

## Futureworld Happenings Spring - Summer 2016

Dear members, welcome to our latest newsletter.

### Visits

Recent visits to the centre include:

12<sup>th</sup> October Sanctuary Point Special Education Unit: 11 students Ages 5-12 (doing a "Paddock to the plate" unit)

16<sup>th</sup> November Sanctuary Point: 60 Year 4 students doing both the Energy and Lake Management programs

13<sup>th</sup> December Bega High: 52 Year 8 students: Sustainable Design Workshop

*Bega High's visit*



14<sup>th</sup> December Smith Street Unit: 8 year 7 – 12 students. Energy show, presentation and tour.

The Smith Street Unit provides a last chance home style school environment for children who do not fit successfully at a conventional school environment.

*Some of the boys from the Smith St Unit learning how a 3D printer works.*



### Outside Venues

Three of our volunteers attended the Council's "Rise and Shine" day at the botanic gardens on the 1<sup>st</sup> September. A visit to the greenhouse to discuss climate issues was followed by our giant environmental snakes and ladders game, for the five schools that rotated through our activity: Helensburgh Public, Keiraville Public, Green Army, St PiusX and Bulli Public.

## Workshops

We provided our centre as a venue for an externally run workshop (STEM) on 28<sup>th</sup> September, receiving a percentage of the takings.

We continued to run our workshop programs for Home schoolers covering Brain Games and Organic chemistry.

*Hoping for some environmental scientists; home schoolers trying titration analysis*



A fun school holiday workshops “Forensic Science” is planned for January 2017.

## Displays

Our Solar Electricity Display moved closer to completion with the addition of a display panel of silicon based Photovoltaic cells and a touch switch to enable the solar circus lamps.

*The new Solar Electricity panel*



## Members/Volunteers

Our AGM was held in November and the newly elected board is:

President: Russell Verdon  
Vice President: Col Markham  
Treasurer: Lance Carr  
Secretary: Stephen Pitt  
Directors: Tim McCarthy, Chris Stephens, Helen Campbell

Being volunteer based, we are continually looking for additional volunteers to assist in the myriad jobs involved with running of the centre. If you are interested or know someone who might be willing to assist at the centre we would be grateful to have you/them volunteering or even providing expertise to our board of directors.

We have also provided voluntary position for Carmen from a job provider as an office assistant and general help.

## Directions

Our grant from the Builders Club has been part used for our “Kids saving the Planet” program. We hope to enlist additional volunteers to assist with the ongoing requirements of this program and generally assist with the running of the centre.