

Griffith plugged in for Melville

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ACCLAIMED inventor, engineer, and climate advocate Saul Griffith is heading to Melville on Thursday September 11 for the launch of his new book, *Plug In! An Electrification Handbook*.

The event, hosted by community group Melville City Climate Action Network, will be at the Tompkins Park Function Room in Ardross, and is set to be full of inspiration, practical advice, and community connection.

Dr Griffith is widely recognised as one of Australia's leading voices in climate and energy reform.

With a background in physics and a track record of innovation in clean energy technologies, he has long been a passionate advocate for electrification as the most effective way to reduce carbon emissions and combat climate change.

Plug In!, offers a clear, practical roadmap to help everyday Australians transition their homes, vehicles, and appliances from fossil fuels to clean electricity.

The book's core message is simple but powerful: we already

have the tools to create a cleaner, safer, and more affordable energy future — and it starts at home.

From replacing gas cooktops with induction stoves to investing in rooftop solar, heat pumps, and electric vehicles, *Plug In!* lays out the steps individuals and families can take to become part of the solution.

Following their recent Electrify Melville City Expo in May, the MCCAN, a local grassroots organisation focused on community-led climate action, is hosting this significant event.

"This is a real opportunity for people in Melville to hear from one of the most visionary and practical minds working on climate solutions today," MCCAN chairperson Jillian Horton said.

"Saul's message is empowering because it focuses on what we can do, right now, in our own homes and neighbourhoods. It's not just theory, it's about taking action."

The event will feature Dr Griffith in conversation with ABC broadcaster Geraldine Mellet, followed by a Q&A session, book signing, afternoon tea and time for informal discussion.

Copies of *Plug In!* will be available for purchase, and information brochures and advice from local residents that have completed household

electrification will also be on hand with resources and advice.

Dr Griffith's approach to climate action is refreshingly optimistic.

He argues that widespread electrification not only slashes emissions, but also lowers household energy bills, improves health outcomes by eliminating gas pollution in homes, and creates thousands of new jobs across the country.

"Electrification is not a sacrifice, it's an upgrade," Dr Griffith often says.

"It's about giving Australians better, cheaper, and cleaner options."

Melville residents are already showing strong interest in this transition.

Many have begun replacing gas appliances, installing solar panels, and switching to electric vehicles.

The event aims to build on that momentum, equipping more people with the knowledge and confidence to make the switch.

Tompkins Park Function Room, set along the Swan River, offers a fitting venue for this community-focused event.

It reflects the growing local commitment to sustainability and the strong grassroots network pushing for climate solutions that start at home.



• Saul Griffith

Dr Griffith's visit also comes at a timely moment.

With both federal and state governments offering rebates and incentives for electrification, households now have more support than ever to make changes that benefit the environment and their wallets.

"We hope this event will spark new conversations, new ideas, and new actions across Melville," Dr Horton said.

"Change doesn't have to come from the top down, it can start

with each of us."

Plug In! An Electrification Handbook launch

Thursday September 11, 1pm for a 1.30pm start.

Tompkins Park Function Room, 632 Canning Hwy, Ardross

Tix \$5 on Humanitix or pay on the day.

All members of the public are welcome to attend. Whether you're new to climate action or already making changes at home, this is a chance to learn, connect, and get inspired.