

SHARE News

Spreading the word for a sustainable Hepburn Shire

Contents:

1. Diary Dates
2. Event Details
3. Local News
4. News from Elsewhere
5. Sustainable Ideas

1. DIARY DATES

October 17/18	Bushfire Preparation Workshops
October 22	HRN film Night
October 24	International Day of Climate Action local event
October 24	Glenlyon Make it, Bake it, Grow it Market
Oct 25th – Nov 1st	Art from Recycled Materials Exhibition
November 27	SHARE AGM and Community Celebration

2. EVENT DETAILS

Bushfire Preparation Workshops - Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th October

Lakeside Drive, Doctor's Gully, Hepburn Springs - 17th October

Fryers Forest, Fryerstown - 18th October

10am - 1pm (then lunch and discussion - bring a contribution to share)

Contact: Su on 5348 3636 or HRN@internode.on.net.

Film Night - 'In Transition,' and 'Sustainable Eating Out' dinner - Thursday 22nd October

Where: Conti House (Hepburn Retreat Centre), Hepburn Springs

When: dinner 6pm, bookings essential. 8pm film

Cost: \$15 for dinner, gold coin donation for film

Contact: Su on 5348 3636 or HRN@internode.on.net.

International Day of Climate Action in Hepburn Shire - Saturday 24th October

Hepburn Wind and SHARE will screen the recent film "The Age of Stupid", with a twist - the evening will be pedal-powered.

Event Details: Street stalls and pedalling: 10am-4pm Burke Square, Daylesford (diagonally opposite IGA supermarket) Saturday, 24 October. Human sign at 11.30am. All welcome.

The Age of Stupid screens at 7pm, Daylesford Town Hall

Adults \$5, Families \$10. (rated M) Tickets at the door.

Enquiries: 5348 6760 jack.gilding@hepburnwind.com.au

Website: <http://www.hepburnwind.com.au/news/ageofstupid.htm>

The Age of Stupid is a remarkably insightful film on climate change. The film is a drama-documentary looking back from a devastated world of 2055, showing archival footage from 2008 and asking "Why didn't we stop climate change when we had the chance?" The event will be powered by renewable energy. Through the day, volunteers on bikes and a few solar panels will generate enough energy to screen the film that evening. The bike trailer has two sets of 6 bikes, each with individual and combined monitoring of power output. So we encourage you to put

together teams and see how much electricity you can generate to assist us to view this important film.

Please contact us if you would like to organise other activities in Burke Square as part of this International Day of Climate Action. There will be information about SHARE's solar bulk-buy offers and the government's interest-free green loans. We are one of 2,252 actions in 152 countries.

Glenlyon monthly market starts again - Saturday 24th October

A make it, bake it, grow it market is being held as a monthly market at the Glenlyon Hall starting at 9 am on Saturday 24th October. Enquiries contact Dan 53487662

Attention Artists - Entries Invited - Reserve Gallery Space Now Art from Recycled Materials Exhibition. THINK IT - FIND IT - CREATE IT - Opens 25th October

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. This is a community fund-raising event in support of Bald Hills-Creswick Landcare. Entries close October 16th. Entry forms and information available around the region or at:

e: getpaula@iinet.com.au

w: www.creswickforestryfiesta.com

p: 5345 8189

When: October 25th to November 1st

Where: Albert Hall Gallery & Persephone's Garden, Creswick

SHARE Annual General Meeting and Community Celebration - Friday 27th November

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 – financial members get to vote.

Where: Senior Citizens' Room, behind Daylesford Town Hall

When: begins 6pm

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

3. LOCAL NEWS

More SOLAR offers

SHARE has partnered with BREAZE to offer discounted solar hot water systems that are well suited to our climate – save about \$600. Following the success of the last PV bulk-buy, SHARE is also asking for expressions of interest for another. For details call Anneke on 5348 2976 or email info@share.asn.au.

New SHARE web site

SHARE has a new online home, www.share.asn.au. There is information about SHARE, various projects, useful links and space for community groups to share information. Please check it out and leave your comments and suggestions. Let us know if your community group would like to be included in this free service.

Dharma School seeks local support

Wanted for the Term 4 Environmental Balance Curriculum at the Daylesford Dharma School:

- * Old Binoculars (in good condition)
- * A Barometer and Temperature Thermometer
- * Rain Gauges
- * A Water Filter unit

All for a good cause: the Dharma School are test running the Living in the Landscape Curriculum

that will be shared with all the local primary schools in our region

Contact: Andrea Furness E: info@dharmaschool.com.au M: 0425 730 794W:
www.dharmaschool.com.au

Bushfire Resilient Communities and Landscapes: a discussion paper for Daylesford and Hepburn townships

David Holmgren has written a discussion paper intended to stimulate discussion toward a whole of community approach to making our communities bushfire resilient both in physical sense and psycho-socially. It focuses on how private preparedness and community organization can be accelerated to complement the professional and volunteer fire services in making our community more resilient in the face of bushfire threat both in the coming season and the longer term. This document is also intended to stimulate similar processes in other towns and settlements in and beyond Hepburn Shire and may be useful in informing planning in areas severely affected by recent fires. Given that many issues of management of public land in and around town are often controversial and that I have considerable knowledge (and passion) about this subject, much of this discussion paper focuses on public land management in and around our community. Industrialised societies have used fossil-fuelled technology to build resistance (rather than resilience) to stresses from both natural and man-made disasters. Awareness of the likely impacts of Climate Change and Peak Oil have highlighted the strong, but brittle nature of industrial societies and the need to develop more flexibility and resilience in our economies, communities and nations.

The document is available for download from www.holmgren.com.au, or hard copies are available for a donation (printing of the document cost \$4 per copy) from the Hepburn Shire Council offices or at HRN events such as film nights or bushfire preparation workshops.

Seeking Passionate and Committed People to nominate for SHARE Committee

If you are passionate about sustainability and you have some time and talent we would like to speak with you about nominating for a position on the SHARE committee or one of its subgroups. 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.

Some of the attributes we are looking for are

- * Ability to represent Creswick, Clunes or Trentham
- * Marketing and publicity skills
- * Accounting skills
- * Web expertise

If you are interested and would like more information please contact info@share.asn.au or call 5476 4495

4. NEWS FROM ELSEWHERE

The Big Picture Saturday October 24th

Human sign, music, performance and fun!

Spectacular human sign showing our support for action on climate change.

A festival atmosphere of music, performance & fun will kick off with the formation of our human sign & will continue throughout the afternoon.

Get involved: provide music and entertainment, bring a picnic lunch and meet more great Ballarat folk. Wear something blue!

When: 11 am to 2 pm Saturday October 24th

Where: Wendouree Parade North Gardens - Lake Wendouree Ballarat,

Event website: <http://www.350.org/ballarat>

SHARE IDEAS:

Bendigo Bank's Generation Green Ban the Bulb campaign are offering Creswick residents the opportunity to switch to energy efficient light bulbs for free. The project is being implemented by the Creswick Lions Club. For more details go to www.bendigobank.com.au/generationgreen or call Louise Jennings on 5345 1233.

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 28 October**