You have picked up the Enviro Week zine, congratulations! Awaiting you in these pages are beautiful stories, a song, a recipe and the incredible Enviro Week schedule to help you choose what amazing events you want to go to!

But first you might be asking, what is Enviro Week? It is a week of incredible environment related events brought to you by the UMSU Environment Department. But what is the Environment Department? We basically unite environmentally conscious students through activities and programs on and off campus, support amazing projects and campaigns like the Community Garden and Fossil Free MU, advocate for sustainability issues to the university administration, and have a good time! If any of this interests you we hope you will get involved in helping all of this happen, and more!

But right now clear your schedule for the week and make sure you can get to as many of these amazing events as possible! Thanks so much to everyone involved in making this week so great!

Lots of love,
Anisa and the Enviro Collective

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(If you have questions, talk to someone from the Enviro Collective 😊)

What we need to do to create a safer space at this gathering:

These are some guidelines to create a safe space where everyone feels comfortable. In order to make this event a success, we need to all keep the following things in mind...

- Respect people’s physical and emotional boundaries.
- Respect people’s opinions, beliefs, differing states of being and differing points of view.
- Practice Active Listening (take in what people are saying, don’t just wait for your turn to speak)
- Ensure everyone has the opportunity to speak (Step Up, Step Down: If you speak a lot, step back, if you are usually more quiet, think about challenging yourself to step up)
- Be respectful in meeting spaces. Don't talk over others or interrupt. If you disagree with someone, engage in respectful debate (don’t get personal!)
- Be responsible for your own actions. Be aware that your actions do have an effect on others
- Check your privilege (think about how a discriminatory system could be benefiting you)
- Respect the fact that some people may find non-consensual touching of any form (including hugs, tapping on shoulders, etc) disrespectful or triggering. Ensure you have asked or been given consent before touching others.
- Violence, bullying, intimidation or name-calling will not be tolerated.
- Take responsibility for your own safety and get help if you need it.
Story from a socially awkward activist...

So recently I got on a coal train with some friends. I didn’t think it was a big deal, but the media loved it and ever since, strangers and friends alike have been approaching us, and having pretty much identical conversations that go like this:

person: “Hey! I saw your photo on Facebook! that was so awesome!”
me: “Oh hey, yeah thanks. Um.”
person: “So…what happened?”
me: “Well, we sat on the train….and then we had to get off. And…yeah.”
person: “Woah, so like did you get arrested??”
me: “Um, yeah, I mean thats why we had to get off.”
person “WOW. thats pretty hardcore.”
me: “Okay. Well thanks! Anyway, i should probably go…”

So as you can see, not only am I a bit of an awkward person socially, but I also HATE telling this story. It was fun maybe the first two times but now I am pretty over it. So when my friend asked me to write about it, I was surprised they didn’t hear how loudly my inside voice was groaning, but then I realised, I could just print this out and have spare copies in my back pocket to thrust at people every time they asked to hear this story again. So, here is the story one last time.

It all started one rainy night... Just that it wasn’t rainy or night. We actually left camp pretty early in the morning (for activist time at least, I think there was only a two hour faff buffer, which may be our best yet) as it was a long drive to the site where we would be jumping on the train.

The train line going through northern New South Wales is a single track, that connects six coal mines to the port in Newcastle.

Along this track, there is a hill that the trains laden with 9,700 tonnes of coal (no joke) find it difficult to get over. At the foot of this little hill, there are two extra locomotives stationed, that are attached to the back of each passing train to help it get enough power to continue its journey, before returning back to wait for the next train. It is here that you are guaranteed that each coal train will stop for about 20 minutes on its way to Newcastle port. And it is here that we waited in ambush.

Once a train rolled in, three of use jumped out of the car and ran towards the tracks with backpacks, lock on devices and adrenalin in tow. We aimed for the second of the three engines on the train (see dodgy sketch below) and climbed up the ladder, passed up our gear and climbed up the railing to sit on the roof of the train.

That was a pretty funny moment, we kind of looked at each other with an expression of comedic disbelief, was it really that easy? did we do it? Yes it was, yes we did. To feel the same kind of excitement I suggest high fiving the person next to you. Good job.

Looking around the top of a coal train, it is covered in what I assume is coal dust. Its totally black. I was wearing shorts (rookie error), and my legs were grimy for days. And its just as you would imagine, not dusty but sticky soot, kinda greasy and slimy. Recently, I actually had this creepy daydream about Gina using it as a face wash. I felt gross and had to have a shower.

Being up on the train, the protestor’s job starts. We put up our cool banner along the train, checked in with our superb support team, and got on the social media. So many tweets. So many photos. So many failed attempts at a concise video (these are things I haven’t yet gotten tired of sharing, please ask me to see them if you like, they’re still on my phone).

But yeah, other than occupy the space and tell the social media world we were
occupying a space (woah too real), there aren’t many activities available on top of trains. We saw a beautiful sunset. We ate some apples. We played cards. Then it got dark, my friend had half a chocolate easter bunny in their bag (for real), and we demolished that, total highlight. We also ate some liquorice and muesli bars. To be honest, I’m not sure anyone would be interested in knowing these details, but I always ask what food was involved in any life experience, so maybe you are curious, who knows.

