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Care for Creation

As you take the next step, remember the traditional custodians of the land

CLIMATE CHANGE - SIGNS OF HOPE

Andrew Greeley, priest and sociologist, a few decades ago, led an intensive research study of Catholic Schools in America and found that their distinguishing characteristic was HOPE.

The Christian virtue of hope is based on belief in RESURRECTION, that the darkest hour is just before the dawn. Yet, in our fragile humanity, we welcome signs of hope. Here are a couple of the signs of hope that we are reversing the ill effects of climate change, as published by the Australian Climate Council.



Rainbow over
Port Fairy,
Easter.

(photo by Margie Abbott
RSM)

Globally, renewable energy is now cost-comparative or cheaper than fossil fuels for generating electricity, and the cost of wind and solar in particular is projected to continue to fall steeply.

Investment and jobs in renewable energy have surged internationally. Clean energy investment grew in China (32%), the US (8%), Japan (12%), Germany (3%) and the UK (3%) in 2014.



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Buy the Earth Hour cookbook and help its work with schools, small businesses and community groups.

In an Australian publishing first, *Planet to Plate* uniquely and beautifully incorporates first-hand stories from Australian farmers highlighting the impact global warming is having on their farms and the nation's availability of fresh, homegrown food.

Aussie chefs and food personalities have contributed to the cookbook, providing a selection of recipes using seasonally fresh produce for mouth-watering appetisers, main dishes and desserts.

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Burning fossil fuels such as coal and gas makes global warming worse, contributing to more extreme weather and droughts that threaten farming communities and Australia's supply of fresh food.

As well as being a collection of the very best recipes from the country's top chefs, *Planet to Plate* is full of information on how global warming is already affecting produce we enjoy in our everyday lives including fresh vegetables, cereals, bread and fruit.

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