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Highlights

JAN

50 training days in regional towns and suburbs across Australia

FEB

National Training Camp for 50 young leaders from around the country

MAR

Our petition calling for 100% renewable energy reaches 25,000 signatures

APR

We win our campaign to stop forestry being included as renewable energy

MAY

- » Repower Australia sees 100 events in schools, universities, cafes & theatres
- » We celebrate the announcement of a \$10 billion clean energy investment fund & push for more investment in renewable energy

JUN

We present the Australian Education for Sustainability Alliance's plan for sustainability education to Prime Minister Gillard at the Rio+20 conference

JULY

- » The carbon price commences
- » We organise a community vote in Port Augusta - of 4500 votes cast, 99% favour solar over gas
- » National Repower Summit brings together 120 young people in Melbourne
- » AYCC's three-year strategic plan launched

AUG

700 events registered for Youth Decide - the energy election

SEPT

- » 25,000 young people vote in Youth Decide, with 93% voting for a more ambitious Renewable Energy Target
- » 80 people walk 330km & 2000 people rally in Adelaide to call for Port Augusta's coal plants to be replaced with Australia's first solar thermal plant

OCT

We present our Youth Decide results to Federal politicians at Parliament House

NOV

- » Ellen Sandell concludes her role as National Director, after five years at the AYCC
- » Lucy Manne & Kirsty Albion begin as AYCC's National Co-Directors

DEC

8 young Australians attend the international climate talks in Doha

About Us

The AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CLIMATE COALITION'S MISSION IS TO CREATE A *generation-wide* MOVEMENT TO SOLVE THE *climate crisis*.



Younger generations will be those most affected by the impacts of climate change, yet often don't have the tools to create the change we need. The AYCC gives young people the *power* they need to create both cultural and policy *change* to secure a safe climate for our future.

We're solutions-focused

Our mission is to create a world in which climate change does not threaten the future of young Australians – a world in which AYCC wouldn't need to exist.

We're the voice of our generation

What unifies us is stronger than what divides us. We are the generation committed to ensuring a safe climate future for not just ourselves but also all of those who will come after us.

We achieve a lot with a little

With a budget far less than larger environment groups, we create campaigns that are professional in execution and large in impact.

We're innovative & fresh

Our campaigns are fresh. They catch the hearts of the nation, the eyes of the media, and the ears of politicians.

We're efficient & responsive

We keep our organisation free from burdensome bureaucracy so we can be nimble, effective and reactive in a political and social environment that is constantly changing.

We meaningfully involve youth

At every level AYCC is led by young people, making us one of Australia's few examples of an entirely youth-run organisation

From the National Director



2012 was so jam-packed with action, I barely know where to begin!

2012 saw the introduction of a carbon price, \$10 billion invested in renewable energy and the beginning of a huge campaign to build Australia's first solar thermal plant. I'm so proud that the AYCC was an integral part of this success.

We started the year with our 'Repower Australia' campaign. AYCC volunteers held over 100 large events in cafes, pubs, restaurants and cinemas, where funds raised went to 'repowering' venues with energy efficiency, solar panels or green power. The campaign also saw over 26,000 young people sign a petition

asking the Government to invest more in renewable energy, through a \$10 billion renewable energy investment fund, which was passed into law in June 2012.

Buoyed by this success, we set our sights on a small town in South Australia called Port Augusta, where two coal power plants were set to shut down. This presented an amazing opportunity to build Australia's first solar thermal plant. The AYCC brought together an Alliance (including the Port Augusta Council, Business Port Augusta, Beyond Zero Emissions, Doctors for the Environment, and many others) to call on SA to become the solar state, culminating in the Walk for Solar. 80 people walked 328km over 14 days through the outback from Port Augusta to Adelaide - and along the way received tonnes of national media coverage, significant community support, and the ear of State and Federal politicians.

Other successes included seeing the carbon price come into force on July 1st, winning a rapid-response campaign to stop the burning of native forests being counted as 'renewable energy',

and helping to protect the Australia's renewable energy target.

While we were kicking all these goals, the AYCC also managed to achieve two significant things: completing a 3-year Strategic Plan and developing a schools program that will be sustainable into the future.

