**Climate protest rolls on**

CHARIS CHANG

A GIANT game of snakes and ladders was held outside Bennelong Federal Labor MP Maxine McKew’s office to draw attention to climate change issues.

Ryde Gladesville Climate Change Action Group and the newly formed Epping Beecroft Climate Change Action Group joined 30 other climate groups around Australia to stage a protest outside their Federal MPs’ offices.

The groups drew a snakes and ladders board on the footpath using non-toxic chalk and played the game using large counters to represent Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, Climate Change Minister Penny Wong and Maxine McKew.

“Labor’s response to climate change is just like a game of snakes and ladders,” Ryde Gladesville Climate Change Action Group spokeswoman Jo Spangaro said.

“We have seen small steps forward, like signing Kyoto and a thorough review by Garnaut, but enormous backward steps like the carbon pollution reduction scheme.

“Big polluters like coal and aluminium are set to continue profiting from climate change by receiving billions of dollars in compensation and free permits.”

Ms Spangaro said once the carbon pollution reduction scheme is in place, it will simply make it cheaper for the big polluters in the scheme to increase their pollution.

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University of NSW Climate Change Research Centre senior fellow Dr Ben McNeil was also a guest speaker.

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**Showing the way through good design**

MELISSA DAVEY

HUNTERS Hill Council paid tribute to heritage-friendly designers at the Good Design Awards Ceremony last Wednesday night.

“The awards recognised positive contributions to heritage conservation in the area through building and design.”

Hunters Hill general manager Barry Smith said it was important to ensure new buildings were in keeping with the heritage of the area.

“Hunters Hill is a very important place, and there can be criticism of council and the building owners about the products of their design applications,” he said.

“We thought by showcasing the very best of the work, it gives people who are looking to develop or renovate houses in Hunters Hill some really good examples of how it can be done right.”

Equal winners for the Contribution to the Built Form Award were 8A North Pde and 15 Vernon St, Hunters Hill. The People’s Choice Award for the same category also went to 8A North Pde, Hunters Hill.

“The award for Heritage and Conservation went to 80 Pittwater Rd, Gladesville, and 5 Prince Edward Pde, Hunters Hill.”

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