

SHARE News

Spreading the word for a sustainable Hepburn Shire

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1. DIARY DATES

August 9 Climate Action Forum with Dr Mark Diesendorf and David Holmgren

- August 10 Sustainable Schools Meeting
- August 13 HRN Film Night - "Kid's Business"
- August 30 Changing the Dream Symposium

2. EVENT DETAILS

Climate Action Forum and Book Launch - Sunday 9th August

Two leading Australian environmentalists speak about ways forward for a sustainable future. Dr Mark Diesendorf, renewable energy and climate action pioneer launches his new book "Climate Action: A Campaign Manual for Greenhouse Solutions." David Holmgren, co-originator of the Permaculture concept launches a new book and website "Future Scenarios: How Communities Can Adapt to Peak Oil and Climate Change".

The first 30 people will receive a free gift. This is a half day event with local solutions and action show-cased by SHARE, HRN and Hepburn Wind during the Words in Winter celebrations.

Where: Daylesford Inn, 158 Ballan Road

When: Sunday 9th August 2009, 1.30pm to 5pm

Cost: By donation. Proceeds will be used to buy books for the library.

Contact: SHARE at info@hrea.org or call David on 0401 763 553

Sustainable Schools Meeting - Monday 10th August

Teachers, students, parents and volunteers gather to share information and resources to be more sustainable.

Where: Daylesford Dharma School, 11 Perrins St, Daylesford

When: Monday 10th August, 4pm

Contact: Fiona on 5348 4822 or email info@hrea.org.au

Film night: "Kids' Business - there's nothing you can't talk about" - Thursday 13th August

Bernadette Wright encourages kids to talk candidly about their lives. This profoundly moving film intimately observes a class of 12 yr old Central Victorian school kids as they explore the issues of bullying, domestic violence and relationships with their parents. The filmmakers, who are from this area, will be coming along on the night.

Where: Continental House, Hepburn Springs

When: 8pm, Thursday 13th August

Cost: \$5 donation (after optional dinner \$15 at 6:30 - bookings required)

Contact: Su on 5348 3636 or HRN@holmgren.com.au.

Awakening the Dreamer - Changing the Dream Symposium - Saturday 30th August

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 to cover costs including delicious locally produced afternoon tea. Contact Laurel on 5348 2236 or info@hrea.org.au for flyer

When: Saturday 30th August 1pm - 6pm

Venue: Daylesford Senior Citizens Hall

3. LOCAL NEWS

Hepburn Wind's special offer for locals

With over 90% of the funds raised for it's Leonards Hill wind park project, Hepburn Wind is having a special offer for locals before fund raising closes. The minimum investment for locals (including all SHARE members) has been reduced to \$100. Locals are being encouraged to buy shares for all family members. To find out more drop in at the street stall outside Coles or the ANZ bank in Daylesford every Saturday in August from 10am to 1pm, visit the website <http://www.hepburnwind.com.au/> and click on "special local offer", email info@hepburnwind.com.au or phone Jack Gilding on (03) 5348 6760.

Art from Recycled Materials Exhibition - Entries Invited

As part of the Creswick Forestry Fiesta, visit a 3D, 2D indoor and outdoor exhibition of the amazing and creative entries submitted by local artists, students and the community. Their inspiration is recycled materials, junk and salvaged waste, with a touch of found and rescued objects. You will never view your rubbish the same again! Information on recycling, Landcare and the environmental resources available to the community will also be on display. An artwork by Artist, Ian Holton has also been generously donated as a raffle prize. This is a community fund raising event in support of Bald Hills-Creswick Landcare. Gold coin donation accepted.

Locations: Albert Hall Gallery, 107 Albert Street, 10am - 4pm Daily & Persephone's Garden, 53 Albert Street, Creswick. Wed - Mon 10am - 5pm.

Exhibit: Sunday, October 25th to Sunday, November 11th.

Launch: Saturday, October 24th 6pm, Albert Hall Gallery. All are welcome to join us for refreshments and entertainment by Kristen Rule, "The Unconventional Cellist".