This is my last Annual Report as National Director of the AYCC. After five years, I felt it was time to move on and make way for the next generation of change-makers.

I'm sad to go, but I'm so proud to be leaving the movement in the safe hands and visionary leadership of Lucy Manne and Kirsty Albion. Together, and with the help of all our members, volunteers, donors and supporters, they will take the AYCC to new heights.


Over my 2 years as National Director I'm so pleased to have doubled our revenue, had several important campaign wins, and delivered a Strategic Plan that shows exactly how we will grow - and win - over the next three years.

"I'm going to miss waking up every day knowing I work with amazing people in the world's most important job."

I couldn't have done it without the support of a wonderful board, amazing donors (in particular the Purves Environmental Fund), a great team of staff and our tens of thousands of members and volunteers.

Scientists tell us we have a small - and shrinking - window left to avoid dangerous climate change. It's really scary but working at the AYCC over the past 5 years has made me absolutely sure that we will beat the big polluters: because our movement is strong, united, and we won't give up.

With so much hope & gratitude,


Ellen Sandell

From the Chair of the Board



2012 began with floods and ended with fire. As I write this, Australia is suffering from the worst heat-waves in our

“No other organisation in Australia can match the *energy* or *scale* of the AYCC's *grassroots* base of volunteers.”

nation's records. Fires are burning in almost every Australian state and territory. Smoke is covering the mountains outside my window.

2012 was a reminder of the increase in extreme weather events that climate change is bringing. The Philippines and Bangladesh were devastated by

flooding. Europe suffered from a freak cold-snap. Extreme heat-waves and wildfires hit in the United States, along with Hurricane Sandy in New York. Droughts affected the Sahel and Northeast Brazil. In 2012, Arctic summer sea ice set a record low. Scientists reported that the Antarctic and Greenland ice sheets have lost four trillion tonnes of ice in the past two decades.

As our climate system hurtles towards tipping points, these extreme weather events are a poignant reminder of why a small

group of us decided to set up the Australian Youth Climate Coalition six years ago – and why the existence of our movement is more important now than ever.

While the enormity of what climate change is doing to our planet paralyses many people, and sends others into denial, the young people involved in the Australian Youth Climate

Coalition take a different approach. Their attitude is that:

“We must do the *impossible* to avoid the *unimaginable*.”

And they dedicate their days, weeks and lives to making our movement powerful enough to take on the vested interests that cling as hard as they can to the status quo.

AYCC volunteers know that all the technical solutions to solve climate change already exist. We know that we can power Australia with 100% renewable energy within a decade. It's not the technology we lack, but the political and social will. And that's where a powerful movement of passionate young people comes in.

In 2012, AYCC's board, staff and volunteers developed an ambitious three-year strategic plan. It's worth a read if you want to understand the sheer scale of what it will take to build the

political will to dramatically reduce Australia's emissions.

In 2012, we said farewell to the wonderful Ellen Sandell as National Director and welcomed two brilliant young women, Lucy Manne and Kirsty Albion, to replace her as Co-Directors. We strengthened our governance with a comprehensive board review, and began the process of board transition.

One of the beautiful things about AYCC is that the people involved know that you don't need anything other than what you already have to make a difference. You don't need to wait until you're “grown up”. You don't need a lot of money or a fancy title. The spirit of AYCC lies in understanding the simple truth that while no one can do everything, everyone can do something.

So thank you, if you're reading this report, for everything you have done and will do for the youth climate movement.

Anna Rose, on behalf of the AYCC board

Achievements

Repower Australia



Through Repower Australia we built widespread support for a 100% renewable energy future. From February to August, AYCC volunteers held over 100 events to fundraise for their local pubs, cafes, community centres and churches to switch to clean energy. The events, which raised \$55,000, included:

- » **canberra** organic food & live music, attended by local MPs & all mainstream media
- » **attendance** 150
- » **impact** \$1600 for a pedal-powered sound system for the local food co-operative

And the impact didn't stop there! We also collected over 27,000 signatures calling for the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) to invest in reliable, safe, and renewable technology.

In July, on the day the CEFC legislation passed, we took our petition to politicians in Parliament House and gained national media attention by handing out sunflowers to key politicians.



