

Learn more about climate change

The Byron Sustainable Ventures Network (BSVN), in conjunction with Friends of the Earth, is presenting an information evening on climate change at the Byron Bay Community Centre on Thursday August 25 at 7pm. Friends of the Earth will highlight the inequity of climate change impacts across the globe while the BSVN will share actions that local businesses can and are taking to mitigate their impact on the environment.

‘Climate change is the most significant environmental issue facing us over the next decade, with major impacts that will be felt worldwide, and not just by those who are creating most of the greenhouse gas pollution,’ says BSVN. ‘This forum will follow up on Tim

Winton’s recent Peak Oil forum, by looking at one of the specific impacts of climate change, and by addressing the responsibility of businesses to do their part in reducing the impact and scale of climate change.

‘While developed countries have historically been responsible for the most greenhouse gas pollution, creating human-induced climate change, the poor in developing countries are most vulnerable to climate change. In seeking climate justice we strive to add a human rights perspective to the climate change debate, a debate that to date has largely focused on science, consumption patterns and emission levels.’

The Byron Sustainable Ventures Network is a net-

work of local business-owners which was started about a year ago by Mitra Ardron of Natural Innovation. The people that make up the network believe that business has a duty to care for the environment.

At this forum, BSVN’s first public outing, presenters will include Mitra Ardron giving an overview, Joel Fleming talking about green energy and climate offsets, Tim Winton on planting trees to sequester carbon, Rachel Bending who manufactures using solar power, Anthony Michaels who is bringing biodiesel to the north coast, and Eshana Bragg on community involvement.

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