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POINT**

The Ubuntu Foundation made a donation of \$50,000 to support Tipping Point, a national project of the Not for Profit charity - Friends of the Earth Australia.

Tipping Point provides behind the scenes support for two of the largest and most powerful community movements campaigning for climate justice - Move Beyond Coal and School Strike 4 Climate.

These funds allowed us to employ Shoi Sengupta, a 19 year old graduated School Striker in Naarm / Melbourne to connect with and support the large and diverse network of School Strikers across the country to take action in their communities on the climate crisis.

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Tipping Point and the grassroots movements we support work on stolen lands. Sovereignty was never ceded and there can be no climate justice without justice for First Nations people.



Background

The School Strike movement in Australia began with two fourteen-year-olds and an eleven-year-old in regional Victoria and went on to mobilise over half a million Australians to join millions of people around the world in under a year.

As their movement has grown and climate impacts have intensified, the strikers have shifted the public narrative so that the depth of community concern about the climate crisis is at an all time high.

School students are in a unique position to inspire and drive society-wide change. There are almost three million 8-17 year olds in Australia (12% of the total population), meaning approximately one in five Australian households has a young person in it. Each of these young people are embedded within multifaceted school, neighbourhood, extra-curricular, friend, and family networks.

The School Strike movement is one of the most diverse networks in the Australian climate movement, comprising many incredible young Bla(c)k, Indigenous and People of Colour leaders (BIPOC), gender and neurologically diverse leaders, and young people from rural and regional areas.



Highlights of 2022-2023

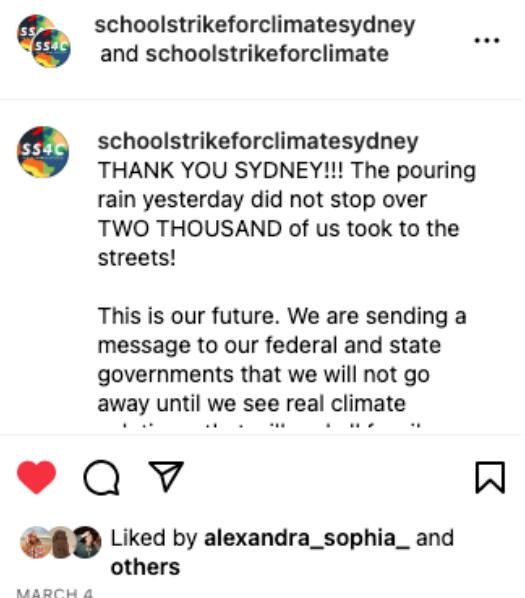
Over the past 12 months, Shoi and the Tipping Point team have supported the development, leadership and organising of the School Strike 4 Climate movement.

Organising & Mobilising

We have supported a sub-set of strike groups help flex their organising and mobilising muscles by being part of the nationally co-ordinated Move Beyond Coal campaign to push the National Australia Bank (NAB) to rule out funding for climate wrecking coal projects.

Highlights include:

- Launch of the new campaign, 'Don't NAB our Future' calling with flagship actions in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne, and a national online launch.
- Student-led actions for 'Don't NAB our Future' across Castlemaine, Brisbane, Margaret River, Cowes, Coffs Harbour, Dungog and Maitland.
- Student strikers met with ANZ's CEO, Shayne Elliott, about ongoing financing of fossil fuels.
- For the Friday 3 March Global Day of Action, strikers led actions across Sydney, Perth, Castlemaine, Canberra and Hobart, engaging thousands of people in the fight for climate justice.



Sydney School Strikers led a 2000 strong march calling for climate justice in the lead up to the NSW election

Training

- Running face-to-face community organising trainings for young School Strikers in Coffs Harbour and Sydney.
- Online trainings for Non-BIPOC (Bla(c)k, Indigenous/First Nations and People of Colour) School Strikers in the network on how to combat racism with your friends and family
- Providing Strikers with access to social media trainings by staff at the Global Strategic Communications Council.
- Nine week online growth and reflection program called “Me & White Supremacy”, for Non-BIPOC strikers in the network to help strikers;
 - gain an understanding and knowledge of systems of oppression, in particular: white supremacy, racial injustice and discrimination;
 - learn strategies and tools for calling out oppression in the world.
- Reflective spaces held for BIPOC and Non-BIPOC strikers following the launch of the Sapna - South Asian Climate Solidarity report on the experiences of South Asian youth climate activists.



