2014-15 in review

Climate Change Balmain-Rozelle has had one of its most active years ever. We have... had stalls at events
  ▪ Footprints EcoFestival, Petersham Bowling Club, Our Solar Future.
participated in rallies
  ▪ People’s Climate Picnic in Sep 2014, No WestConnex Picnic at White’s Creek, Feb 2015 and Walk For Water, also in Feb, from Rozelle to NSW Parliament House.
  ▪ Distributed 4,000 flyers for People’s Climate March, got Leichhardt Mayor and Council to support and attend the march with our group.
organised meetings
  ▪ Coal mining and health with Our Land Our Water Our Future at Glebe Town Hall.
  ▪ What About Paris, with the Balmain Institute and The Climate Institute.
  ▪ And in June we started our bi-monthly Climate in the Pub meetings, so far discussing Solar Citizens, Climate & Health and How to win friends and influence policy.
questioned candidates in the NSW State Election
  ▪ Researched, produced and distributed 2,000 copies of a four-page Election Scorecard comparing local candidates.
made submissions, organised petitions and formulated policies
  ▪ 1,100 signature petition for a strong NSW RET, presented to Jamie Parker.
  ▪ Submissions on Australia’s post-2020 Emissions Target, Leichhardt Council’s Draft Sustainability Plan and WestConnex EIS.
sent monthly e-newsletters
  ▪ Our email list varied between 700 and 800 through the year.
reorganised our website
  ▪ Improved navigation, added simple and accessible information about our activities.
grew our numbers
  ▪ Active committee of seven, expanded email discussion group, and a growing list of paid-up members.
Food and Food Waste group
  ▪ Cutting the cost of food waste brochure researched, printed and distributed to 200 cafes in the area. Cooking with What you Have workshops for two local councils.
Energy and Solar PV group
  ▪ Surveyed attitudes to rooftop solar among residents in the area.
The team:
Although helped by many others, particular credit, in no particular order, goes to:-
  ▪ Vice President Gavin Gilchrist: networker, recruiter, WestConnex expert.
  ▪ Secretary Kim Zegenhagen: host of committee meetings and a host of other things.
  ▪ Committee member Angela Michaelis: food and waste expert, People’s Climate March organiser, source of limitless energy.
  ▪ Treasurer Derek Bolton: technology guru and submission writer.
  ▪ Committee member Kathryn Marcus: sustainable food expert, chef.
  ▪ Committee member Michael Johnson: Climate in the Pub organiser.
  ▪ And President (me), Dominic Case website, Facebook, newsletter, general back up.

Climate Change is now a front page topic as it starts to bite, but our leaders fail to keep up. With a Federal election looming in 2016, we have a big year in front of us. We must start planning our program now.

Dominic Case (President, Climate Change Balmain-Rozelle) December 2015