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Seeking 10 volunteers to lower their carbon footprint

If you are interested in joining a discussion group on climate change and energy use you should join a new energy conservation program being run in the Shoalhaven.

Shoalhaven City Council in conjunction with the Energymark initiative is seeking 10 people interested in taking part in a community program developed by the CSIRO to help people reduce their power bills and reduce their carbon footprint in their households and day to day activities.

Participants in a recent trial reduced their carbon footprint by 27 percent and cut their power use by 37 percent, and were able to make significant savings in the face of increasing energy costs.

The concept is simple. Each small group of people will work with a convenor and attend eight discussions on the third Tuesday of each month in Council's administration building in Nowra, where they will work through information supplied by CSIRO. The aim is for people to learn more about climate change, energy use, water and waste and so feel that they can make immediate changes in their own lives.

The Energymark program is about individuals knowing more about and committing to a more sustainable lifestyle. Whether it's learning how to reduce energy bills, conserve water or reduce waste, it all contributes to reducing the carbon footprint of our households, workplaces and community. The program is one of a number of programs being run by the CSIRO to lower greenhouse gas emissions at both the individual, household, and industry levels.

The first meeting will be on Tuesday 15 March at 10am and the following meetings will be on the third Tuesday of each month.

Energymark is a CSIRO initiative in partnership with the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water NSW.

To register your interest contact the Energymark convenor on (02) 4422 0112. For more information about this program, visit www.energymark.com.au or email energymark@csiro.au or call 1300 119 003.

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