



International Day of Action on Climate Change

November 4 2006

Join together in Perth for the
International Day of Action on Climate Change

Meet Russel Square (James St) Northbridge 12:30pm

Inspiring speakers, great entertainment, local music and a range of informative displays will greet you at the end of the 1km walk which winds up at the Perth Cultural Centre (opposite PICA).

*** Dress in yellow * Bring a colourful umbrella * Carry sunflowers**

**Our planet's future is our children's future—
protect the future today!**

To help (we need volunteers) or for details: Sian, 9420 7266, wo@conservationwa.asn.au

www.walkagainstwarming.org

WALK AGAINST WARMING AND TAKE STEPS AT HOME!

The average Australian home pumps around eight tonnes of greenhouse polluting carbon dioxide into the atmosphere every year. You have the power to tackle climate change at home, and save hundreds on your energy bill!



Buy compact fluorescent light bulbs. They use one quarter the energy of conventional light bulbs and last eight times longer. Plus they save you around \$40 - \$70 over the life of just one bulb.



Change to solar lighting for your porch and garden. Decorative solar garden lights are cheap and provide free lighting!



Always switch off the TV, VCR, microwave and stereo at the power point instead of leaving them in stand-by power mode.



WA is suffering from water shortages that are set to get worse. Change your shower head to a water efficient shower head. (Visit the Department of Water for information about rebates for a range of water efficient products http://dows.lincdigital.com.au/Waterwise_Rebates.asp).



Reduce the amount of water used on your garden by planting drought tolerant lawn and plant varieties or locally native plants.



Purchase appliances with the highest 'Energy Rating' (www.energyrating.gov.au)



Set your fridge temperature to 5°C. Leave space around the top and back of the fridge (around the coils) to allow warm air to escape.



Defrost the freezer regularly and set the temperature to -18°C.



Stop! Before you turn on the heater, put on another layer of clothes. You just saved yourself some power and a few dollars!



Turn your thermostat down by just 2 degrees and save money on your electricity bill.



Seal off draughty doorways with 'door sausages' or with 'self adhesive draught excluder', available from hardware stores.



Contact your energy retailer in WA, Synergy, on 13 13 53 or visit www.synergyenergy.com.au/Residential_Segment/index.html and change to NaturalPower. The more NaturalPower sold the greater the amount of renewable energy will go into the grid, lessening our reliance on coal power generation. Less coal produced energy means less greenhouse gases!



Air-conditioning costs the average Australian household \$70 a quarter. Natural shading, airflow and fans cost little in comparison.



Tell your friends and family! Encourage others to be energy efficient and spread the message! Even just buying someone else an energy efficient appliance is a huge step!



Install a solar PV system on your roof and most of your heating, cooling, lighting and hot water will be free forever after! The federal government offers a photovoltaic rebate program to offset initial costs. Contact the Australian Greenhouse Office on (02) 6274 2192 or visit www.greenhouse.gov.au. Installing a solar hot water system will give you hot water free from the sun (and there are subsidies for them too—just ask your solar hot water system retailer).



There are a range of insulation options for your home, at different prices, that will save on you money on your electricity bill in the long term.



Your choice of transport has a HUGE impact on the environment. Is your car fuel efficient or a gas guzzler? Do you carpool? Do you even need a car? Perhaps you can survive with a bicycle, walking, public transport and the occasional taxi. You will save a fortune on car registration, insurance, petrol and repairs and be part of solving the climate change problem.