- » **melbourne** trivia & auction night, MC'd by climatologist David Karoly
- » **attendance** 160
- » **impact** \$5200 for Yarra Climate Action Now's community solar project

- » **gold coast** community festival with stalls, workshops, speakers, music & treats
- » **attendance** 200+
- » **impact** \$4000 for a local cafe

- » **perth** retro party
- » **attendance** 200+
- » **impact** \$2000 to retro-fit a venue of Curtin University's Sustainability Policy Institute

Start the Switch

Since it began in 2007, AYCC's schools engagement has grown every year - and this culminated with the launch of our exciting new "Start the Switch" program in 2012.

Start the Switch brought together three core elements of AYCC's peer-to-peer education model into a single program:

- 1 **Inspiring** students to take action with innovative presentations from youth presenters
- 2 **Launching** projects in their school that create real change in their communities
- 3 **Connecting** students across the country at summits for local schools

The program was launched in February 2012 thanks to the generous support from the City of Melbourne.



Over 2 days, 140 student from 16 high schools at the State Library of Victoria took part in workshops, masterclasses, project planning, and a flashmob at the Sustainable Living Festival in the centre of Melbourne. These students went on to organise 21 projects in their school, supported by AYCC mentors and an online resources hub.



"I was fortunate to attend the AYCC Melbourne Youth Summit with members of my school's sustainability team. The weekend included engaging & informative sessions and inspiring speakers which motivated us to take a further step into leadership and organise a mobile-phone drive at our school."

~ Darcie Jordan - Yr 12,

Following the success of our pilot program, we went on to run summits in Perth and the Eastern suburbs of Melbourne, supported by Boroondara City Council and Maroondah City Council.



Given 2012's successes, in 2013 our schools program will be fully implemented as a business model to sustain the AYCC into the future.



A new animated presentation will allow us to deliver 400 presentations, run summits in every state, and activate groups in 100 schools - so watch this space!

2012 BY THE NUMBERS

- » Students @ summits **380**
- » Groups formed **36**
- » Projects implemented **60**

Oakeshott Campaign

In early 2012, we heard that Rob Oakeshott wanted to support a motion calling for the burning of our native forests to qualify for renewable energy subsidies. We responded in a flash, mobilising our members to tweet and facebook him, call his offices, and donate \$2000 of their own money to get this ad into Oakeshott's local paper:

"Thank you for your email regarding Rob Oakeshott's Motion. Having now consulted with stakeholders I'm pleased to be able to confirm that I will not support the Motion."
~The Hon. Andrew Wilkie, MP

The Carbon Price

To celebrate the passing of the carbon price on July 1st, we highlighted the importance of this achievement and thanked Australians for their support with creative actions across the country. Local groups distributed thank you cards to passers-by and hung thank you banners in public places.



A creative voice in the mainstream media, the climate chicken played a critical role in exposing the Coalition's misinformation campaign on the carbon price - and refocused debate on the case for taking strong and ambitious action on climate change.



We also employed a bold and beautiful "climate chicken" to follow Tony Abbott around in the week before July 1st, politely pointing out that the sky had so far failed to fall. The chicken left a lasting impression at Tony's visit to the ACT RSPCA, which was covered by multiple national media outlets including the 7.30 Report, the Age, the SMH and the Herald.



Dear Rob, burning native forests is not renewable energy.

Under no circumstances should the Government be permitted to burn native forests for the sake of a few dollars. The burning of native forests is not renewable energy. It is a disaster for Australia's economy, environment and people. The burning of native forests is not renewable energy. It is a disaster for Australia's economy, environment and people. The burning of native forests is not renewable energy. It is a disaster for Australia's economy, environment and people.

Mr Oakeshott wants burning native forests to count as 'renewable energy'. As young Australians, we encourage him to reconsider his position. This ad is written and paid for by the 70,000 members of the Australian Youth Climate Coalition.



Thanks to our pressure, crucial MPs Tony Windsor and Andrew Wilkie voted against the motion, preventing it from passing into law. This win showed that when we respond quickly, we can ensure that no politician gets away with destroying our forest carbon stores or poaching money from renewable energy.

