

# SHARE News

Spreading the word for a sustainable Hepburn Shire

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## 1. DIARY DATES

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## 2. EVENT DETAILS

### Film night: "In Transition" - Thursday 27th August

"In Transition" is an hour-long documentary about Transition with input from Transition communities around the world. It tells the story of the generation that looked peak oil and climate change square in the face, and responded with creativity, compassion and genius. In the film you will see the stories of communities creating their own currencies, setting up their own pubs, planting trees, growing food. You'll see local authorities getting behind their local Transition initiatives, and get a sense of the scale of this emerging movement. It is a story of hope, and it is a call to action, and we think you will like it very much.

**Where:** Savoia Hotel, Hepburn Springs

**When:** 7:30pm, Thursday 27th August. Dinner available from 6pm, please book through the Savoia on 5348 2314.

**Cost:** Gold coin donation

**Contact:** Su on 5348 3636 or [HRN@internode.on.net](mailto:HRN@internode.on.net).

### Fire Preparation Workshops - Sunday August 30th

This is the first in a series of workshops in Hepburn Springs to be hosted by Hepburn Relocalisation Network. It will include hands on work, instruction and discussion with a demonstration of how to prepare for the imminent bushfire danger period. Practical instructions will include the use of low impact techniques for fuel reduction as alternatives to burning.

**When:** Sunday 30th August 10am to 1pm

**Where:** The Hollow, crown land at the west end of Fifteenth St, Hepburn Springs

### SHARE Open Forum: Every Day Well Being - Thursday 3rd September

Personal wellbeing is an important aspect of sustainability. Jaya Saunders and Laurel Freeland will conduct a practical session on every day well being. Likely activities will be a relaxation session, body drumming or shoulder massage. Since the early 1970s Jaya Saunders has held a strong belief in the value of alternative therapies to effectively educate and facilitate the healing potential of the body, mind and spirit. Her passion for good health and wellbeing has inspired her study and practice of a wide variety of body therapies including cranio-sacral therapy. Jaya will conduct a demonstration of cranio-sacral therapy.

**When:** Thursday 3rd September 7- 8.30pm

**Where:** Daylesford Neighbourhood Centre  
**Cost:** Gold coin donation

### **TED Time - Friday 4th September**

A TED (technology, entertainment, design) talk is shown each month followed by conversation about how the idea may apply locally. "Ideas worth spreading" can be found at [www.ted.com](http://www.ted.com).

**Where:** Upstairs at Breakfast and Beer, Vincent St, Daylesford

**When:** First Friday of the month, 5pm - 7pm

**Contact:** Mary-Faeth Chenery on 5348 1754 or email [communitycafe@vic.chariot.net.au](mailto:communitycafe@vic.chariot.net.au) .

### **Trentham Sustainability Group presents "Tackling the Impossible: 5 Million Victorians Safeguarding Our Environment" - Monday 7th September**

Hear Russell Fisher President of Environment Victoria talk about past, current and future directions for community action on issues such as climate change, healthy rivers, protection of biodiversity and sustainable living. All Welcome.

**When:** Monday 7th September 7.30 pm

**Where:** Trentham Mechanics Institute Hall Supper Room

This event is auspiced by the Trentham Residents and Traders Association, INC

**Further information contact:** Judy Weatherhead 5424-1575 or Glenda Holm 5424-1727

### **Sustainable House Day - Sunday 13th September**

Find out first-hand from people that are using/producing non-renewable energy, reducing waste, saving water and living in harmony with nature. Please let us know if you would like to share your experiences and help inspire others.

**When:** Sunday 13th September

**Details:** [www.sustainablehouseday.com](http://www.sustainablehouseday.com)

**Contact:** [info@hrea.org.au](mailto:info@hrea.org.au) or call Fiona on 5348 4822

### **SHARE Open Forum: The Work that Reconnects, October 1st**

Laurel Freeland will be at Findhorn in Scotland in September doing 'The Work that Reconnects' with Joanna Macy. She will share her learning and take people through an experience of Joanna's work. Eco-philosopher Joanna Macy, Ph.D., is a scholar of Buddhism, general systems theory, and deep ecology. A respected voice in movements for peace, justice, and ecology, she interweaves her scholarship with four decades of activism. She has created a ground-breaking theoretical framework for personal and social change, as well as a powerful workshop methodology for its application. Laurel is studying Social Ecology at UWS and conducts workshop that explores consciousness and the spiritual dimension of sustainability.

