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Acting for Creation Together in Gippsland

ACTinG seeks to encourage and equip Gippsland Anglicans to study the theology of creation; and to pray and act to safeguard, sustain and renew the life of the Earth.

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We would love to hear about your concerns for creation; your ideas and your own projects.

*Welcome to a new year of Acting for Creation!
We have some ideas bubbling, so keep your
eyes out for what's coming up. For now:*

Some good news

Katharine Hayhoe (climate scientist in the USA) reports that China's emissions have flat-lined and may be in decline. See:

<https://www.carbonbrief.org/analysis-chinas-co2-emissions-have-now-been-flat-or-falling-for-21-months/>

Locally, Thompson River Farms are creating a market garden and orchard using organic and regenerative practices. This means locally produced food becomes more available, which as well as being more environmentally sustainable, builds more resilience for Gippsland.

See: <https://themiddleofeverywhere.com.au/en/profiles/thomson-river-farms>

Introducing ACTinG's new direction

Understanding that the world – humanity and all of God's creation on Earth – is under great strain from pollution, eco-system decline, climate change and pressure on resources; and

in light of scriptural teaching on living within limits in sharing the abundance God has provided for all; and

accepting the need to be prepared for serious present and predicted future impacts on our lives,

we invite you to join with us in our aims to:

- live simply and thankfully under God, in harmony with nature and each other;
- support and help create a sustainable local economy to meet basic needs;
- prepare for disruptions and disasters;
- learn about and actively support eco-system health and biodiversity in managing any land in our care;
- learn about climate change;
- study the theology of creation and incorporate it into our worship; and
- draw on the wisdom of the Judeo-Christian tradition and the wisdom of First Nations people in meeting these aims.

Some notes:

Living simply addresses over-consumption, waste, pollution, climate change and pressure on resources. If we only had one aim, this could be it.

A localised economy creates resilience – e.g. to supply chain disruptions due to conflicts, fire, floods, storms, droughts, power outages. In a local economy, most food is grown locally and most basic goods like clothes are manufactured locally.

A localised economy also reduces pressure on resources, with less energy needed for transport and fewer imported goods. It has the potential to create a connected, more resilient and harmonious community.