

Merry Christmas and thank you to everyone who has "signed up" to Castlemaine 500. Thank you to all those people who have enthusiastically participated in workshops, home assessments and provided feedback to the team this year!



## WE NEED YOUR HELP THIS CHRISTMAS & New Year SEASON

If anyone is interested in contributing something small to Castlemaine 500 in 2007 please get in touch with us!



## Castlemaine 500 Update Watt 4 things Matters Most in the New Year?

**#1 Invite someone to receive a FREE Home Energy Assessment!**

**#2 Apply for an outstanding Personal Development Program :-)**

**#3 Loan a Power-Mate Kit to work out running costs of electrical appliances \$\$\$**

**#4 What other Energy Saving activities are happening around our community?**



## #1 Invite someone to receive a FREE Home Energy Assessment

Surprise someone you know (or even yourself) with a totally unexpected Christmas present!!

### What will households receive for booking a Home Energy Assessment?

- \* x6 Energy Efficient Light Globes (sponsored by Origin Energy)
- \* An Energy Smart Thermometer to check your fridge, freezer and hot water settings
- \* A Plan-of-Action to slash your home energy bills and greenhouse gas emissions

### Who is eligible?

Any household in Castlemaine, Chewton or Campbell's Creek **AND not** participated in C500 Workshops **HURRY** as places are limited to 50 households!

**DATES** of assessments are: Jan 18,19,24,25 & Feb 1 & 2.



**Phone us to book a Home Energy Assessment:** Call Geoff Brown on 5289 6466 or 0403 763 660.



## #2 Apply for an outstanding personal and professional development program

In 2007, Castlemaine 500 will empower local people to assist Castlemaine 500 reach it's target of 500 Households. The project team will support anyone who wants to play a role in the recruitment and education of households in Castlemaine, Chewton and Campbell's Creek. In other words ... if you want to be a part in inspiring other people to use less energy, then this training program is for you!

Call Geoff Brown (5289 6466 or 0403 763 660) to find out more about this exciting training and development opportunity; or visit the website at this link - <http://www.castlemaine500.org.au/commdev.html>

**Applications Close on Wed 31<sup>st</sup> January ... only 11 places left!!**

### The Community Projects Training Program will develop participant's skills in:

- \* Leading discussions to facilitate sound decisions
- \* Negotiation & communication skills
- \* Understanding behaviour change

- \* Project planning
- \* Understand yourself and others in groups and teams

### Who should apply?

- \* Anyone who has wondered why some community projects work so well, and wants to increase their community involvement
- \* Anyone who has been frustrated when a meeting became derailed, or when the same voices were heard and others excluded.
- \* **Anyone with a passion for assisting others to take action and live more sustainably**
- \* We are seeking applications from all age groups, interests and backgrounds.
- \* The equivalent value of this training in the "business world" is over \$3000

### When is this FREE training program happening?

All up, you will be required to attend 4 days of training.

Block 1: Fri 9th & Sat 10th February

Block 2: Fri 2nd & Sat 3rd March

\*\* Training dates may be changed if at least 12 applicants are confirmed

**By the way ...** If you know of anyone (living in Castlemaine, Chewton or Campbell's Creek) who may be interested in applying, please forward them this email and overview. **As the facilitator of this program (Geoff Brown), I am happy to take any questions from anyone ... call me on 5289 6466.**

## #3 Loan a Power-Mate Kit to work out running costs of electrical appliances

Kits Available on loan from the Castlemaine Library from January 8th, 2007.

The *Power-Mate* measures the energy consumption of appliances in your home. It helps you track down the biggest energy users or those appliances with standby loads. The *Power-Mate* device can accurately measure and calculate power, volts, amps and energy being used by an electrical appliance.

The *Power-Mate* can also measure the greenhouse gas emission created by an appliance. The highlight of the device is its ability to determine the actual running cost of an electrical appliance.

**You need to register to Castlemaine 500 to be eligible for the PowerMate**

**Also available on loan from the Library:**

- \* **Energy Smart Thermometer** - to check the efficiency of your Hot Water Service, Home Heating/Cooling systems, Fridge and Freezer
- \* **Flow Rate Cups** - to check the **flow rate** of your taps and shower rose ... save energy and water



Warm Regards and hope you had a happy and safe New Year

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