



Market Forces meeting not able to go ahead this Wednesday night - what's next with Lighter Footprints?

Market Forces meeting this Wednesday rescheduled

Sadly, Wednesday night's talk with [Market Forces](#) cannot go ahead as planned. Although we endeavored to rework our meeting format the events of yesterday have overtaken even us! Market Forces have agreed that Wednesday night is probably not a great time for all concerned to convene and are happy to postpone their presentation. **We intend to re-schedule Market Forces for our April 29 meeting.**

For the moment Facebook Live streaming is not feasible, **so - for the foreseeable future - all our meetings will be Zoom only.**

Zoom - are you a regular or a newbie?

Zoom is a fantastic platform for meeting virtually. Organisations like ACF use Zoom for group meetings on a weekly basis, and I'm regularly in Zoom meetings with 50+ people. You can do all the aspects of a regular Lighter Footprints meeting: welcome, reports from groups, letters (my goodness - won't the letter writers be important now!), speakers with slides and then questions from the audience.

If you're a regular on Zoom terrific, we're looking forward to you logging on. **If you're a newbie and need help we're here for you.**

Practice Zoom this Wednesday night!

Instead of Market Forces this Wednesday night you can log on to a **practice Zoom meeting at 7:30pm (25 March)** and Julian will take you through some of the basics. We'll say hello, work through some problems and maybe even have time to discuss what the wider movement is feeling about the current crisis. It won't be as long a meeting as normal, maybe one hour tops for those who want to stay the whole time.

You'll need:

- a laptop or PC with internet and a webcam. Newer laptops have an inbuilt camera and microphone that works very well with Zoom. OR...
- a smartphone or tablet/iPad. If you do login via phone or tablet it's best to use plug in headphones with a microphone attached.

1) if using a laptop or PC make sure you head to [Zoom's website](#) and download + install the software. If using a smartphone or tablet download the Zoom app.

2) click the link you've been sent to join the meeting. There will be a new link for each Zoom event, so make sure you've got the right one! Note that you can't get into the meeting until the Host starts their Zoom, but they will usually be online 5-10 mins before the official start.

The reason for our practice is that video and microphone settings that can be confusing at first, but we'll work through them on Wednesday. As a general rule with Zoom etiquette have your video on (as long as you're comfortable with that) and mute your microphone - the meeting Host will call on you or others to speak if needed.

We've also been given access to a draft **user's guide** to Zoom for ACF community members, this covers all the basics. You can access it [here](#).

The login details for our practice Zoom this Wednesday night are the same as in the Market Forces event email you received yesterday! Join us from 7:30pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/882606054>

Meeting ID: 882 606 054

One tap mobile

+61280156011,,882606054# Australia

+61370182005,,882606054# Australia

Practice Zoom Meeting this Wednesday @ 7:30pm!

So what's next?

Our April 29 meeting will be Market Forces - as long as it goes ahead. In these tricky times we cannot be certain of anything, but we are hopeful.

For the moment we will not be proceeding with the "Meeting politicians" topic. Those skills and insights will be of better use once this is all over and we can resume engaging with our elected reps face-to-face!

We have locked in top-line speakers and finalising our **May meeting**, which will look at forestry and climate. More details to come!

Letter writing group - put your time to good use!

All our working groups have ideas for how they'll operate during the shutdown, and though some plans have been radically altered the **Letters Group** will continue to provide top-quality material to our national newspapers. The group had an [enormous impact](#) in 2019 and is always looking for new members. Now is the time to keep up the flow of well-written letters that keep the issue of climate change in the public space.

Contact us by filling out the [volunteer form](#) on our website to register interest for the group, and in the meantime consider penning some thoughtful prose to the national newspapers.

The news might be completely saturated with pandemic updates, but there are relevant things happening in the background that need attention: for instance: what might be the role of cheap renewable energy in a stimulus package? Can climate solutions play a major role in restarting the economy post-shutdown?

As we learn more about the wider movement's response to this we will be eager to share insights with you - there will be good material coming out soon!

Looking forward to seeing you either this Wednesday night or at some other Zoom training, and at our April 29 meeting. Any issues please give me a call.

Convenor,
Carolyn Ingvarson
0411 115 186
