

Oxfam - Diamond Valley Newsletter



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**Next Oxfam-Diamond Valley
Meeting
8pm Friday June 19th,
Nillumbik Living and Learning
Centre, 739 Main Rd Eltham.**

Climate Change

One of our **Oxfam-D.V. members, Don Stokes**, will make a presentation on **Climate Change**, including the issue of climate justice, with the intention of prompting discussion on what we as individuals and as an Oxfam group should and can do to address the problem. He plans to show the Oxfam DVD, "**Sisters on the Planet**", followed by a short PowerPoint presentation developed by the **Friends of the Earth Climate Justice Collective**.

And from the **June Oxfam Groups' Newsletter**:

Global climate change negotiations are currently in political deadlock, but we cannot afford to waste any time.

As a wealthy developed nation which has significantly contributed to the problem of climate change through our high per capita level of carbon emissions, Australia must accept its 'double duty' to cut emissions at home and help finance emissions reductions and adaptation in poor countries to ensure that we avoid climate disaster.

Australia can help break the political deadlock. Write to the Australian delegation (Senator Penny Wong).

Action Aid Australia, formerly **Austcare**, organized The National Emergency Climate Rally in all capital cities today. Its CEO, Archie Low, stated that 'in December 2009, governments of the world will meet in Copenhagen to forge a critical new global climate change agreement. Australia must support, not hinder, strong global action to cut greenhouse pollution to avoid catastrophic climate change'.

Recommended Reading (mentioned at last meeting: The Life you can save: acting now to save world poverty. Peter Singer. Text Publishing 2009

Fair Trade Australia and NZ

FTAANZ congratulates the winners of the **Checkout Fairtrade competition**: Leo's Fine Food & Wine, Kew, Victoria, the Most Fairtrade Friendly Independent Supermarket with 32 Fairtrade products on its shelves; Coles, Belmont, NSW, the Most Fairtrade Friendly Major Supermarket, for stocking over 25 Fairtrade products; and Lorna Bateman, Belmont, NSW, whose idea of a Fair Dinkum Fairtrade in-store promotion of a "fair day's pay for a fair day's work" won the \$2000 Fairtrade prize.

FTAANZ thanks all who were part of Fair Trade Fortnight 2009. Thousands across the country took part in over 500 activities and events, including Fairtrade coffee breaks, fiestas, stalls, coffee tastings and competitions, to make this Fortnight the biggest yet. www.checkoutfairtrade.org.au

SUPPORT FAIRTRADE AT YOUR SUPERMARKET

By choosing products with the Fairtrade Label at your local super-market, you are using your dollar to vote for a better future for developing country producers, their families and communities. Through the Fairtrade system these producers are able to send their kids to school, build roads and access better health care. If your supermarket stocks few or no Fairtrade Certified and Labelled products, then [download](#) a Fairtrade Demand Card to let them know that if they sell Fairtrade you'll buy it!

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MEETINGS

8.00pm 3rd Friday of each month
Living and Learning Nilumbik
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