Changing Hearts & Minds

In April 2012, the Australian Youth Climate Coalition's co-founder and Chair, Anna Rose, co-starred in the ABC documentary 'I Can Change Your Mind on Climate Change.' The documentary tells the story of Anna's journey to change the mind of vocal climate change sceptic Nick Minchin. To coincide with the documentary, Anna released her first full-length book, *Madlands: A Journey to Change the Mind of a Climate Sceptic*.



She then assembled a team of AYCC volunteers, and together they embarked on a four-month speaking tour to outer-suburban, regional and rural Australia.

In the heat of an ugly and often ill-informed debate over the carbon price, the tour reminded Australians that we need climate change action first and foremost to protect the future of our young people.

Anna & the team travelled around Australia speaking at schools, churches, fire halls, universities, council chambers and writers festivals, in the process generating much-needed media coverage about why climate change is important to young Australians.

Key OUTCOMES

- » towns visited **44**
- » media-hits **50**
- » states/territories visited **6**
- » team members **7**
- » speeches given **160**
- » people spoken to **16000+**

Sustainability Education

In 2011 the AYCC founded the Australian Education for Sustainability Alliance (AESA):

a coalition of leading environment & education groups advocating for world-class sustainability education for all young Australians

The Alliance was launched at the beginning of 2012 with an event at Parliament House with Professor Ian Lowe, and meetings with key politicians to discuss AESA's platform.

Throughout the year we opened conversations with the Minister for Sustainability Tony

Burke and presented a photo petition to Julia Gillard at the Earth Summit in Rio De Janeiro. We also successfully petitioned against the Queensland Coalition's motion to ban climate science from the school curriculum - a huge win for young Australians!

The Alliance recently received a \$200,000 grant from the Federal Government to research how sustainability could be better integrated into the education system through the Australian Curriculum. Along with our continued campaigning, this important research will keep AYCC and AESA very busy into 2013.



educationforsustainability.org.au

Youth Decide

In late 2012, Australia's mandatory Renewable Energy Target (RET) of 20% by 2020 came up for review, opening it to attack and the threat of removal.

We took these voices directly to Parliament and key decision-makers, to ensure the RET was not reduced or removed.

While big business was busy lobbying the Government, one voice was missing: that of the young people of Australia.

This is why we launched Youth Decide: The Energy Election – a voting week from September 10-17, where young Australians were mobilised to hold voting events in their schools, workplaces and communities to engage their peers to vote on the RET they'd like to see for Australia.



Over 700 events were held across the country, in every state and territory and over 21,000 votes were cast, with 93% of voters choosing a RET above the current target and 68% choosing a target of 75% or higher.

AYCC members then raised money to erect a billboard outside Martin Ferguson's office with the voting results. We also presented the results to key federal politicians at Parliament House.



The campaign reached an audience of hundreds of thousands through coverage in major media outlets & social media.

Youth DECIDE INFOGRAPHICS
» views 73000+ » shares 2200

Following the delivery of our results, the Climate Change Authority concluded their review of the RET by recommending that the Government retain the current 20% target. The success of the campaign was a testament to the work of AYCC's members, and has laid the groundwork to push for a more ambitious target in the future.

"The decision [not to decrease the RET] is an overwhelming positive one for the renewable energy industry in Australia."
~ Giles Parkinson



Walk for Solar

Port Augusta's 2 coal-fired power plants have created health & environmental problems for decades & are now set to shut down.

The community has a choice: build a gas plant or Australia's first solar thermal plant.

Through early 2012, the AYCC's Dan Spencer played a key role in building the Repower Port Augusta Alliance. Their mission was to mobilise widespread support for a solar-powered future.

In July the Alliance held a community vote with more than 99% of voters choosing solar over gas. The vote drew state-wide media coverage and put the issue firmly on the political agenda. But to elevate the campaign, we needed to up the ante - and so the Walk for Solar was born.

On Sunday September 16th, 80 people from around Australia

began a 328km, 14-day walk from Port Augusta to Adelaide to ensure that no politician could ignore the opportunity to build Australia's first solar thermal plant in Port Augusta.

