



# CRAGS

## Carbon Reduction Action Groups

*A series of workshops to help you reduce your personal & household carbon footprint*



### WORKSHOP 1

#### RETROFITTING

Display of products from local businesses, where to buy products locally and online, local tradies, architects & builders, home energy audits, household carbon calculators, MASG's solar program, demonstrations of how to use products, installation tips and ideas & fun things to entertain the kids. Followed by a hearty meal of locally produced food and wine.

**WHEN:** 4-7pm, Wednesday 22nd April

**WHERE:** Anglican Christchurch Hall, Agitation Hill, Castlemaine



### WORKSHOP 2

#### LOCAL FOOD & PRODUCTION

Displays of local food available at local outlets, seed suppliers & swaps, low-water gardening displays, keeping goats for milk & cheese, demonstrations of seed collecting, cheese & yoghurt making, wick and other low-water gardening systems, fun things for kids and a hearty meal of locally produced food and wine.

**WHEN:** 4-7pm, Wednesday 6th May

**WHERE:** Anglican Christchurch Hall, Agitation Hill, Castlemaine



### WORKSHOP 3

#### BIKES & REDUCING YOUR CAR USE

Displays of different bike & kid trailer options, bike maintenance, local bike club, car-sharing programs, demonstrations of how to grease a chain, repair a tube, electric car, chip oil fuel, fun things for kids and a hearty meal of locally produced food and wine.

**WHEN:** 4-7pm, Wednesday 27th May

**WHERE:** Anglican Christchurch Hall, Agitation Hill, Castlemaine

*All workshops free but dinner bookings **ESSENTIAL**. See overleaf for details.*

## WHAT IS A CRAG?

CRAGs are a way for people to make the personal pledge to live low carbon lives. As with most behavioural change, people are often more motivated to do things with friends or neighbours that are doing the same.

#### How does it work?

MASG has a simple template that calculates last year's greenhouse gas emissions from your electricity, gas, personal car and plane travel and some aspects of food. That way, you will have a greater understanding of your own carbon footprint and a chance to make it less.

#### Why calculate last year's data?

By estimating your emissions from last year you will see how the changes you've made as well as any new efforts will show the significant difference in your Co2 emissions by measuring against this year's recordings.

#### What are the emission reduction goals?

You choose. In some households as much as 50% carbon reductions have already been achieved by some individuals and households – in some cases this has been achieved in only a few years. You may have a reduction target of 5% for this year — any reduction is significant.

#### What sort of actions will reduce household greenhouse gases?

Using less electricity, gas, car travel and flying is a start. Buying Green Energy also slashes your personal emissions. Other ways include switching to compact fluorescent light bulbs, installing insulation and double glazing to reduce heating and cooling requirements and investing in solar electricity and hot water systems.

#### Getting started

Contact Deanna at MASG and let her know you're interested in the CRAG project. And she will get in touch with you about the basic data collection, find out what your key priority areas are, and what sort of target you would like to fix.

## WORKSHOPS

*All workshops are free but bookings must be made, including children attending, for the purpose of catering and children's activities.*

*Contact Deanna Neville at MASG on 5470 6978 or  
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*If you are interested in contributing to the workshops please let us know.*

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