



Background

After years of campaigning for action on the climate emergency by individuals and groups around the world, this existential crisis is finally getting the attention needed to potentially avoid a global catastrophe.

Sunshine Coast Climate Action Now (SCCAN) was formed in early 2016 to enable people in the Sunshine Coast region, who are concerned about the climate emergency, to engage in local actions to address the urgent social and political change needed to tackle the impacts of global heating.

We want to bring you up to-date with what your local climate action organisation has recently done and, more importantly what we are planning, and how you can be involved.

Recent events



SCCAN organised a concert: "Love Song to the Earth" at Venue 114, Bokarina on 30 March 2019. The objective was to use music to bring people together as a natural way to remind people of the amazing community they live in and what's at risk if governments don't seriously respond to the climate emergency. The concert featured more than 200 vocalists from local choral groups and soloists and was attended by 258 people.

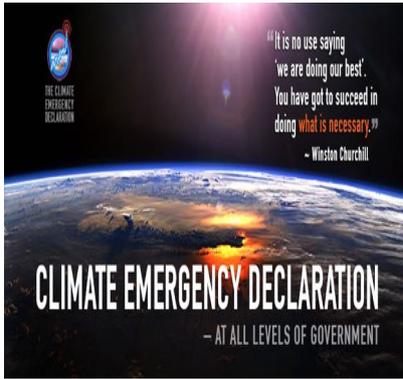
"The evening was phenomenal, I was blown away with the positive energy in the room and the beautiful voices. Thank you for persevering and making it happen." Natalie Frost, Coordinator, Sunshine Coast Environment Council.



SCCAN undertook the third annual Renewables Expo, as part of the World Environment Day festival coordinated by the Sunshine Coast Environment Council on 2 June 2019 at Cotton Tree park, Maroochydore.

The Expo showcased new and emerging technologies for a sustainable future, built on renewable energy. The theme was: "The future is renewable", demonstrating what a 'renewable village' could look like, linking solar power, battery storage and electric vehicles with a small container house dwelling.

The Expo was a well-run and enjoyable festival. Thank you for all your good work – Ernest Gavey, Solazone
We are very keen to continue support and jump on board next year with bigger and better things! – Dan Winkler, Island Energy.



SCCAN has been active in promoting the declaration of a climate emergency by local government authorities, as part of a global wave of action that was initiated when the Darebin City Council in Victoria made the first climate emergency declaration (CED) in 2016.

Following discussions with the mayor of Noosa Council, SCCAN prepared a summary paper outlining information on the global movement for CEDs. The Noosa Council moved quickly to consider the proposal and became the first local government in Queensland to declare a climate emergency on 18/ 7/19, joining more than 740 jurisdictions around the world, including national governments in the UK, Canada, Portugal and Ireland, and cities like Paris and New York.

Thank you for your support. Inevitably, our decision has been met with bouquets and brickbats, thankfully more of the former – Tony Wellington Mayor of Noosa (Climate Ambassador 2019).



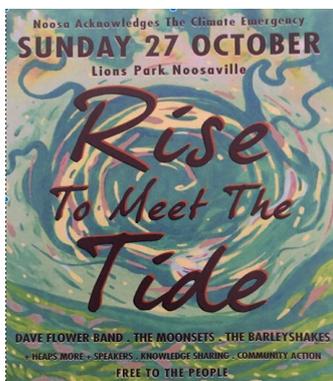
SCCAN joined the Students' Strike 4 Climate rally at Cotton Tree on 20 September 2019, as part of the global action to demand urgent action to respond to the climate emergency. Young people have the most to lose from this man-made crisis.

SCCAN supports the Australian students demands:

- No new coal oil and gas projects, including the Adani mine
- 100% renewable energy generation and clean energy exports by 2030
- Fund a just transition and job creation for people who work in the fossil-fuel industry

We were part of more 3000 people who turned out locally, and more than 6 million people around the world (The Guardian, 24/9/19).

Forthcoming events



SCCAN will be participating in this community event at Noosaville on 27 October 2019 to raise awareness about the climate emergency and to present ideas of self-empowerment and actions people can take to deal with, and adapt to the changing conditions.

Join us to enjoy great music, hear informative speakers, participate in climate emergency conversations and contribute your ideas and passions.

SCCAN is also planning to hold another concert: “Love Song to the Earth “, on 28 March 2020, building on the great success of our concert this year. A community grant to help fund this event has been recently awarded to us by the Sunshine Coast Council. We welcome your input into the preparation for, and delivery of, an entertaining and energising event.

SCCAN will organise another Renewables Expo, in conjunction with the Sunshine Coast Environment Council, as part of World Environment Day at Cotton Tree next May. We are looking for new ideas and input to make this important community event even better.



SCCAN T-shirts are a great way to show the world that you are concerned about the climate emergency and want action now.

They can be bought (at cost) for \$20.

Join the growing movement here on the Sunshine Coast right now.

Are you concerned about the climate emergency, but feel that the issues are too big for you to have any impact, or you are unsure what you can do? Get actively involved with SCCAN. Join us as part of local action to address this global climate emergency. Greta Thunberg has shown us that individual actions can make a difference. We all have a part to play if we are to avoid the catastrophic impacts of this looming existential crisis.

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