We faced blisters, heat, rain and 100 km/h winds but after 14 days were greeted in Adelaide by a crowd of thousands. We received coverage from all major national news outlets, including a live interview on ABC News Breakfast TV, and articles in the Advertiser, ABC online, and the Herald Sun.



The walk was accompanied by 20 "Solar-darity" walks around the country ending at key politicians' offices including Greg Combet, Martin Ferguson & Wayne Swan.

Since THE WALK ...

» **A team** of walkers met with 15 key Federal politicians & held a nationally-broadcast press conference at Parliament House

» **A South Australian** Parliamentary Select Committee has been established to examine the feasibility of building a solar thermal plant

» **SA Energy Minister** Tom Koutsantonis, who visited us on the walk, agreed to meet with walk organisers the day after our arrival in Adelaide

» **Our Australian** Services Union allies helped pass a motion at the ALP State Labor conference calling on the ALP to commit to funding solar thermal in Port Augusta

» **Alinta** has announced they will be seeking Federal funding for a pilot solar thermal plant at Port Augusta

A big thank you to the Repower Port Augusta Alliance for their tireless efforts in making this happen, especially Dan Spencer (AYCC), Gary Rowbottom (a power station worker at Port Augusta), Mark Ogge (Beyond Zero Emissions) and local organiser Philippa Rowland.



Together, we put Port Augusta on the national stage and helped push the vision of a solar-powered future closer to becoming a reality. Stay tuned - the campaign will culminate in 2013 with the Federal Election.



International

International engagement has been a focus for AYCC since 2007, when we took a group of young people to the United Nation's climate negotiations in Bali.



In 2012 we sent a delegation of 8 brilliant young Australians to the UN climate talks in Qatar, where we tracked Australia's role in the negotiations, gained international press coverage calling on greater international ambition, and worked to build the youth climate movement in every region of the world.



HIGHLIGHTS

» **Successfully** campaigning for the Australian Government to exclude so-called "hot air" from its emissions accounting

» **Media** coverage in major outlets including the New York Times, Guardian & Aljazeera

» **Engagement** with the indigenous caucus through our fantastic youth indigenous delegate, Nayuka Gorrie

» **Creative** actions that conveyed our message to negotiators and the media

» **Running** workshops with young people from all around the world - from the Maldives to Kyrgyzstan - on how to build a grassroots youth movement

» **Working** with the newly formed Arab Youth Climate Network

Young Professionals

2012 saw the launch of AYCC's Young Professionals Network, which gave young professionals aged 25-35 the opportunity to engage in climate change and sustainability, and create positive change in their workplaces.



Six events throughout the year gave YPN members the chance to learn about different aspects of workplace sustainability, take home practical skills, and network with like-minded young people and sustainability leaders.

With the help of Monash Green Steps mentors, YPN saw 34 members from a diverse range of sectors implement 10 projects in their workplaces.



With the skills & networks to lead the way, these inspiring young people will go on to help transform their sectors' sustainability practices.



Strategic Plan

Our Goals

By 2015, the AYCC will have **5000** deeply committed young organisers in major cities and politically strategic locations.

500 will be 'core' organisers & campaigners volunteering 2 days per week to the AYCC.



4500 will be 'committed' organisers, willing to come to an event or organise their peers.

Our Plan

We will grow our movement through annual events that will educate, empower & mobilise young people -



Centrally-run campaigns that win real changes in government & business.

A network of local AYCC groups which are connected to each other

Decentralised campaign mobilisation every August-September

A summer training camp for our most committed leaders



Annual summits that bring together young people

An annual road-trip to recruit new people into the movement



Building the Movement

Training

The AYCC is building a generation-wide movement because we know that in every past social change movement - from ending the apartheid to the civil rights movement - it has been young people that have led the way.



The core principles that underpin our movement-building work are: local action and community, united vision and strategy, inclusivity, and purpose-driven action. We empower young people across Australia to start youth climate groups in their local community, school, work-

place or uni. We support these local groups through trainings, mentoring and provide campaigns that make a difference. We are proud to have grown in 2012 from just over 60 local groups to 120 groups throughout regional and metropolitan Australia, with support hubs in each state.

