



24th OCTOBER

2009

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CLIMATE ACTION

On October 24th people and communities all over the world will be celebrating the most important number on Earth: 350.

350 parts per million is the amount of carbon in the atmosphere which we must achieve to maintain our ecological balance, and enjoy a climate and planet similar to the one on which civilisation developed, and to which life on Earth is adapted. We are already at 390 parts per million. The October 24 movement is a positive, global initiative to make people aware of the challenge to reach the 350 target. With the global community participating in all sorts of different ways we can reach this target.

LOSING TASMANIA: A PROCESSION OF PRECIOUS THINGS

In Hobart, national theatre director Neil Cameron is planning an arts event to participate in this world-wide programme. A procession of 350 people will move through the streets of Hobart carrying a symbol of what they find precious in their lives. The procession will be lit by candles and walk in silence. We will finish in a park and at the end of the walk people can share their 'precious things' with each other and enjoy music and song, while we use candles to lay out 350 on the grass and take some photographs. The procession will be followed by food, drink and celebration. This event will be one of thousands in almost every country on the planet!

We are currently looking for 350 people to participate in this event. Please read through the information below, and if you would like to get involved, please **REGISTER** at hobart350project@gmail.com

MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION DETAILS

What date? Saturday, 24th October 2009.

What time? Participants will meet at 7.30pm and the procession will begin at 8pm.

Where do we meet, where will we walk? We will be meeting on Hunter Street, on the Hobart waterfront – please see the map at the end of this document. We will walk from there to St David's Park.

What is a 'precious thing'? Your precious thing could be anything that is precious or special to you. You could bring an object, a photograph, or even a person. You could bring something that symbolises what is precious to you.

Please note however that if your precious thing is a pet...please only bring a photograph or something to symbolise them. No real pets on the walk please!

How long is the walk? 25 minutes of gentle walking – our destination is St David's Park.

When will it finish? The formal part of the event will be over by 9pm – though people may choose to join in the food, drinks and celebration for longer.

How many people will take part in the procession? Approximately 350.

Who is involved in organising the event? This event is a partnership between Neil Cameron and Environment Tasmania.

Who is Neil Cameron? He is a theatre director who has worked on community events for the past forty years and believes we can get over this emergency situation by working together. He is the director of the Centre for Creative and Cultural Development – you can look him up – www.neilcameron.com

Who is Environment Tasmania? Environment Tasmania is Tasmania's conservation council. ET is made up of more than 20 environment and conservation non-government organisations from across our island state.

What sort of event is this? It is an *arts* event and has no political agenda – just a concern for the future of our planet.

Is there an age limit to register? Yes – registered participants must be over eight years old. Younger children are still welcome to walk with their parents or get pushed in prams in the procession, but don't need to be registered. Anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Can I join the procession if I have not registered? No. But you can meet the end of the procession at St David's Park or watch it pass - details in local press or contact hobart350project@gmail.com

What should I wear? We are asking registered participants to wear white clothes (and remember comfortable shoes).

What exactly do I need to do and what do I need to bring? A 'precious thing' or symbol of something that is precious to you. Also bring some water, food and drink (to share if you like) and good cheer.

What exactly will I need to do? Participants will be required to walk in silence for 30 mins to one hour, holding a candle/lantern in one hand and a 'precious thing' in the other. Bring a hands-free bag (preferably in white or similar colour).

What if I want to be involved but have a disability or mobility issues? We want this event to be as inclusive as possible so the route will cater for any people with mobility issues. The route will be as flat as possible, walked slowly and there is disabled access at St David's Park.

There will also be opportunity for those who can't be involved in the procession, to meet us at our destination and join the celebration. Please contact hobart350project@gmail.com for more information about access and mobility issues.

Will it cost me anything? We are asking participants to donate \$5 each (more if you can) towards the cost of the event. No one is being paid or making a profit on this event, all help is being donated by volunteers. But road closures

and small expenses mount up and any help would be wonderful. We will collect donations before the event.

How can I find out more about the event? You can email hobart350project@gmail.com or you can phone Environment Tasmania and ask to speak to Jess or Bec – 03 6224 6319.

How can I find out about the international day and global movement? Head to www.350.org

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

I want to participate – how can I register? To register, please email or post the following information:

NAME / NAMES

AGE / AGES

CONTACT INFORMATION – email, address and telephone.

***If you want to VOLUNTEER to help – please indicate this when you register.**

Please email to: Hobart350project@gmail.com

Or post to: Hobart 350, PO Box 1073, Hobart 7000.

Or call: Environment Tasmania and ask for Jess or Bec 03 6224 6319.

Can I volunteer to help with the event? Yes! Please indicate that you are interested in volunteering when you register and we will be touch to discuss volunteering. We will primarily need assistance with leading the procession and marshalling during the walk. Volunteers should be over 18.

IMPORTANT: All details above are given voluntary – if you don't want to fill in any of these details a name and a contact will be enough to register. No information you give will be given out to any outside source.

