

# Members Conversation Meeting

## How can you fight Climate Change?

### 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022

The Climate Change discussion held at Berry Uniting Church Hall on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 was the second of the series of `conversation meetings` initiated by SlowFood2JB to provide its members with information on important issues and to discuss ways in which SlowFood could help address them.

Bill Woinarski, a local climate change activist, set the scene with a talk on Climate Change and Climate Change Science in which he covered why it is happening, how global temperatures and carbon dioxide move together, major tipping points and their consequences globally and in Australia, expected temperature rises worldwide, what is being done politically and internationally, the important role of renewable energy and the benefit that Australia could accrue in the future.

Nick Otter then chaired the discussion which addressed the three questions posed at the start of the meeting : What can we do to help locally? What can you do at home? How does SlowFood play its part? A lively interaction took place between the 20 members present addressing such topics as `cutting consumption and waste`, `changing our eating habits`, `using more green electricity and less gas`, `reducing energy use` and `promoting environmental stewardship`. It was felt that SlowFood could play a useful role in encouraging members to talk about their individual changes and actions, leading by example, engaging with the local community especially younger people, and supporting local community actions and projects.

An interesting and informative meeting concluded with a light supper provided by Marilyn and Ellis and much enjoyed by those present. The next two `conversations` in the series are planned to be on soil issues and waste recycling in March and June 2023 respectively, dates to be confirmed.

**WHY CAN WE DO TO HELP?**

- CUT CONSUMPTION AND WASTE
- CHANGE OUR EATING HABITS, USE SEASONAL AND LOCAL SUPPLY
- INVEST IN SUSTAINABLE ENERGY PRODUCTS

WE A DIFFERENCE!!

**HOW CAN SLOWFOOD PLAY ITS PART?**

- TALK ABOUT THE CHANGES THAT ITS MEMBERS MAKE
- EDUCATE ITS MEMBERS AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY
- PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP
- SUPPORT LOCAL COMMUNITY ACTIONS AND PROJECTS




