

It's almost twelve months now since we introduced monthly Ballarat Climate Action Network strategy meetings and it is timely to review how things have gone.

1. Walk against Warming
  - In collaboration with BREAZE the first major project was the Walk Against Warming in April. There were lots of positive reports that attendees enjoyed the event. At the same time there was some disappointment expressed that the numbers were fairly low at **about 150 people** by most estimates.
2. *Carbon Neutrality and 100% Renewables Action Plan* endorsed at the April 3 Ballarat Council meeting
  - BCAN members spoke in support of BCC's *Carbon Neutrality and 100% Renewables Action Plan*.
  - Subsequently members of BCAN made submissions on the annual budget when it was brought forward for comment. The stimulus to our engagement at that time was a lack of references to the aforementioned plan. **Up to 15 people** indicated that they were prepared to make a submission although the final number was not disclosed. Our action received good media coverage including local television.
  - Those who made submissions reported a high level of satisfaction with this action!
3. Letter Writing Sessions
  - There has been facilitating letter writing sessions which have also doubled as social occasions for us climate concerned folk, so really good to attend on a number of fronts. Also of course a number of letters have been produced. **Typically 3 to 4 attend.**
4. Extinction Rebellion workshop in September
  - We were approached to help organise a venue for the Extinction Rebellion workshop in Ballarat. We also supported the event through 100 leaflets distributed across the city and through email and social media promotions and providing supporting crew on the day. Attended by **50 people plus** with a number taking up involvement with a local group. ER sees 'business as usual' as a major issue because it won't and hasn't addressed climate issues and it explains much of their motivations and objectives.
5. Responding to media coverage of the Children's Climate Strike.
  - Following a disappointing media response to the children's climate strike event in September we put the call out to complain to the editor of the Ballarat Times. **Up to six people** from our database of 57 took up the challenge. It was a very important action that signalled to the editor that he was under scrutiny. He individually replied to each email refuting his obligations.

Other activities included representing BCAN at the screening of 'The Human Element' documentary and making submissions to state government inquiries. Also a number of Letters to the Editor were submitted to newspapers by members of BCAN.

**Engaging the many new people in our actions is a key priority**

