

Launceston Community Network Panel – Climate Change Working Group Proposal

Context

- Launceston Climate Change Working Group established in November 2019
- Initial meetings agreed the overarching aims of the group and a Terms of reference
- Extract from the Working Group's Vision:

“The Group will provide local leadership and co-ordination in activities that support the development of a carbon neutral economy, a vibrant community and a biodiverse landscape, and that provide for the needs of local people to thrive within the capacities of the local and global environment without compromising the needs of future generations.”
- The pandemic somewhat put a spanner in the works during 2020 however a basic list of proposed projects and actions was drafted and reviewed by the community network panel.
- Need to re-establish local coordinated activity – especially in light of the recent IPCC report: Climate Change 2021: 'The Physical Science Basis' and the subsequent report from the Climate Crisis Advisory Group (CCAG): 'The Final Warning Bell'."
- Recognition that people have different skills and knowledge with regards to climate change which will impact the level which they can/ wish to engage.

Proposal

- Organise a Climate Change Event in Launceston (Oct/Nov 2021)
- Skills inventory to be sent prior to the meeting for attendees to complete and return
- Guest speakers invited to set the scene, highlight challenges and encourage action
- Breakout Groups to discuss issues and potential actions, including:
 - Identifying people's skills, knowledge & experience (i.e. what can they bring to the table)
 - What particular topics/ issues are people interested in?
 - What level of commitment can people give?
 - Each group to identify its top three priorities.
 - What actions are needed to address the priorities? There could be a range of initiatives & actions at different levels (i.e. individual, community, local government, business etc)
- Group feedback and next steps, including the setting up of small action groups (max 4) to look at their area of interest & expertise in more detail with a view to drawing together a proposed action plan.