



# JECO

The Jewish Ecological Coalition

## JECO eNews for November 2012

The Yiddish word *bashert* (it's meant to be) would have to be the catchword for this month. November 12 to 18 is National Recycling Week and on Mitzvah Day, November 25, JECO is partnering with Impact for Women and kogo to recycle preloved t-shirts.

All in all, November is a busy month for JECO with the AGM, a film night and Mitzvah Day.

### Calendar

If you can't attend Mitzvah Day and have preloved adult size t-shirts to donate, please bring them to the AGM or Film Night.

#### Sunday 11 November, JECO Annual General Meeting, 2:30 - 4:30 pm at the Lamm Jewish Library of Australia

The AGM will be followed by a presentation of books on Judaism and the environment purchased by JECO for the Lamm Library, guest speaker Erez Feinberg (JNF) and afternoon tea. For more info: <http://www.jeco.org.au/>

#### November 12 to 18, National Recycling Week

National Recycling Week was started in 1996 by Planet Ark to make people aware of the importance of recycling. Many events are happening during the week including swap parties all around Australia. For more info: <http://recyclingweek.planetark.org/>

#### Tuesday 20 November, JECO Film Night

7:30 pm, Blake Street Shule

Following our first successful film night, we will be screening the serious documentary "Gasland". The filmmaker, Josh Fox, travels across the US west to speak to people affected by hydraulic fracturing (fracking) after a natural gas company wants to lease his family's land. This film is a must-see as fracking is happening in Australia at an alarming rate. For more info: <http://www.jeco.org.au/>

#### Sunday 25 November, Mitzvah Day

11:00 am to 4:00 pm, Friedlander Hall, Temple Beth Israel

Join Impact for Women, kogo and JECO and turn your preloved t-shirts into a mitzvah. Drop in at anytime between 11:00 and 4:00 and turn your preloved t-shirts into fashionable scarves for women living in crisis accommodation due to domestic violence. This activity is suitable for any age. Please bring preloved, clean, adult size t-shirts and sharp scissors. If you can't be there on the day and have preloved t-shirts to donate, contact [info@jeco.org.au](mailto:info@jeco.org.au). For more info: <http://www.jeco.org.au/>

### News

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

#### How much of the Great Barrier Reef can Australia afford to lose?

Three coal companies propose to build three large coal terminals including two rail loops and extensive dredging at Abbot Point on the Great Barrier Reef. The coal companies have had to get around the fact that Abbot Point is part of Australia's largest and most well know World Heritage Area. The companies and North Queensland Bulk Ports have released a Cumulative Impact Assessment which appears to do just that. Read more at <http://reneweconomy.com.au/2012/the-coal-industrys-great-illusionist-brief-92191>.

#### Guides to sustainable seafood - who do you believe?

The Australian Marine Conservation Society (AMCS) has released a Sustainable Seafood Guide which includes a free smart phone application and Coles supermarket has partnered with The World Wildlife Fund to label the

seafood that they sell. Unfortunately, there are inconsistencies between the two guides. For example, Tasmanian Atlantic salmon is labelled as "a better choice" by Coles and as a "no" by the AMCS Sustainable Seafood Guide. Is it time for more stringent laws on labeling of seafood? Read more at <http://theconversation.edu.au/conflicting-sustainable-seafood-guides-confuse-consumers-9867>.

**Evan Thornley appointed CEO of Better Place**

The board of Better Place, the global provider of electric car networks, has replaced Better Place founder and CEO Shai Agassi with Evan Thornley, CEO of Better Place Australia. Read more at <http://www.betterplace.com/the-company/press-room/Better-Place-Australia-CEO-Evan-Thornley-Named-Global-Chief-Executive-Officer> and <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0.7340.L-4297860.00.html>.

**Recycle junk into a toddler's discovery toy**

Ok, this isn't really news, but it fits with November's recycling theme. Make a toy for a toddler using bits and pieces you find around the house. Read more at <http://www.greenprophet.com/2012/10/toddler-toy-eco-craft/>.

**What's happening in your shtetl**

Council	Date	Event	Link
Glen Eira	November 22 7:00-8:30 pm	<b>Keeping your house cool this summer</b> Gen Eira Town Hall	Ring 9524 3333 Sally Stewart
Port Phillip	November 21 6:30-8:30 pm	<b>Sustainability Community Action Network (SCAN) inaugural meeting</b> Albert Park Yachting and Angling Club	go to scan.eventzilla.net or call 9209 6548
Stonnington	November 15 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	<b>Summer Proof Your House</b> Phoenix Park Community Centre, Rob Roy Road, Malvern East	To book phone 8290 1333 or book online <a href="http://www.stonningtonbookingform.com.au/">http://www.stonningtonbookingform.com.au/</a>
Boroondara	November 11 10:00 am - 3:00 pm	<b>Cyclewise Course</b> Carpark outside Camberwell Council Offices	Phone Sustainable Transport Officer 9278 4515

**Green Tip**

Now that the weather is getting warmer, keep a container of water in the fridge so that you won't have to run the tap until the water is cool.

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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