

Table of Contents

Acknowledgements.....	3
ABSTRAK.....	4
ABSTRACT.....	5
Table of Contents.....	6
Chapter One: Introduction.....	7
I. Background.....	7
II. Research Questions.....	10
III. Theoretical Framework.....	10
A. Anarchy in Social Movement Theory.....	10
B. “Do-It-Ourselves” (DIO) Politics.....	12
C. The Process of Collective Identity.....	14
D. Mutual Aid as a Concept.....	16
IV. Main Argument.....	17
V. Methodology.....	17
A. Why the South Australian Grassroots Ecosystem (SAGE)?.....	18
B. Why the Regen Places Network (RPN)?.....	19
C. Interview Sample Questions.....	19
VI. Systemisation of Writing.....	20
Chapter Two: Understanding Grassroots Environmental Activism in Australia.....	21
I. Confronting Climate Change in Australia.....	21
A. The Failures of “Formal” Governance.....	21
B. The Australian Greens: Re-Defining Meaningful Participation.....	25
II. An Emerging Grassroots Social Movement.....	28
A. Australian Grassroots Climate Activism.....	28
B. Grassroots Groups and the Greater Climate Landscape.....	31
Chapter Three: Mutual Aid and Grassroots Environmental Activism.....	33
I. Mutual Aid: Roots and Logics.....	33



II. To Reignite a Sleeping Giant: Mutual Aid and Modern Social Movements.....	35
A. Contextualising Mutual Aid in Grassroots Climate Activism.....	35
B. Mutual Aid as Non-Formal Political Participation.....	37
III. Mutual Aid as Collective Identity.....	39
A. Getting Involved; Investing Emotionally.....	39
a. Mutual Aid as Group Strategy.....	43
B. Altering the Landscape.....	45
Chapter Four: Conclusion.....	48
Final Reflections.....	49
Bibliography.....	50
APPENDIX.....	65