



Program

10:00am	Welcome to Country Official opening Daniela De Martino - MP for Monbulk Keynote address The Honourable Lily D'Ambrosio, MP Keynote speaker <i>The electrification opportunity</i> Dan Cass - Co-Founder of Rewiring Australia	Monbulk Primary School Auditorium
10:00am - 4:00pm	Live Music The Incredible Cucumbers and others	Main stage
10:00am - 4:00pm	Live Music Performances by various buskers	Second stage - Rear of community centre
11:30am	Student Sustainability Project: Monbulk 2.0: <i>Grade 5 and 6 students from the Monbulk Primary School have created a to-scale model envisioning a sustainable Monbulk in 25-50 years</i> Project discussion and presentation of model	Monbulk Primary School Auditorium
12 noon	Home Efficiency and Electrification <i>How to electrify your home, and other money-saving tips</i> Tim Forcey - Home Energy Advisor, Researcher and Author of My Efficient Electric Home Handbook	Monbulk Primary School Auditorium
1:00pm	Energy Resilience Panel <i>Energy Resilience Toolkit for the Yarra Ranges, Equipment and Solutions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amy Gregorovich - Yarra Ranges Council• Cait O'Shea - Yarra Ranges Council• Rob Oakley - Buffalo Stand-alone Power Solutions	Monbulk Primary School Auditorium
2:00pm	Sustainable Building Panel <i>Building sustainably in the Dandenong Ranges, an owners and builders perspective</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daniel Wurm - Green Building Institute• Mel Cutler - Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action• Andrew Goy - Goycon Builders	Monbulk Primary School Auditorium

Activities and Stalls



For Families

There will be an exciting range of kids activities making it a fun family day out for everyone.

Enjoy:

- Electric Go Karts (from 11am-3pm)
- Face Painting
- Bike n' Blend - Pedal Powered Smoothies
- The Illuminati Street Performers



Food and drinks

Savor a variety of delicious food and drink options, including:

- Glen Cooks Food
- Rotary BBQ
- Pizza
- Coffee



E-Bike Chat & Ride

COG Bikes Australia is a local e-bike shop in Monbulk and Warburton. There will be a variety of e-bikes available to test ride on the day and local experts available to answer questions.

cogbikesaustralia.com.au



EV Display

Australian EV Association will be presenting a range of electric vehicles and will have local experts available to answer questions.

aeva.asn.au



Community Groups/Organisations

Repower the Dandenongs

Repower The Dandenongs encourages communities across the Dandenong Ranges to embrace renewable energy and electrification. We are locals passionate about our environment and the need to live sustainably. We harness the expertise of partner organisations and businesses to deliver events like the Repower Festival, to educate and inspire others to reduce their energy consumption and emissions, whilst saving money. If you are interested in becoming a member, visit repowertthedandenongs.org.au/



MADCOW

MADCOW is a not-for-profit, member-based organisation which has been active in the Monbulk & District community for over 20 years. MADCOW is focused on projects, events, and practical activities that support and promote community development. Advocating for infrastructure, programs and community cohesion. We are home to a number of community action groups, made up of dedicated individuals working together to create a safer, more sustainable and prosperous place to live. If you are interested in your local town and would like to be a part of MADCOW please contact us via info@madcowmonbulk.com.au



Healesville CoRE

Healesville Community Renewable Energy Inc was established in 2017, after a town meeting attended by over 230 residents, one of the largest community meetings in the town's history. The vision of this group of passionate local volunteers is to accelerate the transition to renewable energy in Healesville and surrounds. We run regular free informative events, provide advice on home energy efficiency, help community groups install solar systems through our Revolving Fund, and engage with residents and businesses through various projects. Our aim is to support the community to access clean renewable energy at the most affordable price. Visit: healesvillecore.org.au



Community Bank Monbulk & District

Community Bank Monbulk & District opened in February 2012, turning the community's dream of a locally owned bank into reality. The bank reinvests revenue back into the community through grants, sponsorships, and partnerships. In 2023, Monbulk & District Community Enterprises Limited, the franchise owner, gained Social Enterprise certification with Social Traders, recognising its positive community impact. Thanks to our shareholders, staff, board, and customers, we've given back over \$1.1 million. Visit us at 70 Main Road Monbulk or call 9752 1130 to discuss your banking needs.

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Permaculture Yarra Valley

Permaculture Yarra Valley is a not-for-profit association incorporated in Victoria. We have a bio-regional focus on the Yarra Valley, with our membership spread throughout the valley and adjoining areas. Our VISION is: A socially and environmentally thriving Yarra Valley where people explore permaculture principles in their home and community. Our MISSION is: To engage with the Yarra Valley community in permaculture in order to inspire, educate, and encourage individuals and organisations to adopt a permaculture way of life.

