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When traveling I like to see how people in other countries try to live more sustainably. I was amused by these "space invader" shaped glass recycle bins found on street corners in Berlin. If you have any interesting pictures from your travels please send them to info@jeco.org.au.



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

**Wednesday, 02 July, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Melbourne Sustainability Drinks,
Slate Bar, 9 Goldsbrough Lane, City**

Join like minded people who want to create a better world and hear Shelley Meagher from 'Do it on the Roof' speak. Read more at <http://www.thatsmelbourne.com.au/Whatson/LearnandSee/LecturesandForums/Pages/6ef7f154-7062-4875-93c2-721802530130.aspx>.

Monday, 07 July, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, BZE Discussion, "How Heat Pumps Work", Fritz Loewe Theatre, McCoy Building, University of Melbourne

Richard Keech, an energy efficiency consultant and lead author of the BZE Zero Carbon Australia Buildings Plan will speak on heat pumps. Read more at <http://bze.org.au/events/discussion-group>.

Sunday, 27 July, National Tree Day

Reconnect with nature and plant a tree. Find a local tree planting event at <http://treeday.planetark.org/find-a-site/>.

News

New Spotlight Heater Reduces Energy Consumption by Up To 90%

Researchers at MIT have developed a spotlight heater that uses LED sensor lights and a WiFi-enabled tracking system to sense when a person is present and beam rays of warm, infrared light down on them. Read more at <http://www.sciencealert.com.au/news/20142506-25747.html>.

Australian Handheld Battery Recycling Rate is 2.7%

It is estimated that 14,703 tonnes of handheld batteries were disposed of in 2012-13, but only 403 tonnes of batteries were collected for recycling. Read more at <http://www.resourcerecovery.biz/news/australian-handheld-battery-recycling-rate-27>.

Israeli Study Warns Increasing CO2 Levels Will Lead To Dietary Deficiencies

According to researchers at Ben Gurion University, grains and legumes will have significantly reduced concentrations of zinc and iron due to the elevated levels of carbon dioxide (CO2) anticipated around 2050. Read more at <http://nocamels.com/2014/06/increasing-co2-levels-will-lead-to-zinc-deficiency-says-ben-gurion-university/>.

What's happening in your shtetl

Glen Eira

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 20 May 2014, Council adopted its *2014-15 Action Plan* for its *Environmental Sustainability Strategy (EES)*.

Download your copy at: http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/Community/Environment_Sustainability/Environmental_Sustainability_Strategy_Action_Plan_2014.

Port Phillip

City of Port Phillip/JECO Free Bike Riding Skills Course
Sunday, 13 July, 1:00 - 5:00 pm, St Kilda Primary School

Increase your knowledge, know your bike better, learn new skills, practice indicating by hand, learn rules and how to recognise hazards. For ages 12+. More info and register at <http://www.jeco.org.au/free-bike-riding-skills-course-3/>.

Stonnington

Keeping Chickens in Stonnington

Wednesday, 09 July, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Malvern Town Hall

Find out all you need to know about breed and coop selection, Council permits, chicken health and maintenance.

More info and register at: <http://www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/events/keeping-chickens-in-stonnington-/>

Bayside

U3A Presentation by Kevin Casey on Energy Matters

Wednesday, 23 July, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Beaumaris Seniors Centre, 84 Reserve Rd
Beaumaris

More info: http://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/things_to_see_and_do/23_July_2014-Bayside_U3A_Speakers_Program-Energy_Matters.htm

Boroondara

My Waste App

Mobile app that contains all of the information you need to know about the council's residential garbage and recycling services.

Download at: <http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/eoimywaste>

Frankston

National Tree Day Planting

Sunday, 27 July, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Lloyd Park, Pindara Avenue, Langwarrin

Phone 03 97681628 and leave a message.

Green Tip

Eat plenty of ginger in the winter. It helps keep the body warm and boosts the immune system.

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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