

SHARE News

Spreading the word for a sustainable Hepburn Shire

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1. DIARY DATES

November 15	Moorafest Sustainable Living Festival
November 21	Glenlyon Village Market
November 21	Trentham Farmers Market
November 22	HRN Edible Weeds Workshop
November 21	Bendigo Solar Park Open Day
November 27	SHARE CELEBRATION, DANCE, DINNER, AGM
November 28	Ballarat Solar Park Open Day
November 30	SHARE/BREAZE Solar Photovoltaic and Solar Hot Water Info Night

2. EVENT DETAILS

Moorafest Sustainable Living Festival Sunday - November 15th

Workshops, information sessions, demonstrations, stalls and activities – backyard chooks, sustainable suburbs, composting, electric bikes, government rebates, ecolinc building tours, electric cars, solar energy, the Big Aussie Swap Party, kids education and entertainment and lots more. Promises to be an inspiring day.

When: 10 am to 3 pm

Where: Ecolinc Environmental Education Centre, next to Bacchus Marsh College, 17 – 23 Labilliere St. Bacchus Marsh

Details: visit www.moorafest.com

Glenlyon Village Market - Saturday 21st November

When: 9am to 1pm

Where: Glenlyon Hall

Inquiries: Dan 5348766

Trentham Farmers Market - Saturday 21st November

When: 9am to 3pm

Where: Trentham Town Square

Inquiries: Elizabeth 5424 1254

Hepburn Relocalisation Network Edible Weeds Workshop - Sunday 22nd November

Alexis Pitsopoulos will be running a workshop on edible weeds, involving an identification walk and discussion of nutritional and medicinal properties of weeds and wild plants growing around our local community.

Where: Meet at Melliadora, 16 Fourteenth Street, Hepburn

When: Sunday 22 November, 10am - 12:30pm

Cost: \$15

Contact: Su on 5348 3636 or HRN@internode.on.net (bookings please)

SHARE AGM and Community Celebration - Friday 27th November

Come and join the celebrations!!!

The AGM will be followed by a delicious local organic meal by Gary Thomas (Spade to Blade), music by local bluegrass band, Family Farm, as well as dancing, good company and fun. All welcome.

Where: Senior Citizens' Room, behind Daylesford Town Hall

When: 6pm registration, 6.30 AGM, 7.30 dinner, Friday 27th November

Contact: Book for dinner before 19th November by calling Liz on 0402 553 181 or email info@share.asn.au.

Solar Photovoltaic and Solar Hot Water Information evening - Monday 30th November

Want to find out about getting a great deal on solar hot water (SHW) or solar electricity? SHARE is partnering with the Ballarat Renewable Energy and Zero Emissions group (BREAZE) to increase our buying power to offer our members AAE evacuated tube SHW and a Conergy/Fronius/Sunnyboy solar electricity systems. Come along and find out about how to be part of these

discounted purchasing arrangements. Learn about what Renewable Energy Certificates (RECS) are and the pros and cons of selling them to reduce what you pay for your solar systems.

Where: Senior Citizens Room at rear of Daylesford Town Hall (venue to be confirmed in next newsletter)

When: 7pm Monday 30th November

3. LOCAL NEWS

FREE home sustainability assessments and interest free green loans

The federal government's Green Loans scheme is now available, www.environment.gov.au/greenloans. There are at least two residents of Hepburn Shire accredited to perform an assessment for you. They are :-

Tanya Black: 5348 7823.

Sally van Rooden: 5348 7983 (NB: Sally is a committee member of SHARE)

Tanya and Sally are both offering \$15 to the school or community group of your choice when you have your home sustainability assessment done with them (SHARE is very happy to be the community group of your choice)

SHARE Membership Renewals due

SHARE is a not-for profit community organisation that depend on membership fees, donations and grants for funding. To assist the many exciting project ideas, SHARE is encouraging people to become financial members. Membership fees are \$15 for an individual, \$25 for a household and \$50 for a business. Please visit our new website at www.share.asn.au, update your details and pay by EFT (electronic funds transfer.)

