

asen newsletter

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the weeks are passing by and months gone now into the new year; down south its getting colder and up north its getting dryer. SoS and Climate Camp are approaching at a rate of knots and busyness is everywhere. so lets take a peek at what busyness means around the continent ...



the five coolest things about Students of Sustainability

- ONE - The Gathering of Sovereigns: Indigenous people that have asserted or are working towards asserting their sovereignty over their lands coming together to share their stories and create treaties amongst their communities.
- TWO - Gigs every night: All Indigenous performance night, Spoken word and movies, all ages gig, tassie fundraiser, variety night (comedy, Lake Cowal Pageant)
- THREE - Over 50 radical workshops - Politics and Theory, Skillsharing, Inclusivity, Safer Spaces, Forests, Climate Change, Sovereignty, Capitalism, Food, Global Justice, ASEN, Excursions
- FOUR - meeting inspiring people and inspiring other people yourself from around the country
- FIVE - All Organic vegan meals catered for
- SoS is a five day conference for anyone interested in creating a more ecologically and socially sustainable world. It's going to be at the University of Newcastle from the 5th to the 9th of July. Students, community and Indigenous activists, and interested peeps from all over Australia will come and participate in a range of educational, practical and participatory forums and workshops. SoS is about imparting the inspiration, tools, motivation and education required for participants to inspire and educate others when they return to their own communities.

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sean gigs X 2

Sean had one gig at end of april, a weekend on the south coast filled with workshops, chats, planning, making friends and eating piles of dumpstered treats. Seanies facilitated and participated in workshops on coal, food, non-violent direct action and empowerment. Best of all enviro kids from all round the state got to meet each other and hang out. In early may they had another kind of gig, where punks and hippies united to dance, play music and fundraise to support Indigenous Elders getting to SoS in July.

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anti-privatisation rally

The NSW government has been pushing a plan to privatise the state's electricity. Not only would this be bad news for workers and the public, because it drastically diminishes public control over this important resource, it would also make it even more difficult to assert our right to clean and sustainable energy. ASEN members have been active in the campaign against privatisation.

On the 3rd May, 1000 people protested outside the Labour Conference in Darling Harbour. ASEN peeps in Sydney were part of an enviro block which demanded that participants in the conference considered the

environmental and social impacts of privatisation.

At the Labour council the proposal to privatise energy was defeated resoundingly, by 702 votes

"Clean" Coal? No Such Thing



to 107. Iemma, however, ignored the members of his own party as well as the many who turned up to protest, and claimed that he would continue to push his agenda despite public opposition.



radical cheerleading

Queensland kids have been getting ready for SoS, climate camp and beyond - running forums and thinking hard about anti-coal campaigning strategy for the future. they've also been practising their moves and polishing their rhymes to become RADical cheerleaders:

**Yo, Brisbane, listen up, (What!?)
Thing's getting radical, thing's getting (Hot!)
We're radical cheerleaders, we've got rhymes
So pull up a seat, cause it's story time**

**We're cheering and we're dancing cause it's lots
of fun
We're cheering even louder cause something must
be done
WHAT MUST BE DONE?**

**Yo, my name is Ellie and you know what I got?
WHAT DO YOU GOT?
I've got a message that's hotter than hot
HOW HOT IS HOT?
I like cheerleading cause I want you to know
That climate change has got to go
IT'S GOT TO GO!
STOP THE WARMING, STOP STOP THE WARMING
IT'S A WARNING, STOP STOP THE WARMING**

**Yo, my name is Kristy and you know what I got?
WHAT DO YOU GOT?
I got a message that's hotter than hot
HOW HOT IS HOT?
I hate clean coal, it's a waste of time
It's just an excuse to open new mines
NO MORE NEW MINES!
THE WARMING, STOP STOP THE WARMING
IT'S A WARNING, STOP STOP THE WARMING**

**Yo, my name is Brad and you know what I got?
WHAT DO YOU GOT?
I got a message that's hotter than hot
HOW HOT IS HOT?
Dirty, coal money, it's fuelling our nation
But all they care about is inflation
STOP THE WARMING, STOP STOP THE WARMING
IT'S A WARNING, STOP STOP THE WARMING**

**Yo, my name is Kate and you know what I got?
WHAT DO YOU GOT?
I got a message that's hotter than hot!
HOW HOT IS HOT?
Let's get our power from the wind and the sun
Mother Nature can provide for everyone
FOR YOU AND ME!
STOP THE WARMING! STOP STOP THE WARMING!
IT'S A WARNING, STOP STOP THE WARMING**



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climate camp

Climate Camp is now rapidly approaching but the ASEN student organisers are more than capable of getting the word out and helping to get people engaged and involved. Regular Non Violent direct action trainings are continuing, to help participants prepare themselves and start thinking about how they're gonna take action. WA organised a three day training, engaging a whole heap of new people. NVDA trainings and forums are going on in rural places like Lismore and Bathurst. Forums and film screenings are launch pads to discuss how we're going to take action against climate change. A lot of talking and thinking has been going on. Creative ideas for actions are starting to blossom. Registrations are open now: head to www.climatecamp.org.au

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**Yo, my name is Erica you know what
I got?
WHAT DO YOU GOT?
I got a message
that's hotter than hot
HOW HOT IS HOT?
Direct Action is the
way to go
'Cause those damn politicians are
just too slow
HOW SLOW IS SLOW?
R e a l l y s l o w
STOP THE WARMING, STOP STOP
THE WARMING
IT'S A WARNING, STOP STOP
THE WARMING**