<https://www.permacultureyarravalley.org/>



SEC

The SEC is Victoria's government-owned renewable energy company, working together to deliver renewable, more affordable, reliable energy. We're investing in wind, solar and storage and supporting Victorian homes to switch to electric – helping to reduce energy bills, drive down emissions and create jobs. The SEC's free electric home planner helps you go electric and save on bills. You can enter simple information about your home to create a personalised plan, including indicative appliance costs, government rebates, anticipated return on investment, and emissions reduction.

Visit secvictoria.com.au to make your plan.



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Monbulk Primary School

Monbulk Primary School has been dedicated to sustainability since 2015. The school has achieved certification in all five Resource Smart Schools modules: Core, Energy, Waste, Water, and Biodiversity. In December 2023, Sustainability Victoria awarded Monbulk Primary School a prestigious 5-star rating for its outstanding sustainability efforts. The school community, including staff, students, and families, actively participates in various environmental initiatives, such as biodiversity audits, native plantings, water conservation, and waste reduction and diversion programs. Monbulk Primary School continues to inspire and educate its community on the importance of environmental stewardship. This term, Grade 5-6 students will create a to-scale model envisioning a sustainable Monbulk in 25-50 years, which will be presented at the Repower Festival.



Yarra Ranges Council

In 2019, Yarra Ranges Council recognised the pressing global climate emergency and called for immediate action from all government levels. By 2020, council unveiled the Liveable Climate Plan with ambitious targets: net zero emissions by 2040 (60% reduction by 2025), 100% renewable energy by 2030, and eliminating operational energy costs by 2040. The climate action team has been diligently working to enhance energy and water efficiency across council assets, upgrade buildings in townships to create emergency hubs, collaborate with local groups on energy resilience projects, and much more. In 2025, council has proudly supported the organisation of the Repower Festival in Monbulk.



