



Castlemaine 500 Update
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Four Festive January Topics!

1. Send an "Energy Smart" Christmas present to people that you know!!
2. Loan a Power-Mate Kit from the Castlemaine Library
3. Apply for an outstanding Personal Development Program
4. What other Energy Saving Activities are happening around Castlemaine?

WE NEED YOUR HELP this CHRISTMAS SEASON

"Word of Mouth" is the best way to reach our target of 500 Households ...
 You can HELP by inviting 1 [or more] Households to sign up and get involved ...

READ BELOW TO FIND OUT HOW.



1. Invite someone to receive a **FREE Home Energy Assessment in the New Year**



Surprise someone (or yourself) with a totally unexpected New Year Gift!!

All Households who book will receive for FREE:

- o 6 Energy Efficient Light Globes
- o Energy Smart Thermometer
- o A Plan-of-Action to cut Home Energy bills

BOOK ONLINE NOW!!

[Click here to book a January Home Energy Assessment](#)

HURRY!!

Places are limited to 50 Households

Dates include Jan 18th, 19th, 24th, 25th, Feb 1st, 2nd

If you haven't been to the workshops you can book an assessment for yourself!!

To invite someone else to book an assessment you can:

1. email this newsletter
2. email this link directly - [Click here to book a Home Energy Assessment online](#)
3. ask them to call the project team on 5470 5934
4. [What people said about the Home Energy Assessments](#) last time



2. Loan a Power-Mate Kit from the Castlemaine Library ...

... ON LOAN from January 8th 2007.



MAKE A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION ... LOAN A POWERMATE IN 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:

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



3. Apply for an outstanding Personal Development Program ...

Creating Energy Smart Neighborhoods

[Click here to find out more about this exciting training and development opportunity](#)

[Applications Close on Wed 31st January ... only 4 places left!!](#)

Contribute to your community and apply for this outstanding personal development program.

Through Castlemaine 500, a small number of individuals will learn the skills and develop the confidence to run their own community projects. In doing so, they will assist Castlemaine 500 to reach its goals and learn to make a more effective contribution to their own community.

The Castlemaine 500 Community Projects will develop participant's skills in:

- o Leading discussions to facilitate sound decisions Teamwork
- o Negotiation & communication skills
- o Understanding behaviour change
- o Project planning
- o Understand yourself and others in groups and teams

Who should apply?

- o Anyone with a passion for working with others to assist them to take household action and reduce their energy bills
- o Anyone who has wondered why some community projects work so well and why some just don't!?
- o Anyone who has been frustrated when a meeting became derailed, or when the same voices were heard (again!)
- o We are seeking applications from all age groups, interests and backgrounds.

About the Personal Skills Development Workshops

Workshops and sessions will be practical, highly engaging and fun!
There will be no PowerPoint presentations, exams and boring speeches!
Facilitated and delivered by Geoff Brown.

When in 2007?

Participants are required to attend all workshops in both blocks.

Block 1 in February:

Friday 9th - 8.30am to 5.00pm & Saturday 10th - 9.00am to 3.30pm

Block 2 in March:

Friday 2nd - 8.30am to 5.00pm & Saturday 3rd - 9.00am to 3.30pm

Other points to note:

* Training will be fully catered for lunches, morning and afternoon tea.

* If you know of any other local people (Castlemaine, Chewton or Campbell's Creek) who may be interested in applying, please forward them the attached application form and overview. I am happy to take any questions from anyone ... encourage them to call me (Geoff Brown) on 0403 763 660.

