

Peddling for a more sustainable future

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FOURTEEN young members of a sustainability group will arrive in the Portland district on Sunday to spread the message about living environmentally friendly.

Members of the Otesha Project Australia: Cycling for Sustainability, hope to raise awareness about sustainability and how slight changes in lifestyle can make the biggest differences to our planet.

The Otesha Project (otesha being the Swahili word for 'reason to dream') will meet with the Portland Sustainability Group as well as other members of the community.

Volunteer of the Otesha Project, Cassie McMahon, said the group will arrive in Portland for afternoon tea at the organic garden of Thornbill Eco Education, at 207 Blackers Rd, Narrawong, and will also

visit Portland Secondary College and Bayview College on Monday to do a performance.

"It is called the Morning of Choices and features two teenagers who look at their morning routine and how they can save resources such as water usage, food, fair trade, and transportation."

It is the first time members of the Otesha Project will visit Portland, and they hope to see the sights and to hear any concerns people may have about changing their lifestyles to become more sustainable.

"We are looking forward to learning more about the organic garden and ways Portland residents are creating more sustainable ways of living," said Ms McMahon.

Thornbill Eco Education chief executive officer, Rebecca Phyland, said the business had worked closely with the Portland

Sustainability Group and is anticipating the arrival of the Otesha Project.

People are invited to ride their bicycles and meet the group, which is due to arrive in Narrawong at 5pm Sunday.

Alcoa responds to heat wave

ALCOA of Australia will continue to review processes at Portland Aluminium during the extreme hot weather.

According to an Alcoa spokesperson, production has been temporarily reduced at Point Henry to reduce energy consumption and assist Victoria's power supply.

"We are working collaboratively with the relevant stakeholders and will continue to monitor the situation, reviewing processes at Portland Aluminium and Point Henry as appropriate," the spokesperson said.