This lasted for about six hours, we hung around, took some photos, told bad jokes (standard), oh and had one interaction with police, which went like this:

police: “Hey, you should come down” us: **silently stare down, wonder if this is what the revolution will feel like**
police: “Okay, well you’re going to be in big trouble!”
**WALKS OFF??!!!**

So after search and rescue arrived and got us down (a 2 hour ordeal I don’t have the space to get in to, sry), we were handcuffed, put in the police car and driven to the station. They had already occupied all the cells so we spent our visit in the holding cells. Not too much happened in this time, it was really late (early?) at this point, as we only got arrested at midnight, so I spent a fair amount of it asleep on the floor. I will say that the police were polite and gave us ace blankets (or well, I got an ace blanket, i hear the others were subpar).

After 8 hours of observing people do a horrendous amount of paperwork, getting our fingerprints scanned by a fancy machine and lots and lots of waiting, we were finally able to sign our bail papers and walk into the sunlight of a new day. I went and bought 15 hash browns and we ate them on the side of the road with BBQ sauce and avocado before going back home to camp.

So stop asking me please, yes it was fun, yes I’m glad I did it, yes there are many nuanced implications that I spend a lot of time thinking about, but I’m not about to discuss them with you THANK YOU KINDLY STRANGER GOOD BYE.

— from a socially awkward activist

*I just want to point out here that there are many questions and issues that deserve a long, full serious discussion in regards to our relationship to police, particularly in more rural areas. But they require more than a mention in a joking recount, and there are in fact many great essay and zines unpacking this. Also discussing the effectiveness of direct action, how we support each other, what the aim of the movement is, how we get people onside, what does that mean, what is life, how do I know if I am awake or dreaming. All these things and more are discussed elsewhere, and very much important read. I am not trying to be insensitive, just not serious.*
Cookies!
Jesse Kalic

These are all pretty much the same recipe, and mostly vegan (if you want them to be vegan use vegan dark chocolate chips for the cranberry and dark chocolate chip cookies and replace the white chocolate chips in the coconut, white chocolate and macadamia cookies with... something else... not sure how to replicate that delicious fatty flavour!).

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**Method**

1. Preheat your oven to 180°C
2. Sieve flour, baking powder, salt, and cinnamon (if using it) into a bowl and mix.
3. Mix in other dry ingredients.
4. Mix wet ingredients in a separate bowl and add to the dry ingredients.
5. Mix everything together. If it's too dry, add water, if too wet, add flour. It'll be the right consistency if you could mould it into a big, non-sticky, non-falling apart ball.
6. Roll it out and cut into shapes using cookie cutters or a glass.
7. Bake for 10-15 minutes, depending on how chewy or hard you prefer them!

**Some hot tips:**
*If you want to make these gluten-free replace the oats and flour with 2 cups of gluten-free flour and add an extra half a banana.
*You could use self-raising flour instead of plain flour and baking powder.
There are some times in life when you just have to sit back and laugh. Like when you're blocking a road to a uranium mine in the middle of the blazing hot red desert, defending a gigantic block of plastic uranium cheese, surrounded by mounted police, and circled by a police helicopter. Who would have thought life could lead me here?

This was all part of the Lizards Bites Back protestival held at Olympic Dam in July. Exactly like it sounds, a protestival is an awesome mix of music festival and protest. Olympic Dam, owned by BHP, is on Kokatha Country about 4 hours north of Port Augusta, South Australia. The point of Lizards was to cause as much disruption as possible to the operation of Olympic Dam. Why, you may ask? Well, apart from the fact that we shouldn't be digging up uranium at all, due to the irreparable harm it causes at every stage of the nuclear cycle, Olympic Dam specifically: Uses 37 million litres of water EVERY DAY from the Great Artesian basin, has a long history of radioactive racism against the local Aboriginal nations, is currently undergoing an expansion proposal... and much, much, more.

So, there we were, 300 of us camped beneath the stars, all calling for the abandonment of Olympic Dam, and the oppressive nuclear cycle more generally. There were three amazing days of actions. Day 1 saw a swarm of zombie activists - we busted out the green facepaint and mutant puppets and partied our way along the main access road to block the Gates of Hell for a few hours. Day 2 was sombre. We were again walking to the Gates of Hell, but this time we made our way there funeral march style. There's something quite
cathartic about constructing bone necklaces and marching to a sad death knell. We also held a minute silence for the long sad list of communities affected globally by uranium, and staged a die-in (or a sleep-in, depending on whether you were media or sleepy protestors who’d been partying the night before).

Because yes, the festival part of Lizards was pretty funky. With a solar-powered sound system we danced the nights away under the stars and on the sand to the tunes of bands such as Combat Wombat, and even a set from FFMU member Luke, and his musical partner Danika. Seriously, those two make magical music!

But the dancing was like the beautiful landscape I saw crawling out of my tent every morning - a surreal contrast to the poison next door. Look in one direction - an endless horizon dusky sand dunes and breathtaking shrubbery. Look in the other - metal monoliths and large gated enclosures. We were even warned on the first day to be careful of radiation exposure transmitted through the sand. Scary... but hard to avoid sand in the desert.

There was also something surreal about the police presence. 500+ extra police had been shipped in for Lizards, and throughout the protestival it became more and more real to me how cracked the police system is. Police were clearly there to protect the interests of BHP and make our lives uncomfortable. Whether that be regular mounted police patrols around our camp, revved up motorbike patrols through our camp (which were unauthorised), or helicopter patrols above our camp, I felt like I was in the middle of a mass surveillance operation, and the suspect of a major crime. Interesting, considering we were a bunch of peaceful activists who simply wanted to shut down a mine which, in all logical rationality, should not be operational.

But, the police work for the government, who in turn evidently works for multi-national companies such as BHP.

