

## Workshop presenters, musicians

### Saturday 1.30 – 2.50 pm: Positive stories of action

#### **Divesting from fossil fuels:**

*Including a case study of the Mercy Sisters' experience*



#### **Chris Hill**

Chris Hill is the Environmental Sustainability Manager for the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea and provides specialist leadership and technical expertise on environmental sustainability strategies across the Institute. He leads the implementation of the institute policy, “An Integrated Approach to Sustainable Living” and he provides a resource to partnering ministries. Previous to this role, Chris led the sustainability agenda at the Mater Hospital in Brisbane, and also worked for the Climate and Health Alliance to further engagement with other healthcare services to build the membership of the Global Green and Healthy Hospitals Pacific Region.



#### **Rev. Rex Graham**

Rex Graham is a retired Uniting Church minister who originally trained as an accountant, and remains a member of CPA Australia. Rex's activism around climate change began 10 years ago when he helped form the Uniting Eco Group, a small group within the Uniting Church NSW.ACT Synod of the Uniting Church that supports and encourages Christians in environmental activism. Rex's background in business has given him a keen interest, understanding and involvement in ethical investment activism within his own church, and the wider investment management field.

### **Establishing a local interfaith climate action network**



#### **Fr Peter Moore**

Fr Peter Moore is an Anglican priest in the Brisbane Diocese. Previously he served in North Queensland, South America and Bathurst. He is on the Anglican Social Responsibilities Committee, Chair of Angligrreen, Deputy Chair of Queensland Churches Environment Network (QCEN). Peter will be initiating discussion based on his experience of helping establish ARRCC Queensland.

## **Switch to Sunshine:**

*Including a case study of the experience of the Sydney Buddhist Centre*



### **Gillian Reffell**

Gillian Reffell is practising with the Triratna Buddhist Community in Sydney and also a grass roots climate change activist. During a career in town planning and environment protection she developed skills primarily in strategic policy and land use planning.

## **Living the Change:** *the possibility of climate-conserving lifestyle change as a valid strategy for limiting global heating*



### **Philippa Rowland**

Philippa trained in agricultural science at SA's Waite Institute, then provided advice on sustainability issues in the Bureau of Resource Sciences & NRM Policy Division in Canberra. With over 15 years' experience of community solutions to climate change, she's current President of the Multifaith Association of SA and Vice-President of the Conservation Council of SA. She went to COPs 15&21 in Copenhagen (2009) & in Paris (2015), then helped to coordinate Australian contributions to several global Interfaith Statements.



### **Thea Ormerod**

Thea Ormerod is a Catholic Christian, a retired social worker, grandmother and long-time social justice advocate, mostly for trade justice, overseas aid and international debt cancellation (Jubilee 2000). She is currently ARRCC's President and has been an ARRCC supporter since it was founded eleven years ago.

## Stories of nonviolence from the frontline

 A black and white photograph of Mark Delaney, a man with a beard and short hair, wearing a checkered short-sleeved shirt. He is standing at a microphone, gesturing with his right hand as if speaking. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be an indoor setting with some plants.	<p><b>Mark Delaney</b></p> <p>Mark Delaney has a Law &amp; Commerce degree but has lived in India with his family for much of the last 24 years. With the climate emergency threatening to wipe out many hard-fought developmental gains in India and elsewhere, Mark's focus has shifted to the climate. He co-authored a book with his son Tom, 'Low Carbon and Loving It', published in 2018. He has worked for ARRCC since April, primarily in coordinating the Living the Change programme. He has also been arrested twice, once outside GHD offices in Brisbane and once at the Carmichael site.</p>
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## Sunday morning 9.35 – 11 am: Skills workshops

***Making the most of one-on-one conversations: Relational conversations, brief conversations at stalls and doorknocking, including role plays in pairs.***

<p><b>Josh Creaser</b></p>  A color photograph of Josh Creaser, a young man with short brown hair, smiling. He is wearing a black t-shirt with a red octagonal logo that says "#STOP ADANI". The background is dark and appears to be an indoor event space.	<p>Josh Creaser is a co-founder of Tipping Point, the organisation supporting the StopAdani grassroots movement. Josh has worked with community groups in his home town of Canberra and across the country to build the power to win climate campaigns - from the ACT Government's divestment from fossil fuels, to CommBank pulling back from Adani's coal project, and as part of the broad alliance that ousted Tony Abbott.</p>
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## **Building the climate movement in your faith community:**

