival to help us judge entries for the inaugural Energy Innovators’ Competition!

There will be cash and other prizes! But when we encourage innovation, we all win!

Categories:
1. working prototype
2. scale model
3. software or game
4. Concept design (any format-poster, picture, diagrams, write-up, model)

Ages:
1. Open
2. Secondary
3. Primary

Pictured above: A portable biochar kiln in a northern canola paddock

What can we build?

What will you enter, to showcase energy innovation?

Southern Gippsland Sustainability Festival Wonthaggi State Coal Mine 8th April 2018

Entry form from:
info@eico-op.com.au or www.eico-op.com.au

Gippsland participants C4CE Community Energy Conference Melbourne 2017
At the State Coal Mine with Russell Broadbent MP
(REO announcement Oct 2017)

What and where we are:
The Energy Innovation Co-op Ltd (ABN 18 807 187 154) is a not-for-profit, non-trading cooperative established in 2009 with the mission “working together towards a zero emissions community”. Directors are volunteers.

Most of our actions and 300 plus shareholders/members centre around Bass Coast and South Gippsland and surrounds, but the Co-op’s rules and its Southern CORE Fund have no geographic limitations.

The Southern CORE fund will be working in the Latrobe Valley and beyond from 2018.

Find us at:

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Twitter & Facebook

More volunteers and members always welcome!

Events in 2018

We invite any community group which would like a presentation on renewable energy, energy efficiency, reading your power bill or related topics, to get in touch.

(Energy efficient house visit early 2017)

More community information sessions will be announced soon.

Thank-you to South Gippsland Shire for the grants assistance for our community events.