Police interaction got even weirder on Day 3. Over several late night discussions we decided we wanted to be even more disruptive... but how? All organisation at Lizards occurred in a horizontal structure - which basically meant decisions were made collectively by the people it affected, and action planning itself was left to the creative ingenuity of participants. Which is how we ended up making a 5am decision to set up a kitchen, cook breakfast, and light a fire on the main road to the mine - successfully blocking access to Olympic Dam. Indeed the success of the whole day was testament to the ability of humans to self-organise without hierarchy and micromanagement.

So as we began our 19 hour block we sat on the road watching the sun rise and eating pancakes. And trying to keep the fire burning. I say trying, because for reasons never told to us police decided to be blatantly antagonistic towards our collection of firewood. There were actual physical tussles over wood (bizarre, much?), and things got particularly heated when police literally stole wood from someone’s car.
And then there was the big block of cheese. A large and very heavy block of replica uranium which we wanted on the road. Unfortunately, police didn’t want it on the road. So began the battle of the cheese - us carrying and pushing it onto the road, and police also carrying it, but pushing it away from the road. They weren’t only pushing the cheese though - many of us got shoved down too. And once we’d managed to land it on the road several people almost got squashed as police rolled it back off. The surreal end result? Eight police horses standing guard over a big block of cheese, and a newfound shock at blatant police violence.*

Day 3 wasn’t all tussle though. We moved our festival to the road, danced some more, and cooked some more. Oh, and bemoaned the election that had occurred the previous day. Some people even set up camp and stayed late into the night (not me though. I finally decided to call it a day after 15 hours).

The next morning, as we all tried to pack away our tents in the rain and started for the long drive to SoS in Brisbane, I was left contemplating our successes. We were a media sensation, disrupted work for 5 days, and cost BHP a hell of a lot of money. But I still had two burning questions. How can we make sure the people who depend on mining for survival get a “just transition” (whatever that means)? And, when will this blight on Kokatha Country shut down for good?

Endnote: If you’re interested in learning more about the protestival, or checking out some of the media coverage, have a look at the website - lizardbitesback.net.

*I’d like to acknowledge this experience of police behaviour comes from a position of privilege, and that many peoples experience police violence far worse than this.
FOOD CO-OP
A Cooperative piece on the Co-Op
Linah Winoto & Charlie Lempriere

Entering Union House, the individual is provided with distinct scents. First there is raw fish and rice; it carries through the ground floor hallways. The food court brings pungent burrito that glides up the staircase. On the landing, chai tea takes over, emanating from the Food Co-Op. Once past that odd expansive crepe place, there begins a super cool strip, starting with a bathroom that I only realised was there recently. It doesn’t contaminate the chai scent, which is this bathroom’s strongest quality.

The world is a very strange place, and one of the strangest things I have come across in life so far is the Food Co-Op in Union House. This curious little room, filled with huge containers of rice puffs and rooftop honey, the smell of organic soap mixed with curry spices bubbling in a pot, people rushing around, humming to some Macedonian folk music while serving chai and rolls, is the single most bizarre, heavenly vision the earth has bestowed on me. I usually carry a pencil case with me, but one day I forgot it and needed a pen to finish an assignment. Scaling the Union House staircase, I went to the Environments Office for help, supplied there with a blue pen and friendly company. Across the way is the Food Co-Op, and I realised then that the scent was coming from a giant pot knocking out mean chai for all the world.

There’s a weird feeling of belonging, of homecoming and comfort that floats in the air, has permeated the old couch, and settles into your clothes as you awkwardly stand in the doorway. Then someone will catch your eye, throw you a hello and ask what you’re after. A hot plate? Some chai? Maybe a slice of cake? Just a chat? A hug! Potentially overwhelmed at this point, you might find yourself walking over to check out the in-house baked goods, or investigate the bulk herbs that are for sale. But it’s too much, you can already sense there is more to this enigmatic place and it’ll require repeat visits to unravel the mystery. So you pick up some chocolate cake, or maybe a slice of pizza, and wander back out just as the line starts to form out the door.

The Co-Op is probably the closest thing I’ll get to the wild times of 1970s university life, having remained proudly ‘under no management’ since 1976. It is reassuring to know that post-Gough Melbourne retains in certain pockets a sense of community with a globally aware ideal unrestrained by economic fetishisation. Being a not-for-profit organisation, donations to the Co-Op are injected into a sustainable alternative method of living. Their food and products are entirely vegan, cluttered endearingly on the shelves. Sitting on a loved old-world couch, with a staple hot plate, I’m taken away from my usual consumptive self; a cavaliering lifestyle that is so difficult to leave behind.
There're people chatting outside, talking politics like it's a normal thing to do, catching up on readings, discussing camping trips, trading travel tales.

Who are all these people, you wonder? Why do they all seem so happy and safe here? You feel like if you sit down, you won’t be getting up again for a number of hours, arrested by the intriguing company, the bountiful opinions on any and every topic, the laughter and the way everyone seems to simply be, no judgement, no assumptions, no expectations except for mutual respect. But you have places to be, so you smile and wave to the person who helped you out earlier and trundle past all the people; individuals among a community you’re starting to feel drawn to.

If only for 30 minutes, eating dhal while listening to Alice Coltrane’s Universal Consciousness can truly instil in me a positive wellbeing that could never be achieved by a plastic bowl of processed grease elsewhere. Latching on to optimism, the Co-Op exhibits the potential of eco-friendliness that could and should have widespread realisation in society; lessening the desire for people like me to fall back on grease bowls for their daily meals.

You’ll be distracted the rest of the day, trying to process this experience, and eventually you’ll find yourself wandering back up that staircase and past the empty student bar, only to realise the co-op is closed, the couch is gone and there is just one lone figure measuring out flour (tomorrow’s cake?) in the back.

