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UPFRONT

Indigenous communities can benefit from clean energy pack

THE Federal Government's Clean Energy Future package will create real opportunities for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community of NSW and across the Goulburn region to make a transition to a clean energy future, says Gavin Jones managing director of Goulburn-based Aboriginal advocacy and media group, Vibe Australia.

He said assistance was available under several Indigenous specific programs under the Clean Energy Future package including household assistance, the Remote Indigenous Energy Program, Indigenous Carbon Farming Fund and the Biodiversity Fund.

The Household Assistance Package began from May, 2012 with an initial payment, followed by tax cuts in July and then ongoing assistance added to regular entitlements from March next year.

Australian families and parents, seniors and individuals, many of whom already receive assistance from the Australian Government, will be entitled to help under this package.

"For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in NSW and across the Goulburn region the Indigenous Carbon Farming Fund can bring a range of benefits, from economic opportunities to restoring land back to its traditional pre-settlement state, to encouraging the return of fauna to the area," Mr Jones said.

"Across regional Australia,



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are set to benefit from the Clean Energy Future package and associated programs."

Flinders Ranges resident Doug Turner in his community of Point Germein in South Australia, sees opportunities in carbon pricing and the Clean Energy Future package for other Indigenous communities across Australia.

"We (the community) talked about actually putting something back into the environment for Mother Earth, and also about increasing the biodiversity and the vegetation - the different types of plants that you can put in to support fauna in the region," Mr Turner said.

"So it's all about trying to bring back animals that were there years ago before settlement had actually taken place and cleared a lot of the country."

Climate Reality presenter with the Australian Conservation Foundation, and proud Numburindi woman from Numbulwar in the NT, Jocelyn **OPPORTUNITIES:** Climate Reality presenter with the Australian Conservation Foundation, Jocelyn Uibo, sees opportunities under the Clean Energy Future package and associated programs for Indigenous communities.

Uibo agreed there were opportunities under a Clean Energy Future for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

"My home community is powered by a diesel generator because my community doesn't have access to solar, wind or wave power," she said.

"The Remote Indigenous Energy Program will help communities access, affordable and reliable 24-hour power supplies, providing financial support to install renewable energy generation systems in around 50 remote Indigenous communities over the life of the program, for example.

"And there are opportunities in carbon farming for my people, as the Indigenous Carbon Farming Fund will help communities with farming projects, to help look after the land."

To find out more about the Government's support for Aboriginal carbon farming and other Indigenous specific initiatives, visit cleanenergyfuture.gov.au.



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Carbon tax: Veolia up for 'millions'

By LOUISE THROWER

WASTE company has hiked dumping fees for the Woodlawn Bioreactor on the back of the carbon price.

But the \$11.80 increase for ridding a tonne of mixed putrescible, commercial and industrial rubbish pales in comparison to the State's waste levy, says Veolia Environmental Services managing director, Doug Dean.

He won't quote exact figures but says Veolia is up for "tens of millions of dollars" in carbon price payments across its operations.

Landfills that collect methane gas, like Woodlawn, do qualify for offsets under the legislation. The methane is used to generate electricity for the grid.

Mr Dean told the *Post* a very complicated formula applied to methane collection but in the main "it was more a penalty than an offset." A tonne of putrescibles rubbish generates 1.2 tonnes of methane. But he believed the carbon price would not have a big impact at Woodlawn.

"We're collecting a lot of methane because the bioreactor was built for that. It's probably one of the best in Australia," he said.

The company has four generators doing the job and plans to ramp this up to 20 in the next 10 years. Mr Dean said Veolia was always looking to reduce carbon emissions by ensuring the facility was properly maintained.

"In conjunction with the landfill tax (state waste levy) the carbon tax is encouraging us to do other things and recycle better," Mr Dean said.

This includes plans for an alternative waste technology facility, extracting organics and turning them into compost.

The company hopes to have the system up and running soon.

Mr Dean said Veolia's increased gate price for dumping equated to 30 cents extra for an average household. This was "almost insignificant" compared to the state's waste levy which was \$94 a tonne from this month.

"Personally, I don't have a prob-



MORE INFORMATION: Veolia

Environmental Services managing director Doug Dean says he doesn't have a major problem with the carbon price, just the way it was implemented. The company is increasing gate prices.

lem with the carbon tax but it could have been implemented in an easier fashion for everyone," Mr Dean said.

"Not a lot of councils are up to speed with it at the moment and some federal government departments are not helping with the level of information."

Companies won't pay the tax for 12 months.

Veolia is promising its customers if the legislation is repealed it will refund the money to customers.

The company believed it was all well and good for big landfills to foot the bill, but there was no incentive for the many council tips falling under the 25,000 tonne greenhouse gas emission trigger to become more efficient.

"You have these small landfills up and down the coast, all with the potential to leak. It's not the way to go," he said. "This is encouraging councils not

"This is encouraging councils not to change. It's not the financial aspect that's worrying me, it's the environmental."

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UPDATE OF 2012/2013 OPERATIONAL PLAN

The final draft of the Upper Lachlan Shire Council's 2012/2013 Operational Plan was approved at the June 21, 2012 meeting of Council.