**When:** Thursday October 1st 7pm - 8.30pm

**Where:** Daylesford Neighbourhood Centre

**Cost:** Gold coin donation

### **Awakening the Dream Symposium - Saturday 10th October**

**Note new date.** This workshop has been rescheduled so as not to clash with HRN Fire Workshops. We are still excited to be conducting this very enlightening symposium, despite having to reschedule. Sincere apologies to those who booked we do hope you can make it to this one. Still to confirm the venue but the other details are the same except that we are giving our members a 20% discount

The symposium is an inquiry into the perceptions and beliefs, which give rise to the world in which we live. Spend an afternoon in purposeful and intelligent discussion with people from your community. Through a facilitated discussion and DVD presentation we will explore where we are today in relation to our environment, our community and ourselves. You will discover a new perspective through which to relate to the world. **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL** \$25 (Members \$20) to cover costs including delicious locally produced afternoon tea. Contact Laurel on 5348 2236 or [info@hrea.org.au](mailto:info@hrea.org.au) for flyer

**When:** Saturday 10th October 1pm - 6pm

**Where:** Daylesford Town Hall (To be confirmed )

### **Nov 5 No SHARE Open Forum**

There will be no open forum this month due to the planned AGM and a special workshop on Sustainable Building to be scheduled

### **3. LOCAL NEWS**

#### **Mark Diesendorf's and David Holmgren's Words of Wisdom for our Future**

Many thanks to Mark and David that shared their views of the positive things communities can do to help create an ecologically sustainable future. Thank you to everyone that attended and supported the event.

Proceeds from the day were used to buy the two books that were launched, "Climate Action: A campaign manual for greenhouse solutions" by Mark Diesendorf and "Future Scenarios: How communities can adapt to peak oil and climate change" by David Holmgren, for our public libraries. Look out for these and other books that provide information about sustainable communities.

#### **GREEN LOANS: A Commitment to Sustainability**

It was heartening to see a presence from the Daylesford and District Community Bank at the recent launch of Dr Mark Diesendorf and David Holmgren's new books. Bendigo Bank which supports community ownership of banks had also put their money where their mouth is regarding sustainability by providing a range of green loans and services to make it easier to reduce our collective impact on the environment. To find out more see [www.bendigobank.com.au](http://www.bendigobank.com.au) and hit the Generation Green™ tab.

Speaking to Chair of the Community Bank's development Steering Committee she reminded me of the importance of actually getting people to put their pledge intention in writing to confirm their willingness to establish a community owned bank here. The document is not legally binding but it does enable the committee to take the next step by indicating to the bank that we are interested. This is such an important part of becoming a sustainable community, to have the power to ensure our banks are locally owned and don't decide to close their doors on us because they can't squeeze enough money out of a community. A community bank actually contributes to the community. If you would like a pledge form they can be collected from Benjamin Bandicoot, Daylesford Seafood Bar or Jenkin & Thomas in Daylesford, the Newsagency in Trentham and Timberbenders in Creswick, or downloaded on line from [www.ddcb.com.au](http://www.ddcb.com.au). Please contact Laurel Freeland 03 5348 2236 if you would like to know more.

#### **Trentham Farmers Market Launched**

The Trentham Farmers Market was launched in fine style last weekend. Entry donations were provided to the CFA. The Trentham Farmers' Market will be the third Saturday of the month. This provides a fortnightly option with the Daylesford Farmers' Market on the first Saturday of the month.

#### **SHARE Planning Afternoon**

The SHARE Committee will be meeting on Sunday 30 August. One of the areas we will be exploring is how best to engage with SHARE members and provide value to our community. We are interested in your input and suggestions. Please email [info@hrea.org.au](mailto:info@hrea.org.au) or call Fiona on 5348 4822. Thanks.

### **4. NEWS FROM ELSEWHERE**

Want to move around your house to reduce energy bills, but don't know where to start? Perhaps you can't afford to do the green things you'd like to do? If you don't know whether to install that solar hot water service or insulate, draft-stop or put in those solar panels first, consider arranging a FREE, personalised Home Sustainability Assessment (valued at \$250). You will then be eligible to borrow up to \$10,000 interest-free over a period of 4 years to reduce the CO2 footprint (and the energy bills) of your family. This is funded by the Federal Government. Go to: [www.environment.gov.au/greenloans/index.html](http://www.environment.gov.au/greenloans/index.html)  
Or call: 1800 895 076

### **A Climate of Change: Climate Action Group Toolkit Friday 4th September**

**Where:** Trench Room, Ballarat Town Hall, Sturt St Ballarat

**When:** Friday 4th September 10 am to 3 pm

### **Stillness in Action Retreat**

Common Ground, Seymour, Victoria ~ 12 – 18 September 2009

Based on the work of Joanna Macy Stillness in Action develops wisdom, calmness, courage and clarity to sustain a life of freedom and integrity in challenging times. Registrations close Fri 28 Aug.

