



## JECO eNews for August/September 2013

The month of Elul, which began at sunset on August 6th, is traditionally a time to review the past year in preparation for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. It's a good time to do a personal sustainability audit. Are there some changes you can make to live more sustainably in the coming year? Small changes can make a big difference. This clip shows that recycling rubbish can change lives. Watch <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mq0D5kq9ePE>.

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### Calendar

#### **Sunday, 18 August, 8:00 pm, JECO/Moishe House Film Night and Discussion**

Protecting our Planet. Can I make a difference? See two short films and have a discussion. Moishe House is an initiative run by four young housemates who host a range of community events. Find Melbourne Moishe House on facebook for more info. Ring Brett Nathan on 0411 292 613 or email [moishehousemelbourne@gmail.com](mailto:moishehousemelbourne@gmail.com) for the address.

#### **Tuesday, 20 August, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Free Public Lecture "Natures and Cosmologies of Industrial Agriculture in West Kalimantan"**

Find out how the introduction of new crops has been a major factor behind population movements, state formation, and the perception of the environment in Borneo. Free public lecture at The University of Melbourne. See <http://events.unimelb.edu.au/events/3242-natures-and-cosmologies-of-industrial-agriculture-in-west-kalimantan>.

#### **September 5 - 13, Environmental Film Festival Melbourne**

At the Kino Cinemas, 45 Collins Street. Check out the program at <http://effm.org.au/program>.

#### **For your diary: Sunday, October 6, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Free Basic Bike Riding Skills Course**

Run by the City of Port Phillip and facilitated by JECO. For ages 12+. Places are limited. To register email [info@jeco.org.au](mailto:info@jeco.org.au).

### News

### **Victoria's faunal emblem, the Leadbeater's possum, faces certain extinction**

The leading expert on the Leadbeater's possum, Professor David Lindenmayer of ANU, says that the possum faces certain extinction unless a new national park is created to protect it from logging. Read more at <http://www.abc.net.au/pm/content/2013/s3824786.htm>.

### **What does a free range egg really mean?**

Recently the Queensland government changed the legislated definition of the number of free range egg producing hens allowed per hectare from 1,500 to 10,000. It seems that no other states have a legislated definition for free range or minimum stocking density. Read more at <http://theconversation.com/the-truth-about-free-range-eggs-is-tough-to-crack-16661>.

### **Woosh saves water and reduces plastic bottles**

A new Israeli start-up is bringing chilled filtered water to the people of Tel Aviv. The Woosh machine cleans, rinses and fills your water bottle with chilled and filtered water. At the moment while the machines are being tested the water is free. Read more at <http://nocamels.com/2013/08/water-venture-offers-free-clean-and-cold-water-to-tel-aviv-residents/>.

## **What's happening in your shtetl**

### **Glen Eira**

Solar Power - Questions to Ask, Get advice before you buy  
Monday, 16 September, 7:00 pm, Glen Eira Town Hall  
Phone: 9524 3333 Email: [mail@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@gleneira.vic.gov.au)

### **Port Phillip**

Recycled Art Collage Workshop - Ideal for families  
Sunday, 18 August, Drop in between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm, Port Phillip EcoCentre  
See <http://www.enviroehub.com.au/whats-happening-in-your-hood/events-calendar/event-item?eventId=680>

### **Stonnington**

Organic Soil Management - simple tips for healthy soil  
Wednesday, 28 August, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Toorak/South Yarra Library  
To register <http://www.eventbrite.com.au/event/6455333075>

### **Bayside**

Kitchen Garden Design Workshop - create a modern food garden using sustainable garden design principles  
Thursday, 12 September, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Council offices  
Register at <http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=56870>

### **Boroondara**

Native bees talk - role of bees in maintaining local biodiversity  
Thursday, 19 September, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, Maranoa Gardens  
Book at <http://www.eventbrite.com.au/event/7374434131/eorg>

### **Frankston**

Recycle your unwanted clothing, furniture and home-wares to local charity organisations.  
Ongoing  
See [http://www.frankston.vic.gov.au/Rubbish\\_and\\_Recycling/Hard\\_Waste/Charity\\_Donations/index.aspx](http://www.frankston.vic.gov.au/Rubbish_and_Recycling/Hard_Waste/Charity_Donations/index.aspx)

**Green Tip**

Plan your festive meals carefully to reduce food waste. Try using the serving size calculator at

<http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.nsw.gov.au/cook-it/serving-size-calculator.aspx>.

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