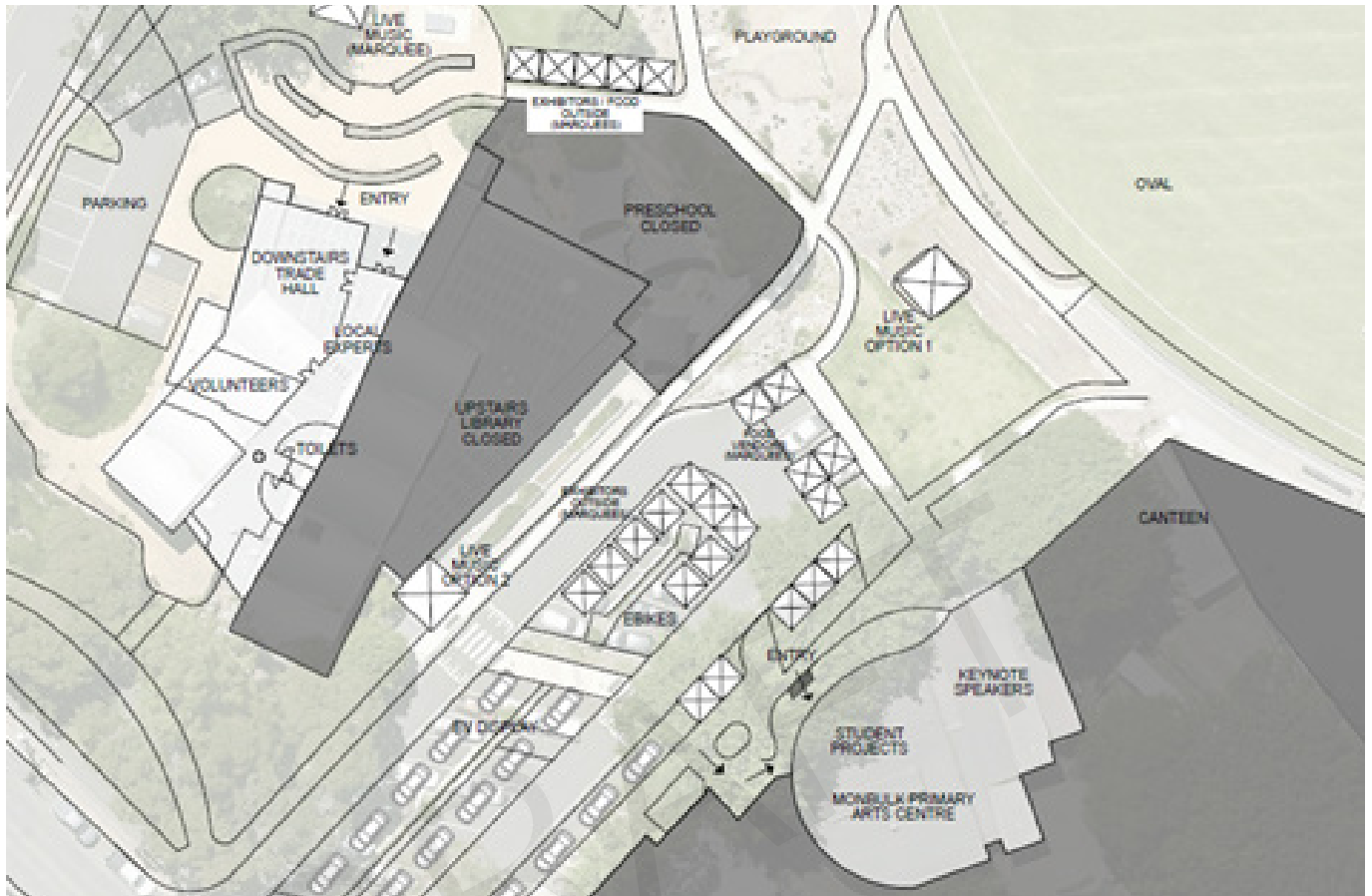
Repower Marketplace

Organisation	Information	Category
All Electric Homes	All in one service for home electrification	Home electrification
APS Double Glazing	Local double glazing company providing tailor-made solutions	Glazing
Ausnet	Ausnet will be on site exhibiting the Mercedes Sprinter with onboard power suitable for phone and device charging	Energy network
Be Comfy	Local home comfort and energy efficiency advice service	Home Energy Efficiency
Binq Windows	Manufacturing high performance, thermally efficient architectural window and door systems	Glazing
Buffalo Stand-alone Power Solutions	Buffalo SPS displaying a selection of current technology inverters & batteries. Come take a look!	Solar & batteries
Daniela De Martino MP	Daniela aims to be a clear, strong voice for the constituents of Monbulk and leave it a better place than she found it	Government
Ecomaster	The Experts in Thermal Energy Efficiency	Home Energy Efficiency

Repower Marketplace

Organisation	Information	Category
Enviroflex	Dedicated insulation specialists committed to improving home comfort, whilst reducing energy costs.	Insulation
Goodbye Gas	Making home electrification easy	Home electrification
Goycon Builders	Specialists in energy efficient homes	Energy efficient homes
Green Building Institute	Trainers for sustainable construction and green building consultants	Trades
Indigo Power	Community-owned energy company committed to powering our communities with clean energy	Energy retailer
Permaculture Yarra Valley	Permaculture Yarra Valley promotes sustainable living through education, community engagement, and practical permaculture principles	Permaculture
RACV Solar	Solar solutions from one of Australia's largest member organisations	Solar & batteries
SEC	SEC is Victoria's government-owned renewable energy company	Government
Solahart	Solahart Eastern Ranges is your local Solar, Battery & "Australian Made" Hot Water energy specialists	Solar & batteries
Solar Victoria	Helping Victorians save on their energy bills, and build a cleaner, renewable future	Government
Specialised Solar Solutions	Specialized Solar & Electrical empowers homes and businesses with tailored electrification solutions, reducing costs and carbon footprints	Solar, batteries, splits systems and heat pumps
Thermawood	Thermawood's advanced system provides superior durability, and aesthetic appeal with enhanced energy efficiency, complying with Australian standards	Glazing
Tim Forcey	Home energy efficiency expert, author of My Efficient Electric Home handbook and Facebook group	Home Energy Efficiency
Total Solar Solutions & Reclaim	Local solar company offering quality products, great workmanship & great service	Solar, batteries, splits systems and heat pumps
Yarra Ranges Council	Staff from the Climate Action team will be available to discuss the Solar Savers program and other Council programs, including the new Resilience booklets	Government

Site Map



Speakers



Welcome to Country
Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage
Aboriginal Corporation

The Repower Festival acknowledges the Wurundjeri and other Kulin Nation peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land upon which the event will be held. We pay respects to all Elders, past, present, and emerging, who have been, and always will be, integral to the story of these lands. We pay tribute to their unbroken connection and stewardship to the lands and waterways. It is this relationship with Country that we need to get back to if we're going to meet the challenges that lay in front of us regarding changing climate and its impact on the natural world. Aboriginal knowledge systems, Ways of Knowing, Being and Doing, have much to offer in this space.



The Honourable Lily D'Ambrosio
Minister for Climate Action, Minister for Energy
and Resources, Minister for the SEC

Lily D'Ambrosio, a member of the Australian Labor Party, has represented Mill Park in the Victorian Legislative Assembly since 2002. She has served as Minister for various portfolios, including Community Development, Industry, and Environment. Notably, she is Australia's longest-serving current Minister for Energy since 2014 and is also the Minister for Climate Action, Energy and Resources, and State Electricity Commission. She led the passage of Victoria's Climate Change Act, aiming for net zero emissions by 2045. Under her leadership, Victoria has seen significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and set ambitious targets for renewable energy and emissions reduction.



