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JECO eNews: April 2018

Now that Pesach is over, JECO is back in full swing with a screening of the movie "[A Mighty Force](#)," and a [sustainable gardening talk](#) by our very own Eva Light. Last Sunday we held our fifth [St Kilda Repair Café](#) at the Port Phillip EcoCentre. If you haven't managed to get along to one of these events then bring along a broken household item in May and our fixers will try to mend it for you. Read further down the page for information on all these events, plus other [sustainable living events in Glen Fira, Port Phillip, Stonnington and Bayside](#). We focus on these councils as that is where the majority of our readers live, but we are happy to research anywhere else you suggest.

There is still a lot of confusion around recycling, and the full implications of the [China Plastic Ban](#) are not yet known. Planet Ark have put together a free [War on Waste Toolkit](#) to help small businesses make the right purchasing and recycling decisions. Perhaps this Toolkit might be useful in your business, Shule or community organisation?



Our next [committee meeting](#) is on Sunday April 22nd. As usual we are always looking for fresh ideas, so get in [contact](#) if you would like to come along.

Until then, best wishes.

Tammy



Film screening - A Mighty Force

A film about the movement to #StopAdani

This 30-minute documentary captures the power and passion of people taking extraordinary action to stop Adani from building one of the biggest coal mines in the world, threatening our water, our climate and our Great Barrier Reef.



#STOP ADANI

A MIGHTY FORCE

THE PEOPLE'S PREMIERE **ALL WELCOME**

DATE: 29TH APRIL 2018

TIME: 7-9 PM

LOCATION: PORT PHILIP ECO-HOUSE
55a Blessington St, St Kilda

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*Screening and discussion led by
Rabbi Jonathan Keren-Black, and
light supper - small note donation*

A documentary about the unstoppable
movement to #StopAdani

WWW.STOPADANI.COM/MIGHTYFORCE

St Kilda Repair Cafe

Last Sunday saw our fifth St Kilda Repair Cafe - which I reckon means we are firmly established as a regular event in the local sustainability calendar. It's been fascinating to see the types of items people bring along including:

These beautiful old clocks:



A mirror with duck feet:



Perhaps we should invite the Antiques Road Show to join us one month?

And some ceramic lamps:



The Repair Cafe is open from 2-5pm on the second Sunday of each month (except January) at the Port Phillip EcoCentre and is run jointly by JECO and the EcoCentre. For more info visit our website or facebook page.

Sustainable Garden Talk

Sunday May 13th, 10-11am



Eva Light (pictured left) will be inspiring us with her presentation on developing your own edible and sustainable garden. Eva has given many sell-out talks to Glen Eira Residents and JECO members so this is definitely one worth coming to. Follow this [link](#) to see her in action.

This talk will take place in her garden in Caulfield - [email us](#) for address details.

JECO Committee Meeting

Sunday 22nd April, 7pm, Eva's house

Eva's house is the perfect location for our committee meetings as we all draw inspiration from her beautiful sustainable garden, whilst she keeps us energised with plentiful snacks and hot drinks. And we would love you to join us, whether you have ideas destined to save the planet or just want to find out more about what we do. Please [email us](#) for location details.



What else is happening in your Shtetl?

Port Phillip Council have got a new [dedicated sustainability website](#) listing [all relevant info and events](#) include a screening of Zero Impact Man on April 19th, a workshop on Energy Efficiency for those in Apartments on April 24th, and a Living Waste Free talk on 2nd May, an opportunity to speed date a sustainability expert on May 6th.



The [EcoCentre](#) is running lots of activities for 12-25 year olds over the coming weeks as part of the [Alive Outside](#) initiative. These free activities include maintaining the penguin habitat at St Kilda pier, building nest boxes for micro-bats and planting indigenous vegetation.

These are perfect opportunities for students who need to collect community service hours for their school.

The exciting news from [Glen Eira Council](#) is that they are introducing the long-awaited [food waste recycling service](#) from May 1st. They will take all your food waste scraps eg egg shells, rice, coffee grounds, meat, potato peelings etc and turn them into compost. And to make this as simple as possible they are providing free kitchen-caddies to all who request one. This can be kept in the kitchen for easy disposal of scraps and then periodically emptied into your green bin. Glen Eira is also hosting several [sustainability presentations](#), [solar panel advice](#), and the [regular food swap and working bee](#) at the [South Caulfield Community Garden](#). [Murrenbeena Community Garden](#) also hosts get-togethers, talks and workshops.



The [Bayside Community Nursery](#) opened after its summer break last Saturday, and is now open for volunteering and sales on Thursdays and Saturdays 10am-12 noon until October. [The Banksia Bulletin](#) makes a great read for those wanting to find out about events and volunteering opportunities in the area.

If you know any events or information which may be of interest to our readers, please pass it on and we'll include it in the next JECO enews.

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