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We all seem to have the same message. This is what the musician Archie Roach said at the St Kilda Festival last weekend. "We belong to this place. This place doesn't belong to us." Listen and watch Archie perform for the ABC program "Inside Sleeve" at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R1FGxKLxt-4>.

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

Calendar

Wednesday, 6 February, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Planning for low-carbon development: the twin challenge of poverty eradication and emissions reductions

Panel of speakers at the Grattan Institute, Carrillo Gantner Theatre, Sidney Myer Asia Centre, University of Melbourne. Register at <http://grattan.edu.au/events/event/planning-for-low-carbon-development-the-twin-challenge-of-poverty-eradication-and-emissions-reductions/>.

February 9 - 24, Sustainable Living Festival

Don't miss the Big Weekend at Federation Square (February 15 - 17). Pick up the new JECO postcard at the postcard display. See the full program at <http://www.festival.slf.org.au/>.

Sunday, 24 February, 10:00 am - 4:30 pm Electric Vehicle Festival

Take time out from your Purim celebration to test drive an electric car or bicycle at the Port Phillip EcoCentre. Bookings are essential at <http://www.ecocentre.com/node/915>.

Tuesday, February 26, Business Clean Up Australia Day

Last year over 310 businesses participated in Business Clean Up Day. You can register your business at <http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/about/about-the-event/clean-up-for-business>.

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Politics and the Environment

With eight months until the election read which environmental issues, Ian Lowe, Emeritus Professor, School of Science at Griffith University, thinks politicians should be discussing. <http://theconversation.edu.au/the-environment-issues-we-should-be-hearing-about-at-this-election-11929>

Wind Turbine Syndrome

It is claimed by people opposed to wind farms that wind turbines can cause a variety of illnesses due to the infrasound or very low frequency sound that they emit. The South Australian EPA has released a report that found the infrasound is not noticeably greater in households nearby to wind farms than in other locations. Read more at <http://www.climatespectator.com.au/commentary/cause-wind-turbine-syndrome-goes-missing>.

Eco bridge over Tel Aviv trash mountain

The landfill site west of Tel Aviv which is being turned into a public park will have a new bridge called ECOntainer made from recycled shipping containers. Read more at <http://nocamels.com/2013/02/worlds-first-shipping->

[container-bridge-over-tel-avivs-trash-mountain/](#).

What's happening in your shtetl

Council	Date	Event	Link
Glen Eira	March 13 7:00 - 9:00 pm	Community Environment Forum Glen Eira Town Hall	Sally Stewart Phone: 9524 3333
Port Phillip	Tuesday, February 19 6:30 - 8:00 pm	Report on the suitability of wind power to generate electricity in Port Phillip Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, Pier Rd, St Kilda	http://www.enviroehub.com.au/whats-happening-in-your-hood/events-calendar/event-item?eventId=565
Stonnington	Wednesday, February 27 6:00 - 8:00 pm	All ages bicycle maintenance program	To register, contact Council's Recreation Programs Officer on 8290 1333 or email lcalvert@stonnington.vic.gov.au
Boroondara	Wednesday, March 20	Sixth Backyard Biodiversity Project for Glen Iris and Ashburton residents	email Andrea Lomdahl , Senior Sustainability Officer, or phone her on 9278 4889.

Green Tip

Try using a fan before you turn on the air conditioner. Fans use very little electricity to run.

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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