I want to believe, and the cool people at the Co-Op, flying in the face of monumental external bullshit with such dedication, inspire me to do so.
THE BIKE CO-OP
Located: John Smyth Basement
Declan Levers

The Enviro office Bike Co-op initiative has some really exciting news!
After many years of dreaming and brainstorming, and a long, hard fought battle with bureaucracy, the University of Melbourne is trialling a PERMANENT space for the activities of the bike co-op! (for this semester)

This means that instead of having only one allotted 2-hour session per week, the tools and facilities are available for students at a range of days and times throughout the week! This is great news, especially if you normally had classes at the same time as the co-op or if you’re just not a morning person.

We are open every morning during enviro week, and ongoing Tuesdays from 9-11am, Wednesdays from 12-2 and Thursdays from 3.30-5.30. And the more people that get involved, the more times we can be open!

So what can you do to get involved?
We’re looking for enthusiastic people who love bikes and know a bit about repairing them and/or want to learn more. If you’re keen to volunteer to spread the love and knowledge to other students and staff throughout the semester, and help us bring the trial to it’s full potential, shoot us a message or come round and say g’day!

We’re thrilled about all this and we hope you are too! The idea is to share the knowledge and passion we all have with the university community, and to show people all the great things cycling can bring you. Let’s all work together to make this trial successful and show the university the potential of the space, as something students and staff for many years to come can benefit from!

Please like our Facebook page: Melbourne Uni Bike Co-op to get involved.
I've been thinking a lot recently about my future (classic anxious millennial). More specifically, in terms of what my activism is going to look like, and how I am going to make money to support myself. Obviously, I'm not the only one. I see a repeated pattern of ex-student activists getting jobs with Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), or state environment departments and the like, using the skills they have gained from their years at uni in grassroots activism. In terms of paid labour, this has got to be the most ethical and useful form of employment, right? It sure is better than for working for a bank, property developer or multinational mining corp!

But lately I've been questioning the value of NGOs and charities, in terms of how they sit within the dominant system of capitalism. A common critique is that NGOs in effect 'dampen', career-ise and institutionalise resistance, channelling what could be mass dissent, DIY organising and widespread community empowerment, into bodies that are just as much a part of, and seemingly replicate the very capitalistic structures we're trying to get rid of. Indeed, you could say that we now have settler people getting paid to do environmental resistance work that some First Nations people have no choice but to do unpaid, and have been doing since first colonial encounters! Many NGOs are financed by corporations and are convenient for capitalism, because can you imagine if they didn't exist? There would be uncontrollable mass outrage! This goes for both poverty/aid NGOs (Oxfam, Amnesty International etc) and environmental 'ENGOs' (Greenpeace, 350.org, The Wilderness Society etc).

But since it's Enviro Week at Melbourne Uni, it's the ENGOs we will be focusing on!

At this point, I'd like to declare that I believe the multiple, intersecting crises that we face as a society cannot be solved without very profound change in the way we relate to each other. We need to go back to the level of community, stop making so much bloody money, listen to and follow the lead of those who experience the most oppression, and truly treat each other as equals. Especially in a white-dominated society such as so-called Australia, we need to have a very critical good hard look at ourselves as organisers, to see how we have internalised habits of white colonial patriarchal capitalism. From what I see, big NGOs are not doing this.

This isn't to say all NGOs are the same, but it is to say that we need to challenge the way they generally operate. From their hierarchical structure (privileged CEOs making money off of a problem they benefit from?) to the tendency of short-term, 'reactivist' campaigns overshadowing what should be the goal of profound structural change (save the Eastern Barred Bandicoot while capitalism and destruction of stolen Aboriginal country runs unchecked), we need to re-inject critical thought and rage into the institutions that have the visibility
and power to spread mass action. We’re fighting fires on all fronts, and **campaigns have their place**, but that doesn’t mean we can’t go further and make explicit the common, root problems to our movements.

**The heroine: Grassroots**

'Grassroots' groups are, quite simply, people working together to reach a common goal. It happens all the time in life without us noticing and is in fact quite anarchistic in nature. It’s not that grassroots by definition operates without money - they can, but fundraisers (bake sales, parties, raffles) are often used to purchase logistical materials.

NGOs, despite their name, *can* be funded by government agencies, grants, as well as corporate donations, donations from their members, and fundraisers too. They generally enjoy more publicity, wield more bargaining power in political debate, are more efficient, and have higher membership and funding.

You could say that grassroots groups are a subset of NGOs, but with critical differences. Firstly, the way they are organised aims to give empowerment to every member. Everyone participates to the best of their ability, as much or as little as they want. There is less hierarchy in grassroots organising - a 'flat' structure means that people can be skilled up and trusted to make decisions on their own. In other words, reversing the message that we are told in this society from a young age: that someone 'higher up' almost certainly knows how to manage things better than you, that qualifications equal intelligence, that your income bracket represents your worth.

Secondly, grassroots create the opportunity for real, organic knowledge-building, testing out new ideas and philosophising. We generally don’t have the time in our day-to-day lives to discuss huge ideas and organise resistance, but in grassroots this space exists. NGOs, due to their structure, often don’t focus on the big ideas. I have seen first-hand how once-lofty goals of actions or campaigns are reduced to 'recruit x new members, get x views on social media.' What happened to actually changing something?