The costings of three major Shire projects updated include:

1. The cost for Gunning and Dalton water supply upgrade. The total project cost of this project will be \$10.8 million and will be divided equally in the forward budgets for 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 financial years.

The updated total project cost for Taralga water supply upgrade will be \$1.72 million.
The inclusion of McDonald Street Crookwell bridge replacement in the Roads to Recovery program for \$90,000, with Section 94 funding to cover the balance.

Operational Plan Summary

The 2012/2013 Operational Plan outlines the key performance indicators, princi-

pal activities and major capital works projects. An outline of the 2012/2013 Revenue Policy is as follows:

1. General (Ordinary) Rates will increase by 3.60 percent, however the dollar value increases will vary within each individual rating category.

2. Domestic Waste Management Annual Charge will increase by 6 per cent or \$20 per service.

3. Commercial Waste Annual Charge will increase by 6 percent, or \$24 per service.

4. Domestic and Commercial Waste Availability Charge will increase by 3.75 per cent, or \$5 per service.

5. Rural Waste Annual Charge will increase by 3.75 per cent, or \$5 per Assessment;

6. Water Supply Access Charge and Availability Charge will increase by 9 per cent or \$31 per assessment.

7. Water usage (consumption) charge will increase by 10 percent, dollar value increases will vary for each individual service dependent upon water consumption.

8. Stormwater Annual Charges will have a zero increase.

9. Sewerage Best Practice Pricing Access Charges will increase by 4.75 percent or \$30 per service.

COST SHIFTING

The NSW Local Government and Shires Associations (LGSA) conduct an annual survey of all Councils in relation to the impact of cost shifting on Local Government.

The survey aims to establish the total amount in dollar terms of cost shifting based on the estimates of net ongoing cost (excluding capital expenditure) for each of the 25 functional service activities provided by Councils.

The final report on the 2010/2011 survey outcomes will be released in late 2012.

The key findings of the previous year's reports were:

NSW Local Councils are being forced to provide and significantly fund State Government services to local communities; Rural Fire Service, SES, pensioner rates concessions, public libraries, animal control, and noxious weeds control.

The cost shifting ratio equated to around 6 per cent of total income before capital amounts for NSW Councils in previous financial years. In absolute terms, cost shifting to local government totalled \$471 million in 2009/2010.

The total net annual ongoing operating cost impact on Upper Lachlan Shire Council and cost shift ratio to total income is as follows:

2007/2008: \$840,420 or 4.77 per cent of total income.

2008/2009: \$845,123 or 4.15 per cent of total income.

2009/2010: \$860,317 or 4.53 per cent of total income.

2010/2011: \$868,562 or 4.06 per cent of total income.

ORAL CANCER

Each and every day at least three Australians are being diagnosed with oral cancer.

Despite advances in the treatment of oral cancers, the survival rate remains low because these cancers are often detected when they are quite advanced.

How can you reduce your risk of oral cancer?

• Don't smoke. If you are a smoker, consider quitting.

• Drink alcohol in moderation. Don't underestimate your consumption – a 150ml glass of wine is 1.6 standard drinks, a 425ml bottle of full-strength beer equals 1.6 standard serves. Have regular alcohol free days.

• Protect your skin. Avoid getting sunburnt, apply broad spectrum sunscreen to any exposed skin including your lips.

 Eat plenty of fruit and vegetables, particularly those high in antioxidants.
Talk to your health professional about the

• Talk to your health professional about the HPV vaccination.

• I f you notice a spot or sore on your lip or in your mouth that looks unusual or doesn't heal, or if you have any numbness, pain or tenderness in your mouth, visit your dentist or doctor as soon as possible.

• Look after your teeth and mouth. Brush your teeth twice a day and floss daily.

• Have regular dental checkups. Your dentist should check not only your teeth, but also the rest of your mouth.

Together we can give oral cancer awareness a voice.

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WIND AUSTRALIA

Preschool has returned after two weeks of school holidays. Last term we learnt about living and non-living

things This linked to finding out about the human body. We found out more information about diabetes, asthma and our five senses.

Did you know?

- * Our brain is just like jelly
- * There are 206 bones in our body * Nerves travel at 650kms from our brain to our

muscles * Enamel on our teeth is the strongest part of our



Billy disguises himself with cut-out eyes.



Comparison - The children completed a picture graph - investigating eye colour.

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bodies * We can live for 4 weeks without food but only a few days without water

Families at preschool supported the NO SHOW BALL – by buying tickets to a ball that will never be held!

This term, preschool has organised Christmas in July, in August

- Where: Chat-Away When: Saturday August 4 at 6.30pm
- Cost: \$38
- **RSVP: July 25**

Stay tuned for more details about our open day and opening of new building in September.



Dr Bev checks Ashleigh's heartbeat.

 Diabetes – Karen shows the children how she checks her blood several times each day.



 What's inside my body? We have been learning about living things/my body and our 5 senses.

 Right: Yoga – Time to stretch and move.





• Supporting communi-ty events – the children join the spectators recently watching the high school football team.





 Nat, Josh, Ellie and Tyler - moon walking.





 Above and Above Right: Celebrating birthdays – Annie Knight turns 5 and Bridie Croker turns 3.

• Right: Co-operative learning.



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 Dramatic play – at the hairdressers attracts the boys.