**How can we cultivate leadership and initiative in our own faith communities?**



### **Dr James Whelan**

James Whelan has worked extensively in the community sector, in research and adult education. As a community educator and campaigners, James has worked with many nongovernment and grassroots community and environment groups on campaigns for social and environmental justice. As a researcher and lecturer, he has been engaged by several Australian universities and has published widely on participatory democracy, environmental politics, popular education and social movements. James is co-founder and director of the Change Agency, a not-for-profit that provides education, training, facilitation and action research support for social change groups throughout Australia, Asia and the Pacific. James has facilitated campaign planning, decision-making and evaluation workshops and meetings with hundreds of social movement organisations in the region. He is director of the Australian Community Organising Fellowship. James lives with his partner in Muloobinba (Newcastle) on the land of the Awabakal and Worimi people.



### **Tejopala Rawls**

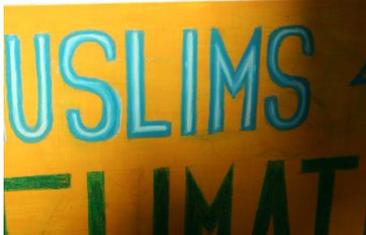
Tejopala Rawls is a member of the Triratna Buddhist Order and is ARRCC's part-time community organiser. In this role he has expanded ARRCC's capacity through his considerable skills in strategic planning, engaging supporters in meaningful leadership roles, maximising the use of social media, partnering with other organisations and fund-raising. He previously worked as a sustainability professional.

## **The challenges of moving to a plant-based diet and tips on managing these**



### **Dr Peta Cox**

Peta Cox is a Quaker based in Sydney NSW and has been a member of the ARRCC management committee since July 2019. Peta has a PhD in public health and manages data collections for the NSW government. Her environmental activism began when her parents took her to anti-logging rallies when she was a young child. Peta is a voracious reader, and in her spare time runs a neighbourhood compost collective, tends a small courtyard vegetable patch and makes preserves.



### Famimah Badrulhisham

Australian Muslims face Islamophobia as well as the poverty and integration challenges that reflect an increasingly unequal society. It is not surprising that communities under stress are less engaged with environmental issues, but we all need to work together to create a future that belongs to everyone. As a Muslim architect, Fahimah's mission is to help build climate resilient homes and communities. She joined ARRCC because she believes an interfaith, intersectional approach can encourage greater Muslim participation in the climate justice movement.

## Saturday evening – Musicians

Dr Douglas Simper and Lorna Zhulan



Dr Douglas Simper and Lorna Zhulan have combined marriage, teaching and a performing career.

Lorna was born in China where her parents were missionaries. She subsequently lived in Adelaide where she sang with State Opera and many choirs and was an Eisteddfod Winner in the Opera, Lieder, Art Song and Oratorio section. Douglas and Lorna formed a partnership and performed in churches and concert venues and toured country areas under the auspices of the

Arts Council. Lorna developed a 'Wandering Minstrel' act and performed in venues around South Australia, NSW and Brisbane. She became a resident singer in period costume at the Old Sydney Parkroyal Hotel, The Rocks, Sydney and was employed as Community Relations Consultant with Mission Australia. In 2009 Lorna established a career as a painter working mainly in oils.

Douglas is a composer and music teacher and has many published works to his credit including: *From the Beginning* (Rodan Publications 1972), *Turning Point of Time* (Rodan Publications 1975), *Professor Prism's Premonition* (4D Publications 1988), *Macrocism Microcosm* (4D Publications 1988), *In Search of the Great Australian National Anthem* (Heinemann Publications, 1978), *Songs From the Still Strange Land* (JBCE, Melbourne 1989) and *Hands on Music Volumes 1-9* (HoM Publications 2004).

In the years 2000-2016 Douglas and Lorna were in the UK and developed *Hands on Music* into an international business while continuing to give concerts in Somerset, Sheffield, France) and back in Australia. In July 2016, after a brief time in Sydney they settled in Wapengo on the South Coast of NSW. Douglas is now the Director of Music at St John's Anglican Church, Bega.