Now is a time of environmental and social crisis, but large ENGOs are not acting as if this is the case. They all too often reach for 'policy change' goals that are easy to swallow for the establishment and nowhere near fast enough to save our planet from 2°C of warming! I am concerned that the general NGO model is coming to dominate too much, and that people are being led to think that this is the way to organise and campaign. NGOs need to acknowledge the great contribution that grassroots thought and labour make to their very existence. We need to challenge their problematic aspects from within and without, and develop a new working relationship in which NGOs funnel people into the grassroots, not the other way round. Most importantly, NGOs need to relinquish control over people! For mass social change to happen, there has to be a lack of control. Their agendas need people to maintain them - we need to question whose interests are being served if they are not actively trying to counter neocolonialism, capitalism and white supremacy -
anything short of inciting the revolution that we need!

So, unlike many of my peers, working for an NGO is not what I’m going to do. This may seem like a radical step, and I acknowledge that not everyone has the privilege and flexibility to choose how they make money in life. However, I have decided that given the multitude of ways that I can personally earn money, I’d rather donate my brain power to the grassroots than have it co-opted by the Non Profit Industrial Complex!

If reading this is getting your cogs turning, come along to the 'Challenging NGOs’ workshop on August 19, from 12:30-2:00pm, in Union House!

I'd also highly recommend checking out these other (way more informative and thorough!) zines and books on the subject. (They focus more on social/poverty' charities, but a lot still translates to enviro activism!)

The Revolution Will Not Be Funded: Beyond the Non-Profit Industrial Complex by Incite! Women of Colour Against Violence (2007, South End Press)

Zines:

The NGO Sector: The Trojan Horse of Capitalism (available to read at <https://libcom.org/files/The%20NGO%20sector%20-%20the%20Trojan%20horse%20of%20capitalism.pdf>

'Working for you, me, we, us and them: What's the non-profit industrial complex and why should i care?' https://zeeninginlaos.wordpress.com/page/2/

Duck the system!
The Flood the Campus song

C
Our tents were folded and our eyes were tired
F       C
Monday morning dawn
Emin
Cycling to uni on an autumn ride
F       G
To camp on Priestly lawn

Banners splayed and our homes were made
In 20 minutes flat
This lawn will be more than grass today
As the students take it back

Amin
Red and Black and Green we come
C       F
But today we’ll all wear orange
Emin
And if the admin building blocks our sun
F       G
We’ll stay warm in our tent cottage

Amin
Singing songs of backstreet boys on
C       F
Cardboard paths of mud
Emin
Every conversation ripples on
F       G
Until this campus starts to flood

F       G
Right now we’re camping out to divest
C
But tomorrow we’ll take all the rest
The quads been there for a hundred years
But it’s never seen such cheek
As nine naked bodies climb on through
To show off their physique

And we were waving to the administrators
In nothing but our boots
These assets can’t stay any later
That’s what we told 9 news

Red and Black and Green we come
But today we’ll all wear orange
And if the admin building blocks our sun
We’ll stay warm in our tent cottage
With bum photos flying round the interwebs
We know we look like studs
And every photo ripples on
Until this campus starts to flood

Right now we’re getting nude to divest
But tomorrow we’ll take all the rest

Waking up at the crack of dawn
With concrete ready to pour
Distracting bored security guards
To place barrels at the door

We’ve shut it down, we’ve shut it down
There’ll be no work here today
The climate emergency alarm has sound
And its still ringing to this day

Red and Black and Green we come
But today we’ll all wear orange
And if the admin building blocks our sun
We’ll stay warm in our tent cottage
Chain me on to a barrel of oil
And I’ll lock hands here with my bud
As every hour ripples on
Until this campus starts to flood

Today we’re locking on to divest
But tomorrow, we’ll take all the rest.
I’d known about the Fossil Free campaign for a while. I had mostly been a quiet social media supporter, but as things started to heat up around the Flood the Campus campaign, I began to realise that it was time for quiet supporters like myself to get louder. It was increasingly obvious that something big was about to happen.

As I write this I’ve just come out of a first-year Geography lecture where hundreds of students were told terrifying stats and facts about the world that we’re inheriting. The frustration that I feel in learning about the undeniable urgency of climate change is intensified by the hypocrisy of Melbourne uni’s position refusal to take a stand against fossil fuels. I recently reached the point where I knew that I had to act on this frustration. I attended a Friday night info sesh with Fossil Free MU, where I was clued in that civil disobedience was going to occur on campus in the following week. I couldn’t wait to be part of something fun and impactful.

The following Monday, a group of us met at 7am at an off-campus location and put our game faces on. We marched over to the Raymond Priestley (administration) lawn with our camping gear at got to work. It only took us half an hour to set up camp, and security didn’t even seem to be interested. The uni staff was kind to us and turned off the sprinklers, and gave us access to a bathroom overnight. We hung up the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags to remind ourselves and everyone else that this action was taking place on stolen Wurundjeri country, and that this ever-present fact must remain central to everything we do. We set up our info desk and spent the day chatting to interested passers-by, held workshops, collected signatures, asked people to add messages of support to our bunting, and generally hung out.

The real fun got started after sunset. We shared a delicious meal cooked by the food team, watched bands play, heard spoken word poetry and sang terrible/amazing parody songs dedicated to our Vice Chancellor Glyn Davis and his administration. The camp already felt like home. Who knew that divesting could be this fun and empowering?

It was weird and wonderful to wake up in a tent at uni on Tuesday morning, and it definitely made getting to class on time easier. The highlight of the day was seeing my brave and wonderful friends bare their
asses for divestment on top of Old Quad! It was so satisfying to have media crews there capturing the moment. Our media team worked hard to let journos know that there was going to be a photo opportunity at Melbourne uni that they didn’t want to miss. The shameless self-promotion paid off, with over a dozen online articles, three newspaper features and we even made it onto Channel 9’s 7 o’clock News. It was a huge win, but we weren’t done yet.

