

Double Glaze Matters

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#StopAdani

We won! It was great to hear that Westpac will not invest in Adani. It would be nice to think it was because of the 30 "Out of Order" stickers that I had put up, but I suspect not. However I do think it is because of the enormous groundswell of support that the campaign had generated.

I will have to rewrite my stickers. Maybe I could put them up on the windows of the politicians that support Adani... Just saw Barnaby Joyce on Lateline defending Adani. He makes as much sense as Jo used to.

That AGL Add

You may have been amazed by the hypocrisy of the recent AGL add. Here is another version of it:

https://www.facebook.com/350.orgAustralia/videos/1385528948178864/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=actionkit

Winter Wonders

Well winter has returned and here are a few ideas to save energy.

Heat your house thoughtfully. Hopefully everyone turns their central heating down or off overnight. But there is more you can do. You can turn it off 90 minutes before you go to bed (or leave the house). It won't cool down much, but saves a lot of heating, up to 4%.

Think about the temperature. When it is sunny outside or when you are active in the house, turn down the thermostat 1 degree.

Use a rug. When watching TV or on a computer, your legs get cold. Use a rug rather than turning up the heater.

Don't over fill the jug. I always put exactly 1 cup of water into the jug before I boil it. It saves time and energy

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Winter Wonders (cont)

Trim your trees. In winter, you want as much sun coming through the windows as possible. So trim back your trees and bushes to let the heat in.

Remove your shade sail. While shade sails are great to keep the summer sun out, in winter they also keep the sun out. So take them down and store them for 6 months. As well as keeping your house warmer, they will last longer. Your shade sail deteriorates more in winter when it is damp .

Clean your windows. Dirty windows can stop up to 30% of solar heat gain, so if you only clean your windows once a year, do it now.

Close your curtains at night. Curtains will halve the heat loss through a window, so close them at night.... And if you can't be bothered closing curtains, double glaze your windows!

Araluen progress

We have determined the supplier to provide solar panels for Araluen and have increased the size from 20 to 25 Kw!

Letters should go out in the next week asking for contributions from those who offered to fund one of the 100 panels.

Home Energy Assessments

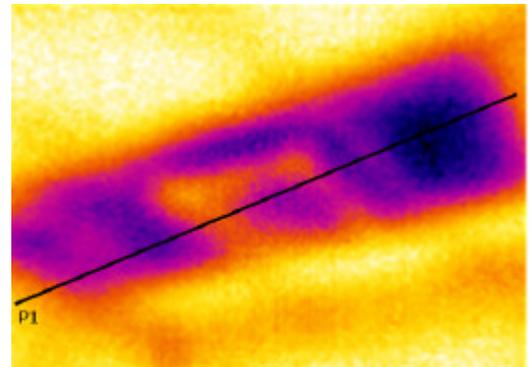
Some years ago the Banyule Council gave the Montmorency Community Group \$5,000 for a thermal camera.

I run a program through the group where I visit homes in the Banyule and Nillumbik shires to provide an energy Assessment. The camera allows us to detect cold spots in the walls and ceiling indicating lack of insulation.

I also provide advice on solar panels heating and cooling.

So, if you live in Numbik or Banyule, for \$20 I will visit and provide advice on energy efficiency. You can register via our website:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScExuURPrYNMmejhVfl-7OgIyhqAosQbTZkiN3i9Js4nsfYUA/viewform>



Thermal image of insulation removed around cooling vent

