



## St Luke's Environment Action Group

### Annual Report

2018

#### March – Clean Up Australia Day



An annual event in which we pick up rubbish on Scenic Drive and Barrabool Rd. We always manage to fill many bags between us. Thanks to Ian Lawrence for organising this each year.

#### June – “No Waste Expo” for World Environment Day



A very successful event in which 15 local community groups bumped in to show us many and various ways in which we can cut back on our rubbish and plastic output. Films were also shown on the impact of our rubbish on other people, the oceans and the wildlife, including a short version of Plastic China which shows the devastating impact on china's environment and people from taking the world's recycling and why it is no longer doing so. We also had a fashion show presented by a local business showing how clothing can be remade/upcycled. We also produced a recipe book (with the help of some of the congregation) on what to do with your leftover food. We have done our third reprint of this – available at the Recycling Bay in the church foyer.

## June / July - Solar Panels

A 10.2 kW solar system was installed on our church in about June. The panels have significantly decreased our contribution to green house gas emissions while also contributing considerable savings to our electricity bill.

## August – Recycling Bay



The best way to recycle is to sort and to provide items directly to those who will reuse in Australia.

Our Recycling Bay takes:

- small e-waste which is taken to the recycling centre at Douro St
- batteries – which are tested and if they have some power left, they are packaged up and placed in front of the battery receptacle for anyone to take ( thanks to Ian Lawrence).
- corks and bread tags for Urban Upcycle
- bottles – anyone can take these for jam making etc
- reading glasses and stamps for mission
- toothpaste tubes (thanks to Kirby).
- textas

Thank you to those who transport the items for recycling.

## August - Repair Café Birthday



In August our Repair Café had a wonderful first birthday celebration with a fabulous cake baked by Hannah. Since August 2017, the repair café has fixed close to 400 items - over 800 kg of items saved from landfill, equivalent to the weight of an American Bison

## September – Seasons of Creation Service



We chose the service on Humanity as it was so inclusive of all members of the congregation. Thanks to Judy B and Judy C for organising the children with their participation in the service. Thanks to Geoff Boehm for making a beautiful whale for the centrepiece.

## October – Farmers' BBQ

After the service on the 7 October. we held a BBQ and raised nearly \$400 for the farmers in drought. This was given to Ian Pooley, who sent it to Frontier Services to be distributed to the needy farmers. We also had guest Tania from Mental Health Services, (organised by Paul) speak to us in a wonderfully warm and open way about mental health.

#### November – Planting at Grovedale

We held the third and final planting at Grovedale site on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Ron Nicholls kindly dug the holes for us and we planted more species indigenous to that area. Altogether we have planted a total of 56 trees, shrubs and grasses at the front of the Uniting Barwon office and along the length of both the Eastern and Southern fences surrounding the Grovedale site.

#### December – Nude Christmas

In December a “Nude Christmas” workshop was held instead of Repair Cafe – where we presented ways in which you can reduce your rubbish at Christmas time by using material instead of paper for wrapping, making your own decorations instead of buying plastic ones, making Christmas trees out of wood and other materials instead of chopping down trees. The decorations from this Repair Café Nude Christmas were then used at St Luke’s Christmas luncheon.

The St Luke’s Environment Action  
Group meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of  
the month at 7.30pm in the  
Fellowship Room