That night we huddled together and whispered about the following day’s plans under the watch of a nearby security guard. We tried not to rouse suspicion but it was surely obvious that we were plotting something.

On Wednesday at 6.15am we got up and started to organise ourselves. This is an impossible hour for your average uni student, so we staged a yoga class to make it look more believable. At just after 7am, a couple of students distracted the security guard while the rest of us blocked off the doors to the administration building. We used barrels, pipes, chains, quickset cement and human bodies to block off three main entrances. Several more bodies (including my own) sat on the stairs to block two more doors. We left the fire exits unblocked, because we take safety seriously. It all happened so quickly; we couldn’t really have been stopped.

Throughout the day we cared for those locked on as best we could, and chatted to literally hundreds of people who were keen to know what was going on. The police came and went, and we stood our ground. Arrests would have meant even more media attention, and the uni clearly wanted to avoid that. So our negotiations team sprung into action and we met with a group of uni representatives at 6pm. After 4 hours of intense negotiation we managed to get ourselves a 2-hour meeting with some important financial big-wigs who sit on the university council. By around 11pm we were packing everything away, completely exhausted, but we couldn’t have been happier with what we’d achieved.

Flood the Campus week was months in the making, and I only came on board in time for the action (very strategic of me). Being involved showed me how fun, engaging and satisfying it can be to collectively fight for something important. Fossil Free MU representatives made a strong case to the uni and got some important information out of the meeting we secured through this action, but there is still so much work to be done to ensure that the uni does the right thing for the future of its students. I’m more than willing to take bold action with Fossil Free MU until that happens... and next time, I might even lock onto something.
The Environment Department holds regular events, workshops and excursions during semester:
Play with your Food — Tuesdays, 5:30pm, North Court
The Environment Collective — Mondays, 12pm, Graehm Cornish A

GREEN SCREEN

COME ALONG AND WATCH AND DISCUSS DOCUMENTARIES AND EAT PIZZA!

WEDNESDAYS AT 5.15PM
JOE NAPOLITANO ROOM A
The Melbourne Uni Community Garden is a great place to meet new people, learn (or teach) gardening skills and grow delicious produce. Everyone is welcome, there is no membership fee and no gardening skills are required. Located off Monash Road. facebook.com/MU.CommunityGarden

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Mid Semester break Trip to Burnley
Fri 7 Oct  4–6pm  Microgreens and Sprouting
Wed 12 Oct 1–3pm  Small Space Gardening
Fri 21 Oct 4–6pm  Garden Picnic

Come to our scheduled working bees or drop in to weed and harvest whenever suits you but please make sure you leave enough for others.

The garden is on Monash Rd, in front of the Chemical Engineering building.

For more information and to keep in touch:
- mucgarden.weebly.com
- mucgarden
- umsu.unimelb.edu.au/enviro
Enviro Week Program Guide

All workshops will take place in Joe Nap A and B, Level 2, Union House, unless otherwise stated 😊

Fair food challenge event
Friday 12/8 9.30am – 1pm

Environmental Activism 101 workshop – Jim
Friday 12/8 1pm-2.30pm, Training Room 1

Learn about the rich history of environmental activism in Australia.

Followed by a discussion on the different types of activism you can do in your daily life. We can explore the whole spectrum, from putting up posters in your neighborhood, to taking on the big multinational companies. Also a group exploration on new and inventive types of environmental activism that we can all get involved with.

Workshop run by Jim, who is currently an activist for Greenpeace with over 10 years of experience within the environmental movement.

Hope for Climate Activism workshop – Theo
Friday 12/8 2.30pm – 4pm, Training Room 1

Let’s think zero emissions plus drawdown, what does that actually look like, and how could we possibly get there. We’ll be talking about an alternative longshot strategy and some exciting science that might give us all a bit more hope for the future!

Behaviour Change workshop – Suse
Friday 12/8 4pm-5.30pm, Training Room 1

How do we create the change we want to see in the world? Working toward lasting behaviour change (and more broadly, culture change) is an integral aspect of activism. It is also vital in our own lives, helping us to grow, be happier, and more productive on our respective journeys. But how can we be truly effective change makers? This workshop will be informative and interactive. We will discuss various theories of behaviour change, the common misconceptions around how to achieve change, and what we might need to do to help create ‘the more beautiful world our hearts know is possible.

Tim Flannery at Science Festival
Friday 12/8 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Attitudes and Approaches for Inspiring Social Change workshop – Cam
Monday 15/8 10am-11am

Creating positive change within our society can be hard, fortunately we can do it! But not alone, by working with those who share similar views as us and influence others of the general population to become excited and supportive. This workshop features three parts - presentation of concepts, spectrum exercises, and then discussion. So
that we can explore what most of us in society collectively want, and how we can connect this to most people so that these changes have a better chance of occurring.

**Bee-Keeping Talk – Monique Edwards**  
*Monday 15/8 11am – 11.30am*

The Sustainability Team's Bees@UniMelb is an initiative that aims to educate staff and students about bees and beekeeping on campus.

**Botanic Drawing workshop – UMSU Collective Arts**  
*Monday 15/8 12pm – 2pm, System Garden*

Come along to a botanical illustration class using real objects from the systems garden and surrounding areas. This short-term project uses simple materials such as charcoal and paper, found objects and other regalia for sketching. The workshop will look at mid- and long-range landscape and still life drawings.