Entry forms are available around the region or contact Paula, email: getpaula@iinet.com.au, Phone: (03) 5345 8189, Web: www.creswickforestryfiesta.com

4. NEWS FROM ELSEWHERE

BREAZE Earth Matters Climate Change Forum Saturday 8th August

This forum will provide expert knowledge and information for the Ballarat community to take personal action on dealing with climate change impacts such as changing weather patterns, rising energy and living costs and reduced rainfall.

When: 12.45 - 5.30 Saturday 8th August

Where : Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts

Tickets are essential and can be purchased by calling 5338 0980

Adults \$15 Students and concession \$10

For more details of speakers and program go to : www.breaze.org.au/projects/2009-forum

Television and computers consultation package

At the Environment Protection and Heritage Council (EPHC) meeting on 22 May 2009, Environment Ministers committed to finalising product stewardship arrangements for end-of-life televisions and computers at their next meeting in November 2009. An important step in reaching a decision is undertaking public and stakeholder consultation. The consultation package is now available through the EPHC website:

<http://www.ephc.gov.au/taxonomy/term/51>. The EPHC encourages submissions on the Television and Computer Product Stewardship consultation package. The closing date for submissions is close of business Thursday, 13th August 2009.

Real Food Film Nights with Friends of the Earth

It's time to reconnect with our food and the planet over some hot soup and some wonderful new films on food issues. Discuss the latest updates on new and old food campaigns, plus you'll be given the opportunity to take some action of your own through letter writing, petitions, postcards and maybe a visit to the supermarket or a bit of local digging.

Tuesday 11 August at 6:30pm - 'Homegrown' follows a family who run a small quarter acre organic urban farm where they harvest over 2,700 kilograms of produce. Supporting films: Community Egg Co-op, Mouth Revolution, Community Supported Agriculture, Gardening For The End of the Oil Age

Tuesday 18 August at 6:30pm - 'Think Global Eat Local', a film celebrating & exploring local food systems, using 15 years of footage over 15 countries. Supporting films: An Evening With Vandana Shiva, Food Sovereignty & Food Security, La Via Campesina, Global Food Crisis, Food Justice, The Trade Dictator

Venue: Friends of the Earth, 312 Smith Street, Collingwood

Cost: entry by donation. Fresh organic hot veggie soup, bread & popcorn by donation.

Seating is limited. please RSVP realfood@melbourne.foe.org.au More

The Big Melt - Climate Justice Tour 10 to 18th August

Find out about climate change in the 'roof of the world' and what it means for Australia and Asia. Hear Pemba Dorje Sherpa, holder of the world record for the fastest climb of Mount Everest, talk about his experience of global warming in the Himalayas. He is joined by environmental lawyer and activist Prakash Sharma, Pro Public Nepal. Global warming is already having a big impact on Mount Everest and the Himalayas. Glaciers are melting creating floods and danger for the local people. But the big melt also means a big dry as these 'water towers' of Asia lose their capacity to provide water to the giant rivers in the summer months. Eventually rivers like the Ganges in India and the Yellow River in China will lose their dry season flow and the billion people in these river basins will lose their water security. In the lead up to Copenhagen, the tour will also examine how a global climate action can be developed that will prevent the big melt in the Himalayas and halt global warming. The tour will coincide with the release of a new Friends of the Earth report: High Stakes - Climate change, the Himalayas, Asia and Australia.

When: Monday 17th August

Time: 6:30 to 8.00pm

Venue: State Library of Victoria - Village Roadshow Theatrette, 328 Swanston St (Use Entry 3, La Trobe St.)

Contact: Damien Lawson 03 9419 8700 or www.thebigmelt.org Also:

RSVP: (not essential but it helps us know who is coming): info@thebigmelt.org

IDEA NO 20:

Take advantage of the recently announced [Homeowner Insulation Program](#) which provides **assistance of up to \$1,600** to install ceiling insulation in the homes of eligible owner-occupiers. For details go to

<http://www.environment.gov.au/energyefficiency/insulation/index.html>

About SHARE News

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 (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 19th August.**

For information about SHARE, visit our web site at www.hrea.org.au, email us at info@hrea.org.au or call 5476 4495.