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The Jewish Ecological Coalition

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JECO has been strengthening its ties with the wonderful [Port Phillip EcoCentre](#) over the past month by holding its [AGM](#) and screening of "Guarding the Galilee", and also the second [St Kilda Repair Cafe](#) at this fantastic venue.

After a very busy year, JECO are having a quiet January and won't be running any more events until [Tu BiShvat](#) in late Jan/ early Feb. But don't worry, there are still loads of other events going on in the wider Melbourne eco-community and plenty of opportunities to [stay inspired](#), [take action](#), [have fun](#) and [save the planet](#).

We are very proud that JECO's Eva Light is the poster child for Glen Eira's Sustainable Gardening Program. Click [here](#) to see her in action.

Chanukah may seem like a distant memory, and your Chanukiah might be safely back in the cupboard for another year, but I think it's not too late to share these [interesting thoughts about Chanukah and the environment](#) that are relevant on any day of the year.

Finally, if you are trying to come up with a New Year's resolution you haven't tried before, how about becoming more involved with JECO? Perhaps you have some great ideas, or want to help us organise an event, or even join the committee. We would love to hear from you, so please [get in touch](#).

AGM and Film Screening

John Hillel officially joined our committee at the AGM with the special role of managing the Repair Cafe. Welcome, John, it's great to have you on board.



Most of the committee, though, are starting their third term (or more) in their current role and so it would be great to see new faces. Now is the perfect time get more involved, so please be in touch if you think you have something to contribute to this fabulous organisation.

Our AGM was followed by the screening of "[Guarding the Galilee](#)" - a short documentary on the many reasons Adani's Carmichael coal project is an extremely bad idea. Fortunately we were not left with feelings of despair as our two guest speakers - from [Melbourne Ports Stop Adani](#) and "[Crochet for Coral not Coal](#)" - suggested some great ways to protest against Adani, including sending a beautiful crocheted replica of coal to our MPs.

Be inspired, take action, have fun

Coastcare Victoria is once again organising its '[Summer by the Sea](#)' activities for kids all along the Victorian Coastline during January. Learn about our coastal and marine environments and enjoy fun activities including rockpool rambles, treasure hunts and fishing.



The innovative [Seaside Scavenge](#) rewards people for picking up beach litter by giving them tokens to buy funky second-hand clothes at stalls set up along the beach. Background music and plastic-free cafes help create a lively community atmosphere at these events along the coastline throughout summer.

There is no end of opportunities to get involved with conservation work around Victoria and [Conservation Volunteers](#) is the one stop shop for most of these options. If you fancy spending time this summer digging, weeding, watching or building then make sure you visit this site to check out what you can do.

I spent a night watching for Greater Gliders, Sugar Gliders and Leadbeatter possums recently as part of ongoing research conducted by ANU. If this sounds intriguing, then click [here](#) to find out more - this project will run on several more nights during summer so you have plenty of opportunities to join in. A word of advice if you do come along - make sure you wear thick socks and apply mosquito repellent liberally



Tu BiShvat

Tu BiShvat, the 15th day of Shvat, is the Jewish New Year for Trees, a day which has become associated by many with environmental activism. This year it falls on Wednesday January 31st and JECO plans to hold an event on the afternoon of Sunday 4th Feb.

Watch your inbox for more info nearer the time.



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