

BRAG UPDATE May 2025



"LET'S GIVE BUNYIP SOMETHING TO BRAG ABOUT!"

OUR VISION: *Bunyip and District will become an environmentally sustainable, carbon neutral community*

OUR MISSION: *To reduce Bunyip and District's carbon footprint.*

EVENTS: BRAG members have been attending a couple of very interesting events hosted by the Baw Baw Sustainability Network and Gippsland Climate Change Network during last week.... Always wanting to learn more ways to mitigate climate change and make the world a better place for future generations.

April 28th Community Nuclear Forum in Morwell: An excellent, well attended forum during which we learnt that:

- The proposed site in the La Trobe Valley will not be stable enough for construction to commence until 2055 (that makes a mockery of Dutton's 15-20 year timeline)
- Within 10 years our national grid can be run on 100% renewable energy, with 5 hour battery capacity and about 2% backup from gas. This will be true even on cloudy, calm days.
- Planned private investment in renewables in Gippsland is already over \$40billion including AGL transitioning Loy Yang into a renewable energy hub featuring grid scale batteries
- Unfortunately 2500 renewable energy transition jobs in the Illawarra region have been paused due to uncertainties following the nuclear proposal.
- The LaTrobe Valley community will be severely impacted by a nuclear project with housing prices dropping, new businesses reluctant to start, tourism dropping off and insurance companies unwilling to insure houses, businesses or health in the area....Nuclear is perceived as high risk and the LaTrobe Valley have not been given the opportunity to say no.
- The Electrical Trades Union regards the transition to renewables and electrification as a new industrial revolution which is already supplying quality jobs and will continue to do so for decades...they do not consider nuclear to be a viable alternative in Australia... it produces 40% less power and we have an abundance of sun!
- ...and most scary of all ... new information from Germany indicates elevated levels of childhood leukemia related to nuclear power plants that are functioning well.

May 1st Quitting Gas in Gippsland in Yarragon: Once again a very informative evening we learnt:

- Gippsland is leading the world in the move to renewables we have 12 off shore wind projects in the pipeline due to ideal conditions...shallow water and strong winds just 10kms off shore
- Check out Gippsland New Energy web site for information about many solar and wind projects.
- SEC is investing in big battery sites in Victoria
- Clean Energy Finance Corporation will enable a cheaper home loan on new homes if owner is able to amend their plans to improve their energy rating by at least 1 star.
- Energy Distributors need and are actively facilitating Community Batteries, Micro grids, Minigrids and Battery Energy Storage System to assist with stabilising the grid.

We were also provided with several links and contacts which we will follow up and share with community to help BRAG achieve our vision

There is another free event coming up that may interest you if you would like to make your home more sustainable...and cheaper to run!!:

Morwell Neighbourhood House for electri-FAIR-cation Day: SAT 24TH MAY 11AM-2PM

Come and engage with our electrification team, meet satisfied users, try out appliances and celebrate sustainable energy advancements in Morwell. This event promises to be an informative and enjoyable experience paving the way for a greener future.

Morwell Neighbourhood House 48-50 Beattie Cres Morwell Vic.