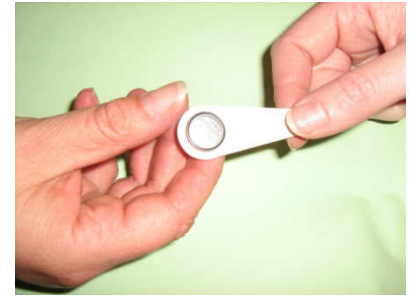


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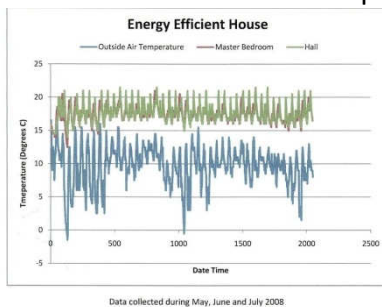
A new approach to energy efficiency



Household energy prices have been and will continue to rise.

Pass the Parcel is a new project to assist residents of the Glenelg and Southern Grampians Shires save money and become more energy efficient. An iButton (a small temperature data logger) will be used as the main part of a parcel of energy efficiency to be passed throughout the community.

The iButton measures temperature in the home and this temperature can be compared to



outside temperature, energy bills and level of comfort.

Participants will then see their own house temperature graph, and be able to make positive changes to their awareness, behaviour and adapt their homes to become more energy efficient and as a result save money.

Participants will be supported to learn more and make change by working with others in the community, attending workshops and receiving information and being linked to local solutions.

November Update:

Five parcels have been hosted by the craft group at Hamilton Neighbourhood House in November beginning the journey around the Hamilton Community. This initial stage of the project has provided a fantastic opportunity to trial the process and gather feedback about parcel contents and opportunities for further development. Thirteen people have so far participated in this trial. A workshop to look at iButton data and strategies to reduce energy costs will be held at the Neighbourhood House on Monday 22 November followed by a focus group with participants which will inform the rest of the project.

The project will be launched in Portland in December through to March 2011.

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