

Surf Coast Energy Group News

March 2011



SCEG EVENTS

Sat 5th March find us at the Torquay Farmers market and fill out a 100% Renewable survey

Wed 16th March 9 am
SCEG committee meeting,
Bellbrae Heart Space, Bellbrae All welcome.

Wed 23rd March 7.00 to 8.30 pm
Book/Discussion Group Bellbrae Heart Space
Share your opinions on any climate literature or media you've read. Library available.

MORE EVENTS

Sat 12th & 13th March Sustainable Living Expo,
Steampacket Gardens, Geelong

Sat 12th & 13th March 100% Renewable Energy
Campaign Workshop, Daylesford. [Register](#)

Derek Ryan gave us a great water saving presentation last year. Events listed below are organised by Geelong West Neighbourhood House, PO Box 7085 Geelong West.

Sat 5th March 9-10am
Beekeeping for beginners with Derek Ryan
6 x 1hour sessions at Diversitat, 15 Clarence St
Geelong West cost \$60
To book phone 0418329750 or 52788027

Sat 5th March 10-12 noon
Veggie growing & Seed Saving with Katie Gillett
Geelong West Community Garden, Leckie Place
cost \$5 pay on the day

Thurs 17th March 6 - 7pm
Energy saving in the home with Derek Ryan
at Diversitat meeting room, 15 Clarence St
Geelong West' gold coin

Sun 20th March 10-12 noon (then monthly)
Cafe Cycling with Neil Tolliday
Barwon bike path; meeting at Balyang Sanctuary
cost \$5 single, \$15 family, pay on the day
to book phone 0402817673 or 52784959.

Sat 26th March [Earth Hour](#)

SCEG MEMBERS SURVEY

Thanks to all those who have responded to our survey. If you haven't got around to it:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VQ7G37W>

PROJECTS

GROW IT!

It's been a huge month for our Grow It! Veggie boxes programme with 49 of the 60 Round 1 boxes sold, 8 people signing up to the BYO Garden (workshop only) program and 70 people attending the launch at Danawa community garden last week.

We also welcomed Andy Lucas to the team, he's a talented lad that's well known in gardening circles around Geelong and the Surf Coast. Check out all the news from this month, the workshops programme and more at growit.org.au.

SCEG FILM SEASON

meeting at heart Space March 9th 7pm

Our highly popular season will be on again over the winter months. The film committee is seeking a couple of new members. If you have any ideas of films we really should show, now is your opportunity to get involved.

100% RENEWABLE ENERGY CAMPAIGN

SCEG has now joined this national campaign, we have committed to spending the next four months conducting surveys on peoples' opinions on renewable energy. These surveys will be available at all SCEG events and we will be out and about in the community at places like the Torquay Farmers market. Please contact carohawk@exemail.com.au if you are able to assist with these surveys. You can find us listed under local groups at 100percent.org.au

SCEG BOOK CLUB

We had a great first session and some in depth discussions on some big themes at our first book club meeting. Books discussed included, *Derrick Jensen, Endgame; David Susuki, The Legacy and Jeanette Winteron, The Stone Gods*. Our new book for the SCEG library this month is *Tim Jackson, Prosperity without Growth* which we will include in next months discussion. All welcome to join us on Wed 23rd March 7pm, bring along a book for discussion if you wish.

SURFCOAST THE SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD COAST

Did you know that a recent award winning film called 'End of the Line' predicts there will be no commercial species of fish left in the oceans by 2048 as a result of over-fishing. The movie (available from the SCEG library) highlights the plight of marine species the world over. Australian fisheries, whilst not as bad as those in the northern hemisphere, are still in bad shape. You can do something about it. SCEG is aligning itself with Conservation Enterprises Unlimited (and using the ACF's seafood assessment) to turn this situation around. We want to make the SurfCoast the Sustainable Seafood Coast. We need your help to create the change. Whenever any of you are planning to eat out at a cafe, restaurant or are purchasing seafood from a fish monger. Can you ask the following two questions

1. Can you please tell me where your fish (seafood) comes from (ie. locally, interstate, overseas)?

2. Is that fish (seafood) caught from a Sustainable Fishery? (Make sure the person serving you asks either the owner or the chef/cook to provide you with an answer.)

If you're keen to be involved, send us the response with the name of the business to: sustainabilitystories@conservationenterprises.com or tweet: #fishystories.

NEWS

This month SCEG sent to federal Minister Tony Burke a submission on the Issues Paper on a Sustainable Population Strategy for Australia. Our submission can be viewed on the SCEG website under Commentary.

COALWATCH has just been launched by Environment Victoria. It's a new project to track the coal industry's dangerous expansion plans in Victoria. The website is here: coalwatch It includes some rich content about why coal is the problem, and a list of all coal projects on the table in Victoria. Then it links to the CoalWatch/CoalSwarm wiki which includes deep information prepared by Bob Burton on all the projects, companies, individuals involved in the industry that anyone can contribute to by adding to the [coalwatch wiki](http://coalwatch.wiki).

Finally it includes an awesome Google earth facility where you can take a tour of the projects or explore them for yourself. See: [coalwatch map](http://coalwatch.map)

OPPORTUNITIES

Permaculture Design certificate course in Geelong! April 10th – 24th, 2011

Permaculture ethics and principles are powerful structures for designing true sustainability into our homes, gardens, families, communities and workplaces.

Participants can come from all walks of life eg local govt, parents, engineers, accountants, tradespeople, farmers, business people, students, politicians, horticulturalists, scientists, finance, medical, artists, educators etc See www.geelongsustainability.org.au and click on events for more info.

Project Borneo 3D

Cathy Henkel who made the Burning Season is looking for ten amazing young leaders to spend five months in Borneo to implement the DeforestACTION project in the jungle and connect with the world though the web, providing updates for millions of students across the globe who are responsible for driving, developing and owning the project. details at: [Project Borneo 3D](http://ProjectBorneo3D)

Clean Energy Week Melbourne May 2-7, 2011

1500 delegates from around the world to hear the latest on clean energy policy, project financing and the development of clean energy technologies and challenges each face. Public Open Day Sat 7 May [Clean Energy Week](http://CleanEnergyWeek)

House sitting request:

A mature (mid-40's), reliable couple currently living in New Zealand returning to Torquay in May looking for short-term accommodation including housesitting or exchange. *The intention is to live more simply and sustainably. experience with pets, livestock, gardening, cleaning, maintenance* Web: sites.google.com/site/gardennomads also has photographs and references. Carole Livesey & Chris Lampard skilledsitters@gmail.com

SCEG Library: Fridays 3.30 – 5.30 Bellbrae.

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