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PRESS RELEASE

Act local, think global. Fergus Tweedy attends “An Audience with Al Gore”

Northside small business owner Fergus Tweedy was invited by Edwards Solar Hot Water to an audience with Al Gore on Wednesday 19th September. Fergus has been actively involved in getting Northsiders to go green, with his Geebung company Earthsave who supplies solar hot water systems, solar power and other energy efficient products.



As a reward for his contribution, he was the only Queensland distributor flown to Sydney courtesy of the solar hot water manufacturers, given a tour of the manufacturing plant and taken to the very special lunch with the Honourable Al Gore, 45th Vice President of the United States.

Master of Ceremonies Eddie McGuire led proceedings with Al Gore speaking on the future of energy, climate change, thinking green and economic strategy for the 21st century.

Fergus said it was an honour to meet a man who has been dogmatic for decades in pursuing change in environmental consciousness throughout the community and the business world. Although a large part of his message appears alarmist to some, it is based on scientific fact and is intended to spur leaders and governments into action. The over-riding message was one of hope and that it is not too late to act. He cites examples such as the depletion of the ozone and how this was overcome by banning CFCs, and the reduction of the lead levels in the air due to introducing unleaded fuels. Fergus said Al Gore was certainly passionate and eloquent, with a self deprecating sense of humour that kept the audience riveted throughout his talk.

It was an unrepeatable experience for Fergus who was able to learn more about one of the most important issues facing all of us and what we can do to ‘act local and think global’.