Empowering and educating young people is critical to building a generation-wide movement to solve the climate crisis. That's why the AYCC invests so much of its time in training camps.



Our training camps empower and educate young people, giving them the opportunity to deepen their understanding of climate change and commit to take action in their communities. They are a chance for our volunteers to develop new skills, understand their role in our generation-wide movement & make friends for life.

In 2012, we trained almost 2000 young people - in Australia and overseas.

We reached...

- » **40** of our top leaders from around the country through a 3-day February training camp in Victoria
- » **120** of our most active volunteers through a 3-day Repower Summit in Melbourne
- » **100s** of local volunteers through countless 1-2 day local training camps in every state and territory
- » **50** youth from around the world through capacity-building sessions, at the UN Climate Talks, focusing on grassroots organising, climate science and more
- » **500** students through our Switched on Schools Summits in Victoria, ACT & WA



State by State

NSW saw huge growth in the size and skill-level of its volunteer base. They held 160 Youth decide events, Repowered venues across the state, met with politicians and built stacks of media attention.



WA held state-wide Repower events and an amazing Perth schools summit attended by over 120 students. They also built partnerships with community groups, including the Fremantle Wind Farm.

SA spearheaded the Repower Port Augusta campaign, developing the strategy, engaging the local community, helping to organise the Walk for Solar & 2000-person Rally for Solar & generating huge amounts of local and national media.



ACT ran 4 incredible Repower events attended by Federal MPs, local media, and hundreds of community members. They also held countless meetings & press conferences at Parliament House & hosted an amazing Schools Summit, attended by 200 students.



NT hosted a solar-powered concert at the Alice Springs Youth Centre, spearheaded by AYCC member Jeremy Gillen; workshops and training days; and 11 Youth Decide events throughout the Territory.

TAS Repowered their local food co-op, hosted a public lecture by AYCC co-founder Anna Rose, involved hundreds of young Tasmanians in Youth Decide, and pulled off an amazing Repower concert at UTAS.



QLD has tripled its size this year through 15 Repower events, over 200 Youth Decide events and 1000 sign ups at Woodford Folk Festival last month. They've also been busy building news groups state-wide from Cairns to the Gold Coast.

VIC Repowered over 20 community venues & held over 150 Youth Decide events. They also organised 3 Schools Summits, and took part in countless snap actions. With 44 local groups active in 2012, be sure to keep your eye on them in 2013!



Our Profile

Online

New media lets us reach out to young people in all corners of the country, and helps us build a community that can take action anywhere, at any time.

Innovative online infrastructure played a pivotal role in our 2012 campaigns. During Youth Decide. Our custom-built website allowed young people to answer interactive questions about the Renewable Energy Target & vote for the target that they'd like Australia to adopt. For Walk for Solar, we built a blog to bring our members from all over the country on the walk virtually by sharing stories, images, and media,

2012 saw our Facebook community grow from just under 11,000 to 14,200, our Twitter following increased by over 1500, and our online membership is now over 70,000.

We reached thousands through viral memes and infographics, live tweeted major events, and joined in "twitter parties" with 350.org and WWF. During Youth Decide, we reached over 100,000 people through social media, and launched peer-to-peer online fundraising that saw AYCC members raise over \$70,000 for Walk for Solar.

We also developed online video content with Australian icons including Bob Brown, Dan Ilic, and Claire Hooper.

A huge thank you to Streetline Media, Rebecca Flaherty & Kingston Development for helping us make our online vision a reality.

Media

There was barely a week in 2012 when AYCC wasn't in the news!

At the core of the AYCC's theory of change is ensuring that the voice of young people is heard on climate change - and so in 2012 we were thrilled to reach millions of Australians through the national media, including through interviews with our staff, press conferences, and coverage of our creative actions and campaigns.

Highlights included:

TELEVISION

- » 7:30 Report ABC News
- » Channel 10 news
- » ABC News North Coast
- » ABC News
- » Channel 9 News
- » Al Jazeera News Hour

RADIO

- » Radio Adelaide
- » JJJ Radio
- » ABC News
- » The Wire
- » Sound Cloud

PRINT & ONLINE

- » The Canberra Times
- » The Age
- » The Australian
- » The Courier Mail
- » The SMH
- » The mX
- » G-Magazine
- » Mamma Mia

AYCC's Board Chair Anna Rose was on ABC's Q&A promoting her documentary with Nick Minchin "I Can Change Your Mind about Climate Change" in April. We also received over 100 articles in local newspapers during our Repower, Youth Decide, Walk for Solar and international campaigns.

