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The Jewish Ecological Coalition

JECO eNews for May 2014

Pesach may be over, but we still have four important questions to answer:

1. How do we keep JECO going in a meaningful way?
2. Does JECO help get the environmental message to the Jewish community?
3. Is it important to show the wider community that Jews are committed to protecting the earth?
4. How do we get the broader Jewish community "on-board" with environmental concerns and action?

Our committee is holding **an open forum for public discussion on JECO's future at 8 pm Thursday 15th May**. If you are able to attend please email info@jeco.org.au for further details.

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

May 5 - 11, International Composting Awareness Week

Learn about composting and help reduce carbon pollution. Join an event in your area. Enter a competition to win a prize. Read more at <http://www.compostweek.com.au/core/>.

Tuesday, 20 May, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Free Public Lecture, Ross Garnaut: "Resolving Energy Policy Dilemmas in An Age Of Carbon Constraints"

Read more at <http://events.unimelb.edu.au/events/3906-resolving-energy-policy-dilemmas-in-an-age-of-carbon-constraints>.

Wednesday, 21 May, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, Free Public Lecture, "Jeffrey Sachs: Australia in the age of sustainable development", Melbourne Town Hall

Read more at <http://monash.edu/news/events/show/jeffrey-sachs-australia-in-the->

[age-of-sustainable-development.](#)

News

Round the Clock Commercial Solar Power Plant in Spain

Solar power's greatest drawback has been storing the sun's energy at night. The Gemasolar plant near the Spanish city of Seville can store enough heat to operate for 18 hours at full capacity. Read more at <http://reneweconomy.com.au/2014/round-the-clock-solar-plant-wins-major-award-77492>.

Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary General, on Drastic Action on Climate Change

Listen at <http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/international/radio/program/pacific-beat/un-chief-talks-up-need-for-drastic-action-on-climate-change/1306086>.

Charge a Smartphone in 30 Seconds

An Israeli startup, StoreDot, is developing a bio-organic Nanodot technology that can be used to charge electronic devices. Read more at <http://nocamels.com/2014/04/storedots-technology-charges-a-smartphone-in-30-seconds/>.

What's happening in your shtetl

Glen Eira

Speed Date a Sustainability Expert

Get advice on building, renovating, solar power

Sunday, May 25, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, Carnegie Library

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

Port Phillip

Backyard Garden Artsplay for Children 4 - 12

Sunday, May 11, 2:00 - 3:30 pm, Port Phillip Ecocentre

Nature provides the canvas and inspiration.

More info: <http://www.ecocentre.com/node/1255>

Stonnington

Recycling Drop Off Points for Batteries, DVDs, Mobile Phones, etc.

List of drop off points at <http://www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/explore-stonnington/sustainability/sustainability-outreach-program/expanded-battery-recycling-program/>.

Bayside

Research Local Nature

Kits for children 4 - 8 to explore the relationship between people and nature.

More info: http://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/caring_for_bayside/researchlocalnature.htm

Boroondara

Discover Walking, Bicycling and Public Transport in Borroondara
TravelSmart maps for Boroondara are available at various locations or can be downloaded.

More info: <http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/our-city/cycling-walking/travel-smart-maps>.

Frankston

Woodlands for Wildlife

Sunday, 25 May, 10:00 am - 3:30 pm, Woodleigh School

Workshop to learn about the wildlife that lives on your bushland property.

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

Green Tip

To conserve heat in the home during winter, use bathroom and kitchen exhaust fans as little as possible.

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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