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## JECO eNews for October/November 2014

Over Sukkot, I hope you had a chance to sit in a sukkah and connect with nature. I read an interesting [D'var Torah](#) by Rabbi Howard Cohen with the following quotation from Gaston Rebuffat, a French mountain guide.

“In this modern age very little remains that is real. Night has been banished, so have the cold, the wind and the stars. They have all been neutralized. The rhythm of life itself is obscured. Everything goes so fast and makes so much noise and people hurry by without heeding the grass by the roadside, its colors, its smell and the way it shimmers when the wind caresses it.”

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

### Calendar

**Wednesday, 29 October, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, "Achieving the Walkable City", Basement Theatre B120, Melbourne School of Design (via Spencer Rd, University of Melbourne)**

Hear Brent Toderian, the former Chief Planner for the City of Vancouver speak on Vancouver's urban planning achievements. Read more at <http://www.sustainable.unimelb.edu.au/content/pages/achieving-walkable-city>.

**Friday, 31 October - Saturday, 15 November, Melbourne BioBlitz**

Take part in the first City of Melbourne BioBlitz to survey the species living in our city. Join a guided BioBlitz event. Read more at <http://www.inaturalist.org/projects/melbourne-bioblitz>.

**Monday, 10 November - Sunday, 16 November, National Recycling Week**

Get involved in Planet Ark's National Recycling Week. Read more at: <http://recyclingweek.planetark.org/about/>

**Sunday, 16 November, 1:30 - 5:00 pm, Mitzvah Day**

Join Recycling is Fun and JECO to make craft kits for hospitals in Australia and Israel.

Read more at <http://mitzvahday.org.au/>

**Sunday, 30 November, 2:30 - 4:30, JECO AGM, Lamm Library,**

Guest lecturer Brett Hedger, the City of Port Phillip's Greenhouse Programs Officer, will

speak on his many years of environmental work. Read more at <http://www.jeco.org.au/>.

**News****Germany's Green Electricity Supply Success Comes at a Massive Cost**

Germany's transition from nuclear and fossil fuel electricity has happened faster than expected, but it is hugely expensive.

Read more at <http://theconversation.com/germanys-green-power-surge-has-come-at-a-massive-cost-33202>.

**Green Lifestyle Magazine Awards**

Over sixty Australian companies and individuals in the green industry were recognised.

Read more at <http://www.greenlifestylemag.com.au/news/20228/green-lifestyle-awards-recognise-eco-leaders>.

**Israeli Invention for Cyclists**

Turn your bicycle saddle into a bicycle lock with this clever invention. Your bike won't get stolen when you have a Seatylock saddle.

Read more at <http://nocamels.com/2014/09/seatylock-this-bicycle-saddle-that-turns-into-a-lock-is-the-coolest-thing-weve-seen-in-a-while/>.

**What's happening in your shtetl****Glen Eira**

Solar Power - questions to ask

Tuesday, 11 November, 7:00 pm, Glen Eira Town Hall

Before you buy have your questions answered by Alternative Technology Association's Damien Moyses.

More info at [http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/Community/Environment\\_Sustainability/Sustainability\\_community\\_presentations/Solar\\_Power\\_questions\\_to\\_ask](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/Community/Environment_Sustainability/Sustainability_community_presentations/Solar_Power_questions_to_ask)

**Port Phillip**

Indigenous Gardening Talk

Wednesday, 5 November, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, St Kilda Library

Staff from St. Kilda Indigenous Plant Nursery Co-op (SKINC) will explain how to prepare, prune and care for a native garden.

More info at <http://www.enviroehub.com.au/whats-on/event-item?eventId=967>

**Stonnington**

Bus Tour of the SITA landfill site, REPLAS and the Polytrade Material Recovery Facility

(MRF).

Wednesday, 12 November, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Follow the waste journey.

More info and register at <http://www.stonningtonbookingform.com.au/>

### **Bayside**

Composting Products

The Bayside Council provides composting products at wholesale prices.

More info at [http://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/living\\_in\\_bayside/home\\_composting\\_products.htm](http://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/living_in_bayside/home_composting_products.htm)

### **Boroondara**

DIY Environmental Check List

How many items can you tick on this check list?

More info at <http://www.livingforourfuture.com.au/house/diy-environmental-home-checklist>

### **Frankston**

Follow Your Waste Tour

Thursday, 13 November, 8:45 am - 1:30 pm, Meet outside Council Chambers on Young Street, Frankston

Take a bus tour of the SITA Landfill and the Polytrade Materials Recovery Facility

More info and register at [http://www.frankston.vic.gov.au/Things\\_To\\_Do/Events/Whats\\_On/Follow\\_Your\\_Waste](http://www.frankston.vic.gov.au/Things_To_Do/Events/Whats_On/Follow_Your_Waste)

### **Green Tip**

This is one for recycling week. Empty roll-on deodorant bottles can be used as paint pens for kids. Wash out the bottle and roller, fill it with paint and replace the ball and lid. Store the pen upside down.

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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