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The Jewish Ecological Coalition

## JECO eNews for August 2014

I belong to 3182 Beach Patrol which is a group of volunteers who help clean the St Kilda beaches. After many backbreaking hours of picking up bottles and cans I'd like to see a Container Deposit Scheme implemented in Victoria. The Boomerang Alliance will be lobbying for a Container Deposit Scheme in Federation Square on Sunday, August 10. See details in "Calendar".



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

**Sunday, 10 August, 9:00 - 6:00 pm, "A Clean Victoria is Worth 10 Cents", Federation Square, City**

Build a giant turtle out of cans and redeem your empties in a reverse vending machine.

Read more at <http://www.fedsquare.com/events/a-clean-victoria-is-worth-10-cents/>.

**Friday, 15 August, 9:00 - 5:00 pm, "Melbourne Sustainability Perspectives and Ethics Conference 2014, Sidney Myer Asia Centre, University of Melbourne**

To present a short talk or participate in the afternoon panel discussion register

at: <http://events.unimelb.edu.au/events/4149-melbourne-sustainability-perspectives-and-ethics-conference-2014>.

**Tuesday, 26 August, 8:00 pm, "Is Conquer and Dominate really the Biblical view towards nature?", Kehillat Nitzan, 36-40 Hawthorn Rd, Caulfield North**

Talk by Dr Michael Kagan author of the "Holistic Haggadah".

More information at <http://www.jeco.org.au/conquer-dominate-really-biblical-view-towards-nature/>

## News

### Whale Poop Needed for a Healthy Marine Environment

In the Southern Ocean phytoplankton is a main food source and plays a key role in removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Phytoplankton require iron to grow and research has shown that the faeces of whales is a rich source of iron. Another reason to rethink "scientific" whaling? Read more at

<http://theconversation.com/bottoms-up-how-whale-poop-helps-feed-the-ocean-27913>.

### Melbourne Shellfish Reefs to be Restored

A pilot project of The Nature Conservancy and Fisheries Victoria will restore reefs in the Bay at Geelong, Hobsons Bay, and Chelsea. The project was initiated by Fisheries Victoria and the Albert Park Yachting and Angling Club, whose members had identified through club fishing records the loss of productive snapper habitat. Read more at

<http://www.fishingworld.com.au/news/melbourne-shellfish-reefs-to-be-restored>.

### Fish to Disappear by 2050

A 2010 report by the United Nations Environment Program declared that fish, which are an important source of protein, may be nearing extinction. A new study by Dr. Roi Holzman and Victor China of the Department of Zoology at Tel Aviv University has concluded that it is the "stickiness" of water that is the reason so many fish larvae perish. Read more at

<http://nocamels.com/2014/07/something-fishy-research-discovers-why-fish-may-be-nearing-extinction/>.

## What's happening in your shtetl

### Glen Eira

Glen Eira Energy Saving Program.

Sign up to have energy saving products installed in your home at no charge. More info at:

[http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/Community/Environment\\_Sustainability/Glen\\_Eira\\_Energy\\_Saving\\_Program](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/Community/Environment_Sustainability/Glen_Eira_Energy_Saving_Program).

### Port Phillip

Guided Walk in the St Kilda Botanical Gardens

Sunday, 10 August, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Explore the world of plants, fungi, indigenous flora, wildlife and history of the St Kilda Botanical Gardens.

More info at: <http://www.enviroehub.com.au/whats-on/event-item?eventId=915>

### **Stonnington**

Gardening in Small Spaces

Wednesday, 27 August, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Toorak South Yarra Library Meeting Room

Learn more about gardening in your small space.

More info and register at: <http://www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/explore-stonnington/library-services/library-events/>.

### **Bayside**

Bayside Cycling Trail Map

There are six cycling trails in Bayside.

Download the map at: [http://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/things\\_to\\_see\\_and\\_do/cyclingmap.htm](http://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/things_to_see_and_do/cyclingmap.htm).

### **Boroondara**

Meet Janis Sheldrick author of "Nature's Line", which tells the story of George Goyder.

Thursday, 07 August, from 2:00 - 3:30 pm, Hawthorn Library

More info and register at: <http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/utilities/calendar/2014/8/7/natures-line-janis-sheldrick>

### **Frankston**

Composting and Worm Farming Workshop

Tuesday, 19 August, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Frankston Library

Learn about: how to set up a compost bin and worm farm.

More info and register at: [http://www.frankston.vic.gov.au/Things\\_To\\_Do/Events/Whats\\_On/Evening\\_Composting\\_and\\_Worm\\_Farming\\_Workshop](http://www.frankston.vic.gov.au/Things_To_Do/Events/Whats_On/Evening_Composting_and_Worm_Farming_Workshop).

### **Green Tip**

Don't throw away overripe fruit. Chop it up, freeze it and use it to make smoothies.

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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