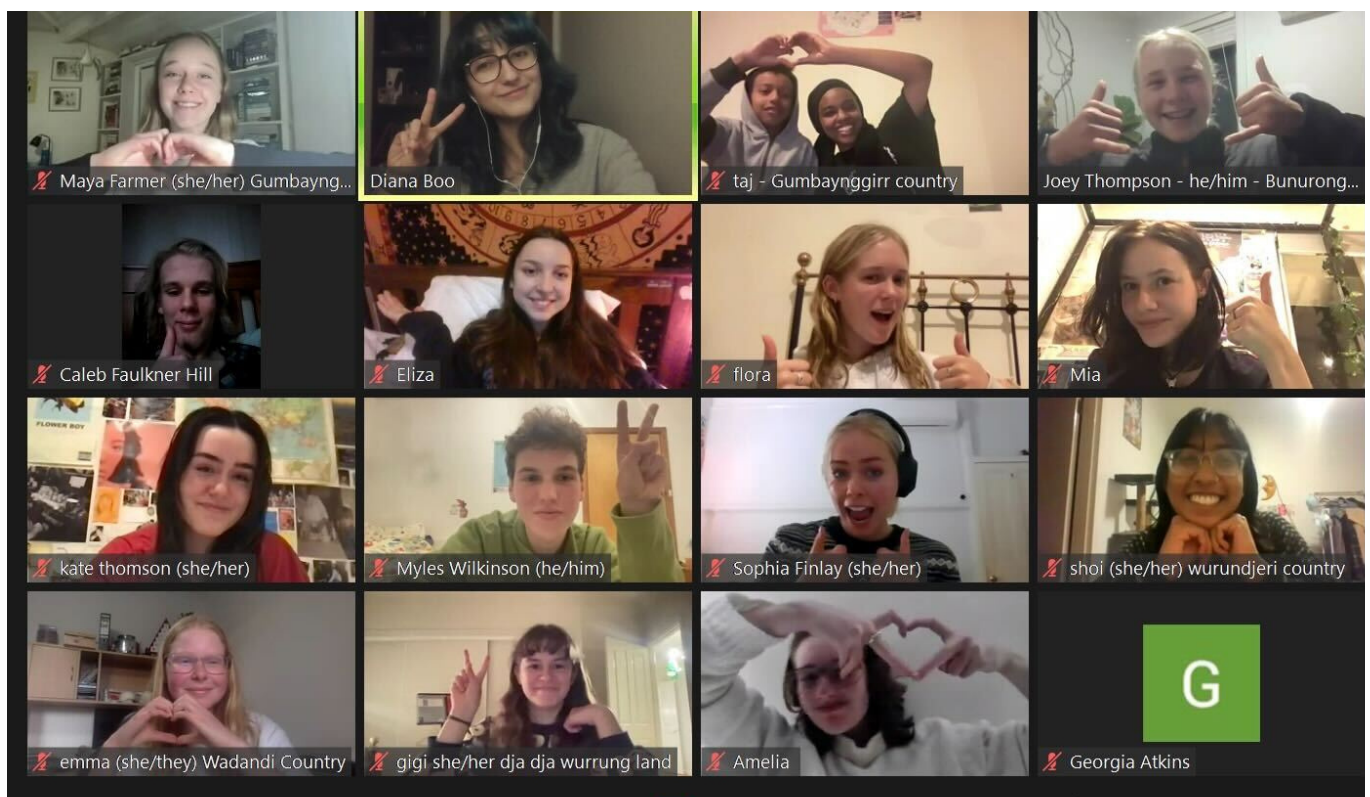
Community Organising Training (Shoi from Tipping Point in the centre)

Looking Forward

Our work over the last year has helped train and empower young strikers to connect with their communities on the most pressing issue of our time.

Looking forward to the next 12 months, there are a number of important opportunities to:

- Rebuild the School power post Covid-19 and amplify the moral voices of young people in a way that shifts public opinion and re-engages the community in the kind of sustained action needed to prompt decision-makers to act on the climate crisis;
- Re-engage with Australian communities to hold the Federal Government accountable to their climate change commitments



**Connecting with Strike Groups from across the country
on a national strategy call**

Tipping Point is joining forces with 350.org to build a collaboration of groups working to end political support for coal and gas and accelerate community action on the climate crisis. This ambitious effort will be launched in early 2024.

Shoi is currently leading discussions with School Strike groups about the strategic direction of the network, particularly as we look ahead to the next Federal election and how they would like to be part of these nationally co-ordinated efforts.

They will continue to play an important role in shifting public opinion on climate, inspiring people to act and rebuilding the momentum needed to drive change from powerholders.



The Tipping Point team thanks Ubuntu for their very generous donation that has made this work possible.