Benefits of being a financial member of SHARE include

- * save up to \$600 on an evacuated solar hot water service
- * discounted photovoltaic solar arrays
- * free advice on how to reduce your energy and water bills
- * discounts to events and workshops
- * access to borrow SHARE equipment
- * ability to include information in SHARE newsletters and website / blog
- * be part of promoting a sustainable shire and planet
- * connect with others and have FUN

Contribute time, skills and enthusiasm with SHARE

SHARE would love to hear from people interested in being actively involved with promoting sustainability and community. We aim for a broad representation from across the whole Shire as well as a cross section of interest in sustainability matters – environmental, economic, social and personal. Currently SHARE is seeking the services of a pro-bono accountant and lawyer to assist us in the growth of the organisation.

For information or nomination form please contact info@share.asn.au or call 5348 2236 or 5476 4495

4. SWAP, SELL, SERVICES REQUIRED

For Sale

500W Wind Generator For Sale \$900 (new).

For further details contact Ian Esmore at daylesforddesign@bigpond.com or call 5348 1077

Casual Employment Opportunity

Ballarat Renewable Energy And Zero Emissions group (BREAZE) in conjunction with SHARE are looking for strong, brawny people to load, deliver and un-load solar panels for the next photo voltaic (PV) bulk-buying offer. This will initially be one day's work for two people paid at \$30 per hour each. We hope to arrange further bulk-buying offers in the future. Current driver's licence essential. Preference will be given to financial members of SHARE. For further information or to express your interest, please email Anneke at solar@share.asn.au or ring 0427 482 976

5. NEWS FROM ELSEWHERE

Solar Park Open Days 21st and 28th November

Free Solar Park Tours, energy saving tips and tricks, information on choosing solar hot water systems, installing solar panels, auditing or retrofitting your home and free giveaways

Bendigo Solar Park Open Day Saturday 21st November

When: 12.30 – 3 Saturday 21st November

Where: Corner Wallington Rd and Adelaide Hills Raf Huntly, Bendigo (VicRoads Map 600B10)

Ballarat Solar Park Open Day Saturday 28th November

When: 12.30 – 3 Saturday 28th November

Where: Off Airport Road Ballarat Airport (VicRoads Map 561M9)

For more information visit www.centralvictoriasolarcity.com.au

NOTE: If there is enough interest we will book a bus, please call 5348 2236

6.SHARE IDEAS:

Emergency Evacuation Buddies

There are many people in our community who don't have a car, are frail, aged or who have a disability that may hamper them from evacuating quickly in an emergency. Some of these people may be in your street. We would like to invite people already have an emergency buddy plan, or who would be willing to be involved to contact us. This is Community Health and Emergency Services issue that we encourage people to support. Please call 5348 2236.

7. LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Hmmm...I read this newsletter and discussed it with our Polly [the dog]. She asked me to pass on that while she tries to be as green as possible [particularly when she rolls in freshly cut grass], this book you are publicizing 'Time to Eat the Dog', is just going too far. Cease and desist or else you may find a bone crashing through the window at 3.00 o'clock in the morning and that will represent the second warning! Polly is a border collie and very smart, the only reason she isn't sending this is because she doesn't have any thumbs, and the two legged dogs don't make key boards for dogs with no thumbs. [I had to tone down this message by the way]..very angry
...grrrrr.

All the best

Polly the dog [and David].

OUR RESPONSE

Oooow, dearest pooch no personal offence was intended by including the article in the newsletter. In fact that was the point, to make people realise how shocking this state of affairs is in our current time. We have all been taking our 'right' to continue to indiscriminate use of resources for granted for far too long. Frankly I would vote for *our best friends* above any manufactured resource you would care to mention. Please accept our heartfelt apologies to you and your kind, and thank you for your 'green' efforts.

About SHARE

SHARE is a not-for-profit, non-political community organisation that is run by volunteers.

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. 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 viable healthy and sustainable community.

SHARE News is created by volunteers from Sustainable Hepburn Association (SHARE) 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@share.asn.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 25th November**