Call Tathra: 0416 743 605 [tathra@gmail.com](mailto:tathra@gmail.com) [www.stillnessinaction.net](http://www.stillnessinaction.net)

### **"Switch off Hazelwood. Switch off Coal. Switch on Renewables"**

On Sun 13 Sept people from across Vic and Aus will come together for a day of peaceful community mass civil disobedience - we will take direct action for renewable energy. The first in a series of national fun, creative and inspiring community mass civil disobedience actions at one of the main causes of climate change - coal burning power stations. There are many opportunities for people to get involved in making this event happen from joining the creative collective, media team, community outreach group. Info about the event, or how to get involved, [info@switchoffhazelwood.org](mailto:info@switchoffhazelwood.org) or come along to our weekly organising meetings every Thursday, 6pm at the Climate Action Centre.

[www.switchoffhazelwood.org](http://www.switchoffhazelwood.org) [hazelwoodaction@twitter](https://twitter.com/hazelwoodaction)

### **Book Release "Crunch Time": using and abusing Keynes to fight the twin crises of our era by Tony Kevin published 14 September**

The public is hungry for real knowledge of the true dimensions of Australia's climate crisis and what can reasonably be done about it without wrecking our economy; worried that the politicians are not understanding the true urgency of the crisis and thus mishandling it; and confused and worried by the glib lies of the denialists and the continued broad currency their views are getting. There is widespread public questioning of the policy integrity and policy competence of both major parties on the climate change issue.

In America, President Obama has launched a massive series of government reforms and economic interventions, linking them with a serious environmental agenda. His inspired adoption of green Keynesianism stands in sharp contrast to Australia's pursuit of short-term economic fixes, and its continual downplaying of our environmental problems.

Crunch Time offers concretely detailed Keynesian economics-based national policy pathways to the decarbonisation of the Australian economy by 2030.

### **Volunteers wanted to provide feedback on online public transport project**

Julian Laffey is looking for volunteers to check out his online trial of his door-to-door public transport project. He needs volunteers willing to play around with web based software, undertake web usability tests, enter dummy 'requests to travel' and provide questions, comments, bug reports, suggestions, complaints, ideas on strategy, etc. If you're interested, head along to <http://thedadrellaproject.com> and sign up.

### **IDEA NO 20:**

Tend your vegetable garden for a Spring/Summer bounty. Growing food at home is an excellent way to ensure wholesome, yummy food and help our environment. Check out Adam Grubb's blog for amazing stats on how you will be helping the planet at <http://www.eatthesuburbs.org/2007/10/grow-your-own/>. Don't worry if you produce more than you, your family & friends can eat the Harvest SwapMeet will be returning to Daylesford in Spring. If you would prefer someone else grow fab organic food for you, there are many local food boxes available. Contact Su at Hepburn Relocalisation Network at [hrn@internode.on.net](mailto:hrn@internode.on.net) for details. Then there is the local farmers' market to pick up some local fayre and catch up with people.

### **About SHARE News**

When SHARE established the vision of a connected community sharing a sustainable future it identified the following broad strategies to cultivate sustainable community: create a

sustainable organisation, to be the ears and voice of sustainability, connect and catalyse local sustainability initiatives and to build capacity. To this end the committee is conducting a planning meeting at the end of this month to clarify priorities and action plan to achieve them. This will include:

Identifying ways to engage more broadly with community and to cultivate sustainable community and business initiatives;  
Attracting a broader committee representation from across the whole Hepburn Shire  
Building our own capacity - finding ways to be more sustainable ourselves as an organisation, including the possibility of creating a visible physical presence in the region  
Identifying our priority projects and what we offer our members  
Communication, web, financial, membership, marketing strategies, admin resources, support and systems  
Collaborating with business, community organisations and agencies locally, regionally and broader

If there is something you feel passionate about please do talk with to us about it. Or if you have the interest, time and talent to contribute we are seeking a broad range of representation to engage in generating a viable healthy and sustainable community. SHARE News is created by volunteers from Sustainable Hepburn Association to communicate what is happening regarding sustainability and to encourage people to be mindful of our actions at home, work and play.

SHARE News is emailed to more than 500 people each fortnight and placed on noticeboards around Hepburn Shire. Feel free to share with others that may be interested. We need your input. Please email sustainability-focused items ready to be included to [info@hrea.org.au](mailto:info@hrea.org.au) (Please don't send a flier or poster that requires the information to be extracted). Your contributions and feedback are appreciated

Deadline for next SHARE News: Wednesday 2nd September For information about SHARE, visit our web site at [www.hrea.org.au](http://www.hrea.org.au), email us at [info@hrea.org.au](mailto:info@hrea.org.au).