

ACTinG Bulletin #21

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Coming up very soon!

Please register now for the **Community Resilience Mapping Workshop** – via Zoom or in person at St Paul’s Cathedral Sale. (Please say whether you’re attending in person or via Zoom.)

18th June, from 10.30am to 2.15pm.

Facilitated by Friends of the Earth.

A workshop for Bishop-in-Council, clergy, Lay Readers and any who want to join in with the ACTinG team.

Discover the strengths and gaps in your community for meeting disruptions to essential supplies or communication, and emergency situations such as heat-wave, fire, storm or flood.

Register by emailing: davidp@gippslandanglicans.org.au

For more information: acting@gippslandanglicans.org.au

This month’s bulletin from Michael focuses on one of the tabs on the ACTinG pages of the website: to **advocate** for creation:

<https://www.gippslandanglicans.org.au/acting/advocate>

For most of us, life in Australia is safe and comfortable. While there are stresses such as housing vulnerability and increases in the cost of living, we are shielded from the worst impacts experienced by those living in war zones or with political or social instability. However, the recent pressures of petrol price increases and

supply restrictions have opened us up to experiencing some of the effects of the current global geo-political turbulence. Australia is on planet Earth after all.

One way that is true is that for us to meet our obligations under the Paris Agreement on climate change, itself an insufficient political compromise, we will have to reduce our carbon emissions by 48% by 2030. This will require a radical restructuring of the means of supplying the goods for our material needs. However, since coming to power in May 2022, the Albanese government has approved 36 new, expanded or extended fossil fuel developments. This shows the lobbying power of the fossil fuel industries, and the extent of the need for our advocacy.

Where do we start? In two places: at the top and at the bottom. At the top is the political task. It requires countering the lobbying of the fossil fuel industry and other corporate interests by speaking to governments our message of the gospel which calls us to tell of God's saving work in the restoration of the Earth. This may best be done in community with other like minded people: maybe join your favourite political party and work to either change their policies or support the ones they have already. At the bottom it means talking about the state of the Earth to your circle of influence: your friends, families, those in your church congregation. All for the glory of God, in the power of the Spirit.

For more advocacy ideas, see Common Grace:

https://www.commongrace.org.au/climate_change

and the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change:

<https://www.arrcc.org.au/advocate>

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.

Email us: acting@gippslandanglicans.org.au We would love to hear from you.

Please forward this email to anyone you think would appreciate it.