Our People

Partners

AYCC began in 2007 as a coalition of national youth organisations. These youth organisations continue to play an important role in appointing the AYCC's

board, and in participating and advising on AYCC activities and campaigns. We thank our partners for their commitment to improving the lives of young Australians.



Supporters

2012's successes would not have been possible without our generous supporters.

Thank you to our major supporter, the Purves Environmental Fund for having supported the AYCC since 2008. Purves has enabled the AYCC to continue to grow from strength to strength, through providing core funding, support and advice throughout many years.

Thanks also to those who have provided core funding for the AYCC in 2012, including the Mullum Trust, Fairer Futures Fund a sub fund of the Australian Communities Foundation, Australian Ethical Super, Aussie Renewables, Diana and Brian Snape AM, Diversicon Environmental Foundation, David Paradise and Margaret Henderson.

For our schools program thanks to bankmecu, AndyInc Foundation,

Ian Potter Foundation and the State Library of Victoria who have been a key part to the great successes so far.

To those who supported our AESA campaign to get sustainability included in the school curriculum, thanks to the Garry White Foundation and the Melliodora Fund.

To, National Australia Bank, Maddocks, City of Melbourne, the U.S. Consulate General, Australian Ethical Super and the Monash Green Steps program, who have provided incredible support in launching our Young Professional Network which engaged 80 young professionals across Melbourne.

Our Port Augusta campaign wouldn't have been possible without the generous donations it received, so we would like to give a special mention to Climate Positive, Clean SA, Doctors for the Environment Australia, 100% Renewables, Beyond Zero Emissions, National Union of Workers, Australian Services

More Supporters

Union, Conservation Council SA, Port Augusta Council, First in Sports First Aid, the Cambodian Kids Foundation, Keen Footwear, Mountain Designs, Scouts Australia and to the incredible volunteers and supporters that helped us SO much on the Walk for Solar, thanks to Philippa Rowland, Bill & Ingrid Albion, Morgan Petersson, James Taylor, Georgia Carapetis and so many more.

We would like to thank the City of Melbourne, City of Whittlesea, City of Yarra for supporting our grassroots teams in 2012 and to the John T Reid Charitable Trusts for supporting our 2013 National Boot-Camp.

Many other organisations and individuals have supported us to create big change in 2012 through their in-kind support, thanks to The Climate Institute and GoGet Carshare.

Finally, we would like to thank all of our Monthly Donors for their generous support in 2012: Eva Wynn, Frank Edwards, Nick Moraitis, Anna Rose, Vicki Findlay, Ilona Miller, Wendy Hine, David Feith,

Gordon Fraser-Quick, Ben Cebon, Joshua Crowley, Lisa Caripis, Onur Ekin, Albert Benjamin, Fred Stark, Jake Marshall, Robert Hart, Nick Allardice, Eugene White, Kirsty Albion, Jenny Rose, Rowan Steele, Rufus Coffield-Feith, Holly Watson-Reeves, Michael Poland, Josh Wyndham-Kidd, Wendy Miller, Benjamin Lucato, Peter Onorato, Amanda McKenzie, Gemma Borgo-Caratti, James Goldie, Liam Ellis, Noosh Baggins, Anthony Gallacher, John Merory, Matthugh Alexander, Nicolas Clyde, Laura Melville, Philippa Wright, Stephen Higgs, Dan Tu-Hoa, Andrew Blake, Chris Wong, Jacqueline Auhl, Rick Tankard, Kerri Feigan, Sam Mclean, Brett Robinson, Dan Spencer, Tara Mansbridge, Cameron McShane, Katie Ryan, Kieran Wyn, Aaron Macdonald, Shane Bakewell, Leah Fallon, Raymond Carlaw, Bethia Blond, Zain Zaidi, Deanna Howland, Jackson Kearney, Virginia Wong, James Haliburton, Michael Rosser, Sebastien Geers, Suzanne Mortimer, Nathan Elvery, Bernard Tonkin, Gen Stewart, Jessica Nias, Laura Ealing, Patricia Long, Mark Thompson, Robert Mazzilli, Tessa Sparks, Linden Ashcroft, Natasha Lay, Caelyen Somerville, David Pointon, Hannah Taylor, Harry Jennens, Jane Stabb, Lauren Boyce, Louise Becker, Michael Grincer, Mitchell Power, Nic Seton, Valentin Zarkhin.



