

SHARE News

Spreading the word for a sustainable Hepburn Shire

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1. DIARY DATES

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2. EVENT DETAILS

"Sustainability, Leadership and Change" Workshop with Dr Stuart Hill - Sunday 26th July

Join Professor Stuart B. Hill for a day Social Ecology Workshop in Daylesford. Short focused presentations will be followed by experiential learning designed to enable you to focus on YOUR specific situations, hoped for outcomes and the means for achieving them.

Where: Daylesford Town Hall

When: Sunday 26th July 2009, 9.30am to 5.30pm

Cost: \$40 (includes lunch)

Bookings or for more information: Call Su on 5348 3636 or hrn@holmgren.com.au
HEPBURN RELOCALISATION NETWORK, with the assistance of the Hepburn Shire Council and HDS

SHARE Forum Waste Water Treatment - Thursday 6th August

Find out how you can use natural systems to treat your household waste water. Biolytics decomposes waste by using a complex range of living organisms and natural biological processes.

Where: Daylesford Neighbourhood Centre

When: Thursday 6th August 7pm (open committee meeting at 6pm)

Cost: Gold coin donation

RSVP: info@hrea.org.au or call Koos on 5348 6749

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-ordinator 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 Festival.

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.

Bookings or for more information: email 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, Perrins St, Daylesford

When: Monday 10th August, 4.15pm
Contact: Fiona on 5348 4822 or email info@hrea.org.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: To be confirmed

3. LOCAL NEWS

Are you local? Do you want to create lots of renewable energy?

SHARE's first major project, Hepburn Wind, has secured over \$10m of the funds to required to build Australia's first community owned wind farm, right here in Hepburn Shire. With over 90% of funds raised, construction is expected to start later this year.

In keeping with Hepburn Wind's commitment to the community, we are running a campaign in August aimed at making investment in the project even more accessible for locals. Watch out for our announcement in next week's Advocate or visit our website www.hepburnwind.com.au next Wednesday 28 July.

4. NEWS FROM ELSEWHERE

Future Scenarios book launch at CERES Saturday 1st August

First a website, now a book by David Holmgren, Future Scenarios: How Communities Can Adapt to Peak Oil and Climate Change will be launched by Adam Grubb, founding editor of Energy Bulletin, an online news list on Peak Oil and Energy related issues, and Permaculture pioneer.

In Future Scenarios, co-originator of the Permaculture concept and leading sustainability innovator David Holmgren shows us what the future might look like in the generations-long era of energy descent that faces us - and also tells us how to adapt to the cultural, political, agricultural, and economic implications of two forces that will shape that future: peak oil and climate change.

Where: CERES Environmental Park, Lee St, Brunswick in the Multicultural Classroom

When: Saturday 1st August 2009, 11.30am

For more information: Contact info@holmgren.com.au

National Tree Day Community Planting Sunday 2nd August

Newstead Uniting Church is hosting an event for tree day at 2pm on Sunday August 2nd.

For all the details on the day go to:

<http://treeday.planetark.org/site/43766>.

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

Court Ruling Spells End to Water Fluoridation

Thanks to our friends at Gene Ethics for letting us know about this. 'Fluoridated water must be treated as a medicine, and cannot be used to prepare foods. That is the decision of the European Court of Justice, in a landmark case dealing with the classification and regulation of 'functional drinks' in member states of the European Community. (HLH Warenvertriebs and Orthica (Joined Cases C-211/03, C-299/03, C-316/03 and C-318/03) 9 June 2005) Functional drinks are those products that have two different purposes - for example, nutrition and exerting a positive effect on some medical condition. They include 'near-water drinks with added minerals' and, in view of the properties claimed for fluoridated water by fluoride advocates, it must be classified as a 'functional food', and therefore falls within the scope of the relevant legislation.' To read more go to www.gaiavic.org.au

Warning on honey bee decline

<http://www.independent.co.uk/environment/nature/warning-over-honeybee-decline-1744962.html>

The rise and rise of the vegetarian

<http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/food-and-drink/news/the-rise-and-rise-of-the-vegetarian-1742752.html>

IDEA NO 19:

Share your experience and ideas about being sustainable by opening your house on Sustainable House Day, Sunday 13th September.
Find out more at www.sustainablehouseday.com

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 5th 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.