Daniela De Martino MP
State Member for Monbulk

Prior to entering Parliament, Daniela owned and managed an organic grocery store for over six years until March 2022. Prior to buying the business, she worked as an Industrial Officer for the Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees Association. Her first career role was as a secondary teacher of English, History and Geography. Daniela has a desire to help people as their local representative and effect good change. She aims to be a clear, strong voice for the constituents of Monbulk and leave it a better place than she found it. This is what prompted her to run for Parliament.



Dan Cass
Rewiring Australia Co-Founder and Chief Executive
Officer

Dan is a collaborative leader of the energy transition. He was a Director of Hepburn Wind through capital raising and commissioning and helped found the RE Alliance. He has advised investors, led electricity reform research at The Australia Institute and has been published by The Conversation, Sydney Morning Herald and The Guardian Australia. He holds degrees in science and energy law. He lives in Melbourne (Naarm) with his partner and their boys, who enjoy fishing, beaches, and the bush.

Speakers



Tim Forcey

Independent energy consultant. Author of the best-selling *My Efficient Electric Home Handbook*

Tim Forcey is a home comfort and energy adviser, researcher and author. His expertise is widely sought and accessed by individuals, community groups, businesses, government bodies, members of Parliament and media. Tim founded and contributes to the thriving *My Efficient Electric Home* online community. He grew up on a dairy farm before pursuing a career as a chemical engineer working around the globe in fossil fuels, but left that industry after realising the climate crisis couldn't wait for him to effect change from within. Following roles with government, the University of Melbourne, and not-for-profit organisations, Tim now thoroughly enjoys helping people make important changes in their own homes.



Amy Gregorovich

Coordinator of Climate Action at Yarra Ranges Council

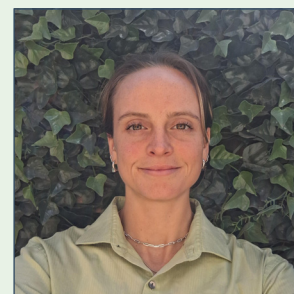
Amy Gregorovich, an early-career sustainability professional, combines her background in Environmental Science & Human Geography to drive positive climate action. As the Resilient Climate & Nature Programs Officer at Yarra Ranges Council, she fosters collaboration across departments and with local stakeholders. Her work has included energy resilience programs covering micro-grid feasibility studies & community batteries, and more recently community-led township resilience & adaptation plans.



Rob Oakley

Founder Buffalo Stand-alone Power Solutions

Rob is the founder of Buffalo Stand-alone Power Solutions, bringing over 15 years of experience in electrical, energy and renewable power solutions. With a deep passion for sustainability and fostering community growth, Rob has consistently championed innovative technologies that address the evolving needs of clients. His expertise lies in adapting cutting-edge products to create tailored solutions, driving both environmental and business impact. In 2024, he joined Repower the Dandenongs to share his expertise and support the community.



Caitlin O'Shea

Energy Resilient Communities Officer at Yarra Ranges Council

Cait is an environmental engagement professional with a background in ecological sciences and a passion for connecting people with nature. As Energy Resilient Communities Officer at Yarra Ranges Council, she empowers communities to drive positive environmental change, focusing on energy resilience, efficiency, and electrification. Cait works to increase community knowledge around these themes and supports innovative community-driven energy projects.

Speakers



Daniel Wurm

Co-founder Green Building Institute

Daniel has been proud to call the Hills 'home' for the last 7 years, where he lives with his family in an all-electric home that has been constructed using sustainable building principles. A qualified tradie in building science and energy efficiency, he has 18 years of experience as a hands-on educator in the construction industry, with a passion for practical sustainability. In 2013 he co-founded the Green Building Institute, which won Innovation of the Year at the 2016 Architecture and Design Sustainability Awards. He currently manages the Energy Smart Builders Program and Green Tradies program. He joined Repower the Dandenongs in 2024 to help share his knowledge with the community.



Mel Cutler

Project Officer Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (EAGA)

Mel and her husband Matt have lived in Belgrave since 2010. After spending the first decade living in a classic hills home (e.g. full of character but feel the breeze come through the floorboards!), they embarked upon a 4-year project of designing and owner-building a hempcrete home following passive solar design principles. Mel now enjoys sharing the stories of the many lessons that were learned along the way about the possibilities, challenges and compromises that arise when trying to create a sustainable home in the hills. Mel's paid work is as a Project Officer with the Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action, a group of 8 councils including Yarra Ranges.



Andrew Goy

Founder of Goycon Builders

Andy has worked extensively both in Australia and abroad for the past 30 years as a carpenter and builder. He became a registered builder in 2007. After his first certified passive house project he also gained qualifications in passive house construction. Since 2018 his company has focused on energy efficient, comfortable and healthy home building, and having minimal environmental impact during the build process.

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