Our FREE drawing sessions are open to ALL Melbourne University students regardless of experience or skill level. Held in the Arts Lab on the 3rd floor of Union House, we also provide materials and a great opportunity to unwind.

Semester 2 sessions will be held on the following Tuesdays:

- 16th August, 12pm-2pm
- 13th September, 12pm-2pm
- 18th October, 12pm-2pm

The sessions are free to attend but places are limited to 15 each session, so bring your student card and get in early to ensure a spot and make some friends!

**A proposal for a Co-operative Currency workshop – Duncan**  
*Monday 15/8 1pm – 2pm*

I am a law student with a particular interest in co-operative enterprises and co-operative law. After giving a brief introduction to the nature of money (focusing in particular on Modern Monetary Theory) and providing a short outline of the history and value of contemporary complimentary currencies, the presentation will focus on a proposal for a Co-operative Currency. I will argue that the benefits of the proposed currency would include increased economic activity within the co-operative sector of the economy relative to other sectors. This would entail more sustainable economic activities both in terms of the environment and human flourishing.

**Privilege and Oppression 101 workshop – Nick**  
*Monday 15/8 2pm - 3pm*

*Blurb coming soon*

**Divestment 101 workshop – Fossil Free MU**  
*Monday 15/8 4pm - 5pm*
ENVIRO WEEK DOCO + DISCUSSION – Environment Department with Chloe Sinclair
Monday 15/8 5.15pm – 8pm

Screening Kanehsatake: 270 Years of Resistance

Please join us for the screening and discussion of this incredible film.

This Canadian documentary portrays the 1990 showdown between the Mohawk Nation and the predominantly white Quebec town of Oka, which is intent on developing land deemed sacred by its native people. When members of the Mohawk tribe protest plans to expand a golf course into their territory, they form a barricade, leading to an armed standoff with provincial police that becomes increasingly tense, with the possibility of violence looming over the heads of everyone involved.

Content warning: colonisation, violence, police brutality

Free pizza provided

Bike Co-op: Free Brekky and Bike Repair Help
Tuesday 16/8 9am – 11am, John Smyth Basement

Flat tyre? Empty stomach? We can help you fix that!

Every Tuesday morning this semester, 9-11am in the new bike co-op space (John Smyth Basement!), we will be having a wonderful bike mechanic in to help you learn to fix your own bicycle, along with tools, some parts, and our enthusiastic Melbourne Uni Bike Co-op volunteers!

In addition to all that, we'll be offering free tea, coffee and breakfast, courtesy of the Melbourne Uni Environment Collective.

If you haven't got anything specifically wrong with your bike, come along for a cup of tea and to learn from others.

Please try to arrive early if you need to repair your bike, to make sure we have time to help you out.

Tiny Houses: Affordable housing alternative, or a middle-class fetish? Workshop – Chloe Sinclair
Tuesday 16/8 11am – 12.30pm

This workshop will examine contemporary discourses to explore issues of privilege, representation, colonisation, gentrification and sustainability. We will identify sites of resistance, community resilience and ways we can approach these issues intersectionally.

Challenging the System workshop – Doing it Ourselves
Tuesday 16/8 12.30pm – 2pm

Unless we start talking about a campaign for systemic change, we’re never going to be able to actually change the world. Vested interests have such a stranglehold on politics these days that single issue campaigns don’t seem to be working anymore. Doing It Ourselves have changed our politics and would love to share and talk about some strategic ideas for how to really change things!
An exciting and inclusive opportunity for everyone to come together and have a fun singalong about some of the things we're passionate about - building vibrant communities, fighting the man and co-creating the movement towards a happy and fair society. We'll be singing beautiful songs and leading ourselves in a non-hierarchical way. All singing abilities encouraged, and everyone is welcome!

Creative arts activism workshop – ClimActs
Tuesday 16/8 3pm – 4.30pm

What happens when you marry the creative arts with activism? Join a conversation about how the power of the arts can be used in strategically purposeful ways to honour and protect the precious natural world that sustains everything we love. And everything we need.

Governance Hackathon workshop ~ Sustainability Plan
Tuesday 16/8 3pm – 5.30pm

How can we embed sustainability into the Governance structures of the University of Melbourne. Can and should space be made within Melbourne University to allow for continual development of staff and students ideas on sustainability and their implantation? Come along with your ideas, research, experience, questions and more to collaborate with the decision makers!

Play With Your Food – Environment Department
Tuesday 16/8 5.30pm - 8.30pm, Food Co-op, Level 1, Union House

Every Tuesday night this semester, you can join in cooking and sharing a vego extravaganza. The fun times kick off at 5:30pm, in North Court.

Whether you like to practice your cooking skills, or just want to come down and share in a free vegan meal, come along to Play with your Food.

If you have any queries or dietary requirements, please send us an email at environment@union.unimelb.edu.au before the event.

MUGS meet n' greet
Tuesday 16/8 6pm – 8pm

Biodiversity Tour – Judith Alcorn
Wednesday 17/8 11am – 12.30pm, meet at Student Union Info Desk

Find flora and fauna in unexpected places! Learn about our unique Wildversity app to record your sightings. Dress appropriately for the weather.
Accessibility and Sustainability in the Built Environment Panel
Wednesday 17/8 12.30pm – 2pm

In thinking about access to housing for people with disabilities, we inevitably ask what is a sustainable building and what is a sustainable community? In making our cities environmentally friendly we inevitably have to consider who we are including or excluding by doing so. This panel explores potential overlaps between the disability rights movement and environmental activism and examines what best practice looks like now and what it might involve in the future.

