

ON THE RISE - ASCENT MONTHLY BULLETIN
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Bring on 2008!

Dear Gang,

We hope you enjoyed your extended bulletin-free festive break. 2007 is old news. It's the year of the rat. And hot damn, how the winds have changed.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon recently declared that we now sit on the cusp of the [Age of Green Economics](#), an economic shift to rival that of the Industrial Revolution! With the right financial incentives and a global framework, economic growth and low carbon emission rates can and will become a reality. Global investment in green energy is booming but businesses continue to crave clear and consistent climate change policy.

So we're getting there. Slowly but surely. Looking back on the last two years it is startling to see just how rapidly contagious the global awareness of climate change has become.

ASCENT looks forward to building it's influence in 2008, through an expansion of its schools program and campaigns, as well as a range of exciting events and dates to get involved with. Keep on track through our hot website, www.ascent.org.au

News, gossip, free offers, facebook requests and belated new year wishes can all be thrown down the chute to Cam.Hassard@gmail.com

Here's hoping 2008 rocks our world!

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GLOBAL

[Climate set for sudden shifts](#)
[State of the Planet in Graphics](#)
[Quick Recap: The hard evidence](#)

LOCAL

[Oz Treasury: Climate Change our biggest challenge](#)
[Penny Wong: An Opportunity for Innovation](#)

SUZUKI

[Who cares who's greener? Get on with it!](#)

EVENTS

Sustainable Living Festival

Federation Square Melbourne 15-17 Feb 2008

The Sustainable Living Festival showcases a huge range of exhibitors, talks, workshops, art, films and performances celebrating and inspiring sustainable communities. Come and explore the Festival's three-day program in the heart of the city of Melbourne and be a part of the celebrations.

<http://www.slf.org.au/festival/>

World's Biggest Green Drinks

Fri 15 February 2008 starting at 6:00pm

BMW Edge, Federation Square, Melbourne

<http://www.slf.org.au/calendar/event/3645>

Public Forum:

Climate CODE RED: The case for a sustainability emergency

This is a great new document bringing together the latest science outlining that our situation is far worse than most have previously stated. It demonstrates the urgency with which we as a nation need to act to substantially reduce our emissions as much as we can to have a realistic shot at a future.

Speakers: Co-author David Spratt and Chris Breen from the Greens

7pm Monday 3rd March

Trades Hall International Bookshop, cnr Lygon St & Victoria St, Carlton.

It is also downloadable for free at <http://climatecodedred.net/>

Clean Up Australia Day

Sunday 2nd March

<http://www.cleanup.org.au/au/>

Earth Hour

Created to take a stand against the greatest threat our planet has ever faced, Earth Hour uses the simple action of turning off the lights for one hour to deliver a powerful message about the need for action on global warming.

This simple act has captured the hearts and minds of people all over the world. As a result, at 8pm March 29, 2008 millions of people in some of the world's major capital cities,

including Copenhagen, Toronto, Chicago, Melbourne, Brisbane and Tel Aviv will unite and switch off for Earth Hour.

www.earthhour.com