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The Jewish Ecological Coalition

JECO eNews for March 2015

Brett Hedger, the guest speaker at the JECO annual general meeting, got me thinking about "one thing" I could do to live more sustainably. I mentioned how I hate throwing away plastic dish detergent bottles. Brett goes to a shop in Fitzroy that sells bulk cleaning products and refills bottles, but I didn't want to add another "shopping destination" to my list especially one on the other side of the river! Eventually I found a stall at the South Melbourne Market that sells bulk cleaning products. I am now **not** throwing away dish detergent bottles, surface spray bottles and liquid hand soap bottles. It's become almost an obsession to see what I can buy in bulk.

JECO will have a stall at the In One Voice event on Sunday and Brett will be there from noon to 1:00. Come and have a chat with him.

You can now make an online tax deductible donation to JECO at

<http://www.givenow.com.au/jeco>.

JECO is on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/JECO.AUS>.

Calendar

Thursday, 12 March, 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm, Lecture: The Complex Ecological Role of Australia's Predators, The Royal Society of Victoria, 8 Latrobe St, City

Read more at <http://www.royalsocietyvictoria.org.au/events/urban-predators-and-biodiversity/>.

Sunday, 15 March, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, In One Voice Jewish Festival, Sinclair and Selwyn Streets, Elsternwick, Visit the JECO stall. Read more at

<http://www.inonevoice.org.au/>.

Tuesday, 17 March - Thursday, 19 March, Green Cities 2015 Conference

Hear world leading authorities on how to build, shape and create sustainable

cities. Read more at <http://www.greencities.org.au/>

Saturday, 28 March, 8:30 pm - 9:30 pm, Earth Hour, TURN OFF YOUR LIGHTS

Read more at <https://earthhour.org.au/home/>.

News

Communities Taking the Lead on Renewable Energy Projects

Large scale renewable energy projects in Australia appear to be stalled, but community led projects are happening. Read more at <http://reneweconomy.com.au/2015/communities-take-lead-on-renewable-energy-as-big-projects-stall-81109>.

The Sustainability Performance of Australia's Major Cities

Find out how Melbourne and Sydney compare to other cities. Read more at <http://sourceable.net/sustainability-performance-australias-major-cities/#>.

Israel's Largest Landfill Site Turned Into Israel's Largest Eco-Park

It's three times the size of New York's Central Park and was once the ugliest site in Israel. Have a look at it now at <http://nocamels.com/2015/02/landfill-site-hiriya-ariel-sharon-park-recycling/>.

What's happening in your shtetl

Glen Eira

Raising chooks in a small backyard.

Wednesday, 18 March, 7:00 pm, Valkstone Primary School.

More info at http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/Community/Environment_Sustainability/Sustainability_community_presentations/Raising_chooks_in_a_small_backyard.

Port Phillip

Bush Tucker & Multicultural Gardens Workshop

Tuesday, 24 March, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Port Phillip EcoCentre, St Kilda Botanical Gardens. More info at <http://enviroehub.com.au/articles/bush-tucker-multicultural-gardens-workshop>.

Stonnington

Composting and Worm Farming

Wednesday, 25 March, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, TH King Pavilion and Stonnington Environmental Education and Design (SEED) Centre, 1650 High Street, Glen Iris
Book at <http://www.stonningtonbookingform.com.au/>.

Bayside

Draft Walking Strategy

Have your say on a strategy plan to get more people to walk more often for

shorter local trips. Read more at http://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/caring_for_bayside/Draft_Walking_Strategy.htm.

Boroondara

Winter Vegetable Gardening Workshop

Thursday, 19 March, Noon- 1:30 pm

More info at <http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/our-city/environmental-sustainability/sustainable-living/upcoming-workshops>

Frankston

Baykeepers Film Screening

Tuesday, 17 March 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Frankston High School Hall

More info at http://www.frankston.vic.gov.au/Things_To_Do/Events/Whats_On/Baykeepers_Film_Screening

Green Tip

Do you have external hot water pipes from your hot water tank to the taps? You can reduce the energy needed to heat the water by wrapping the hot water pipes with insulating tape from your local hardware shop.

You should do your own appraisal of products and services reported. JECO cannot take any responsibility for the accuracy of the information provided.

The JECO Committee welcomes input to and comments about JECO eNews.

JECO works to deepen the Jewish community's commitment to caring for the earth. We believe there is a religious as well as a moral obligation to protect the environment. To this end we work with Jewish, secular and multi-faith groups in supporting activities that promote sustainability.

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