Staff, Board & Volunteers

Without our incredibly talented & passionate staff & volunteers, the AYCC wouldn't have achieved what it has.

In 2012, our core staff consisted of Ellen Sandell (National Director), Kirsty Albion (Campaigns Manager), Jem Bamford (Director of Operations), Gemma Borgo-Caratti (Business Development Director), Lily Weinberg (Online Campaigner), Charlotte Wood (National Grassroots Campaigner), Rufus Coffield-Feith (National Grassroots Campaigner-first half of 2012) and Joel Dignam (National Grassroots Campaigner-second half of 2012).

Many thanks, as always, go to our wonderful book-keeper Claire Turner and financial advisor Lisa Lewin, whose hard work ensures the AYCC's finances remain above board.

2012 saw us hire some incredible staff to support the many projects we run. After a brilliant innings in 2011, Onur Ekinçi handed over his coordination of the Switched On Schools programme to Ryan Shaw in and we employed the wonderful Kate Proud to manage our Young Professionals Network. In the second-half of 2012, long-time volunteers and state coordinators Kelly Mackenzie (SA), Amy Gordon (NSW), Matthew Goor (WA) & Gemma Plesman (QLD) were hired to coordinate Youth Decide and we hired Daniel Spencer to manage the Repower Port Augusta Campaign. We also continued to employ Ahri Tallon to coordinate AESA. Unsurprisingly, all of these staff performed exceptionally.

In addition to our staff, our volunteers are the heart and soul of the AYCC. As such, we were incredibly lucky to have an outstanding volunteer base in 2012.

Key national volunteers included Michael Poland (Walk for Solar Manager), Natasha Lay (International Coordinator) and the international team - Basha Stasak, Max Williams, Sam Cooper, Lovisa Muyderman, Hayden Williams, Katie Higgins & Nayuka Gorrie; Baljit Johal (National Schools Coordinator), Daniel Spencer (Port Augusta Campaigner), Sophie Trevitt (Media Support) & many more.

In particular, we wish to thank our incredible intern-trio of Koel Wrigley, Laura Melville & Philippa Wright. New to the AYCC in 2012, these girls have relentlessly poured their passion and time into the AYCC, filling gaps and stepping up to numerous challenges at key points throughout the year. We also owe our huge thanks to the amazing Walk for Solar volunteers - Philippa Rowland, Bill & Ingrid Albion, Morgan Petersson, James Taylor and Georgia Carapetis.

2013 will see some of our staff transition to new and exciting roles outside of the AYCC. It is with sadness that we farewell Joel Dignam, who will be working as a union organiser with United Voice, Ryan Shaw who will be embarking upon a teaching career and Lily Weinberg who will continue to blitz the online campaigning sphere in new pastures. Ryan is replaced by the brilliant Baljit Johal, with whom he's worked on the schools program throughout 2012 and Kelly Mackenzie, who comes to us from years of experience organising and state coordinating in South Australia.

We also wish to express our gratitude to the AYCC Board for their advice and wisdom throughout 2012: Anna Rose (Chair), Nick Allardice (Deputy Chair), Dan Tu-Hoa (Secretary), Nick Moraitis (Treasurer), Amanda Mackenzie (Member) and Daniel Adams (Member).

Volunteers ctd.

The AYCC would be nothing without the hundreds of brilliant young campaigners who volunteer in every state and territory of Australia. We are enormously indebted to the work that these phenomenal individuals do week after week

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To everyone else who has given their time to the AYCC in 2012, thank you SO much for your invaluable contributions to making our world a better place!

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