

SHARE News

Spreading the word for a sustainable Hepburn Shire

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1. DIARY DATES

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2. EVENT DETAILS

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. *Note that the structure of Sustainable House Day changed this year. Contact us if you would like to be involved in 2010.*

When: Sunday 13th September

Details: www.sustainablehouseday.com

Contact: 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

Daylesford Harvest Swapmeet - Saturday 10th October

Spring has sprung and it is time to give those veggie gardens a little TLC. Come to Daylesford's Harvest Swapmeet, held on the long tables out the front of Perfect Drop and bring along your favourite seeds, seedlings or just ideas to swap. Oh and if anyone actually has an excess of veggies to swap these will be greeted with much enthusiasm too!

When: 10.00am till noon on the second Saturday of the month

Where: The Perfect Drop, Howe Street, Daylesford

Awakening the Dream Symposium - Saturday 10th October

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 for flyer

When: Saturday 10th October 1pm - 6pm

Venue: 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 Workshop to be scheduled.

SHARE Annual General Meeting - Friday 27th November

This will be a fun evening at Daylesford Town Hall. Please put this date in your diaries. We look forward to seeing you there.

3. LOCAL NEWS

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.

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

Hepburn Wind special offer to SHARE members

As most SHARE members will be aware, Hepburn Wind have dropped the minimum investment for locals to \$100. In addition they are now offering a special deal to SHARE members. For each new SHARE member who joins Hepburn Wind in September, Hepburn Wind will donate \$25 to SHARE. If you have been planning to buy Hepburn Wind shares for yourself, your partner, children or grandchildren, now is the time to act.

To qualify for this offer, download the application form from <http://www.hepburnwind.com.au> by either going to the members page or filling out the "register your interest" form. You can invest any amount from \$100 upwards. Make sure you tick the box "A member of HREA/SHARE".

For further information ring Jack Gilding on (03)5348 6760 or email info@hepburnwind.com.au

Hepburn Shire Sustainability Grants close 18th September

Grants of up to \$4,000 are available for sustainability projects. SHARE is keen to support community projects that contribute to sustainable community. If you would like support for your idea or help with a grant application contact us at info@hrea.org.au.

4. NEWS FROM ELSEWHERE

The Future is Relocalisation - Communities in Transition Conference 8th and 9th September

A discussion about 'why' the future will be local as well as 'how' do we transition to that future. The Transition Towns model will be utilised in a variety of workshops to underpin the journey to a more sustainable future. Hosted by the Municipal Association of Victoria with support from the Bank of I.D.E.A.S. and Village Well.

When: Tuesday 8 & Wednesday 9 September 2009

Time: Conference 8:00am 4:45pm. Dinner: 7:00pm

Venue: Rydges on Bell, 205 Bell St, Preston

Contact: John Hennessy: 9667 5525, jhennessy@mav.asn.au <http://www.mav.asn.au>

Nominations sought for Landcare Awards

People are urged to nominate volunteers for the Victorian Landcare's new People's Choice Award. To vote go to www.dse.vic.gov.au/landcareawards. The Victorian Landcare Awards will be held at Government House on Tuesday September 8th

Want to more 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
Or call: 1800 895 076

CHANGE FOR THE CLIMATE - Get Educated, Get Active - Copenhagen and Beyond 12th September

Hosts: Roots Maneuvers, ESP and La Trobe University. Speakers include- David Spratt – a climate-policy analyst and co-author of Climate Code Red, David Cameron – Department of Sustainability Senior Botanist and Flora Information System Curator & Threatened Species Officer, Sen. Christine Milne – the Greens Senator for Tasmania and Deputy Greens leader, Amelia Young – forest campaigner who now works with the Wilderness Society, Professor Alberto Gomes – anthropologist and lecturer at La Trobe University who has worked with many local groups in Malaysia on the preservation of their environment.

When: Saturday 12th September 2009, from 10:30am to 6:00pm

Where: Agora Cinema, La Trobe University (Bundoora campus)-we encourage people to take public transport to this event.

Cost: By donation

Registration: Please register by emailing CHANGEFORTHECLIMATE@ROOTSMANEUVERS.ORG

Contact: Melanie Sharp 0412 792 408 or melanie@rootsmaneuvers.org

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 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 or come along to our weekly organising meetings every Thursday, 6pm at the Climate Action Centre.

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

IDEA NO 20:

Travel together: Yes, we do have public transport. Let's use it. Council have collated information about public transport in the shire. Check out the website at www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/Page/page.asp?Page_Id=735&h=0 that includes public transport options between Daylesford and Melbourne. Remember that there is a bus service between Daylesford and Hepburn Springs.

Leaving Daylesford at 8.30am, 11am, 2pm, 4pm and

leaving Hepburn Springs at 8.45am, 11.15am, 2.15pm and 4.15pm.

Check the timetables at the bus stops for details and updates.

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@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 16th September For information about SHARE, visit our web site at www.hrea.org.au, email us at info@hrea.org.au