

# ATA Melbourne Branch – August 2009 Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Held:** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2009 at 5:45 pm  
**Venue:** The offices of URS, Level 6, 1 Southbank Boulevard, Southbank

1. Apologies: Chris Moss, Steve Melzer, Barry Hay, Peter Wonfor
2. Minutes: Accepted
3. Business Arising:
  - ATA Melbourne Branch 2009 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held 16<sup>th</sup> September 2009.
  - An email had been sent seeking nominations for the ATA Melbourne Branch committee positions of Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Web manager and committee members(2). Nominations are now closed.
  - Preliminary ballot papers were placed on table at back of the room.
4. Past Events:
  - July monthly meeting “Renewable Energy Policy and the Community” – Convenor Jim Lambert and guest speaker Damien Moyse.
5. Coming Events:
  - 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> August 2009 – meeting regarding SAGES farm (flyer was placed on back table)
  - 13<sup>th</sup> September 2009 – Sustainable House Day
  - Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup> 2009, September monthly meeting on “Battery Technology” – Convenor Michael Jacombs
6. Correspondence:
  - Nil
7. Innovations:
  - Marysville project: Lyn has been working with Gary Sharp. They have come up with a good design, despite difficulties with the aspect/orientation. Work is slow but progressing.
  - “Reborn”, an e-waste initiative, is seeking support for a submission to Peter Garrett. Further information placed on back table.
  - Recycling of printer cartridges, mobile phones and batteries was discussed. Michael Jacombs will bring in a box, for collection of these used items. It was also noted that you can get an envelope from the Post Office to send off old mobile phones for recycling.
  - Bennett Clayton’s truck diesel to LPG conversions were also mentioned. Information placed on back table.
8. Members Forum (Questions/Comments from the floor):
  - Peter would like to know more information/experiences with “Windside” vertical access generators – phone: 0401 917 986 or email: [bioman228@hotmail.com](mailto:bioman228@hotmail.com)
  - Michelle would like to know of any systems for water recirculation systems in bathrooms (to save cold water in shower before it heats up)? - email: [mzh@three.com.au](mailto:mzh@three.com.au)
9. Close of meeting
10. Topic of the night

## **“Follow up on electric vehicles, including hybrids” Convenor – Steve Melzer**

**Chair:** Michael Jacombs

**Guest Speaker:** Mounir Kiwan, Business Development Manager, Better Place Australia ([www.betterplace.com](http://www.betterplace.com))