Citizen Science workshop – Hannah from GECO
Wednesday 17/8 2pm – 3pm

Goongerah Environment Centre Office (GECO) is a grass roots community group based in the small town of Goongerah in far East Gippsland, Victoria. Since 1993 we have campaigned for protection of East Gippsland’s forests. Using a variety of strategies including education and raising public awareness, political lobbying, non-violent direct action, citizen science and forest monitoring we act to protect high conservation value forests from logging.
We live and work on the land of the Gunaikurnai and Bidewell and Monaro people. We acknowledge the thousands of years of their ongoing custodianship of the land and pay respect to elders past and present.

Money Matters – Sam
Wednesday 17/8 3pm - 4.30pm

Avoiding Burnout – Theo
Wednesday 17/8 4.30pm – 6pm

We need to look after ourselves to make sure we can be in it for the long haul. A mostly interactive workshop based on the learnings and slow progress of one long-term activist with avoiding burnout.

Politics of Public Science Forum: the future of research, industries and the job market impacting climate change
Wednesday 17/8 6pm - 8pm, Lecture Theatre 2 Old Geology Building

Public good science is currently a particularly topical political issue. There has been significant funding cuts to public science, in particular the CSIRO as well as great uncertainty over the future of research, and ultimately future industries and jobs that have the potential to help us address climate change. This forum seeks discuss the politics behind this issue.

This event will be moderated by the Postgraduate Environment Network.

Welfare Free Breakfast
Thursday 19/8 8.30am – 10am, South Court

Operations Hackathon workshop ~ Sustainability Plan
Thursday 19/8 10am – 12pm

How can we design sustainability into the operations of the University? Bring your ideas, research, experience and questions so that we can design a sustainability campus for future generations! There will be delicious food.
Making sustainable lunch wraps – Sandie from UMSU Arts
*Thursday 19/8 11am – 12.30pm, Arts Lab*

Make your own free and sustainable kitchen and lunch wraps with beeswax and fabric. These can be used for wrapping vegetables, cheese, lunches and molded onto the top of glass and stainless steel bowls.

Expo and Really Free Market
*Thursday 19/8 12pm – 2pm, North Court*

Research Hackathon workshop ~ Sustainability Plan
*Thursday 19/8 12pm – 3pm*

How can we embed sustainability into Research at the university? Bring your ideas, research, experience and questions to be in the room with the leading Research decision makers for the University.

Human Library
*Thursday 19/8 12pm – 4pm, North Court*

Curious about the Tiny House movement? Want to debate the ups and downs of Australian agriculture? Thinking of joining a Volunteer organisation but not sure which one suits you best? ...Wondering about the sex life of beetles?

We’ve got you covered (and bound) - At Melbourne University’s EnviroWeek, our Human Library will cover these topics and many, many more. Come and meet us to rent out a Living Book, who will talk with you about some of their environmental passions, wisdoms, and expertise.

Rentals are for up to 25 minutes, and come with tea and personality.

Decolonising Environmentalism – Nick
*Thursday 19/8 2pm – 3pm*

Holistic Activism – Mark
*Thursday 19/8 3pm – 4pm*

Climate change and many of the other problems that we are facing are symptoms of a much deeper problem, one that is rooted in ego and identity. Holistic Activism is about taking us outside of the matrix because unless we do, we will never achieve long-term peace and sustainability. We have to embrace our interconnectedness and our differences so that we can work together effectively as activists without getting bogged down in the issues that divide us.

CRAFTERNOON and ENVIRO CHATS
*Thursday 19/8 4pm – 6pm*

Notebooks, costumes, art and instruments...
Enviro Week Schedule!

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EnviroMental Treevia
Thursday 19/8 6pm – 8.30pm, Dan O’Connell Hotel

A mad fun trivia night at the pub, testing your knowledge on everything environment while raising money for Seed... What more could one want from a humble Thursday?? Bring your mates and thinking caps, grab a beer and a taco or two, and get environ-mental!

What is Seed Indigenous Youth Climate Network, you ask?
“Seed is Australia’s first Indigenous youth climate network. We are building a movement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people for climate justice with the Australian Youth Climate Coalition. Our vision is for a just and sustainable future with strong cultures and communities, powered by renewable energy. Climate change is one of the greatest threats facing humanity, but we also know it is an opportunity to create a more just and sustainable world.”

Learn more:

This trivia night will be held on stolen Wurundjeri land. Sovereignty has never been ceded. The organisers would like to pay our respects to Elders past and present, and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people attending this event.

See you there!

Explore how the Uni taps the energy of the earth and sun, reduces waste and is creating green infrastructure. Dress appropriately for the weather.

Challenging Environmental NGOs – Alex and Nick
Friday 20/8 12.30pm – 2pm

Suburbia and Climate Change – Mark
Friday 20/8 2pm – 3pm

The way we plan our communities is an issue that has been neglected in the broader discussion of how we can mitigate climate change. Suburban sprawl is more rampant now than ever and we are in danger of locking people into high carbon living for generations. The time is now to start retrofitting the suburbs and to reinvent the village as a model for sustainable living.

Community Garden Party
Friday 20/8 3pm – 5pm, MU Community Garden

The garden is having a festival to celebrate Enviro Week.

All are welcome to come and:
- go in the draw to win a special secret prize
- learn about our native edibles garden
- plant some seeds from our seed library
- find out all about our composting system
- enjoy some mulled wine and popcorn and
- much more!

We hope to see you there.

Sustainability Tour – Judith Alcorn
Friday 20/8 11am – 12.30pm, meet at the Student Union Info Desk