

Sustainability News August 2017



Nature Play: Bush Treasures

Date: Tuesday 15th August

Time: 10:00am-10:45am

Venue: Yarran Dheran Nature Reserve,
Information Centre accessed from
Ashburton Drive, Mitcham

Bookings Essential: [Click Here](#)

Pre-schoolers will create their own treasure bag to take on an exploration of the bush. Discover some of nature's treasures to collect along the way.



Culinary native plants of Whitehorse

Date: Tuesday 29th August 2017

Time: 7pm-8pm

Venue: Whitehorse Centre, 379
Whitehorse Road, Nunawading

Bookings Essential: [Click Here](#)

Karen Sutherland will showcase her top ten indigenous bush foods of Whitehorse. At this talk you'll learn how to grow and use a range of these plants for culinary and medicinal purposes. You'll smell and taste them and learn from someone who has grown and promoted bush herbs in urban gardens for many years.





Applications now open: Your school's chance to visit The New Joneses!

Whitehorse City Council is now accepting applications from schools to visit The New Joneses tiny house. A limited number of visits are available, so get in quick!

Where: Whitehorse City Council's Civic Centre lawns (379 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading)

When: Wednesday 11 & Thursday 12 October 2017

Applications close: Friday 1 September 2017

For more information: [click here](#) to email Amanda Swain or visit: www.thenewjoneses.com

Cost: Free

This is a unique opportunity for students to learn about different aspects of sustainable living, see inside The New Joneses' tiny house, and ask questions about how to live more fun, less wasteful lives. Innovative sustainable features (such as solar panels, edible green walls, a fold down wall bed and more!) give a glimpse into how these could be implemented in our own homes and schools, and provides a platform for discussion.

Schools that are successful will be able to send a class of 30 students to visit TNJ's tiny house at Whitehorse City Council's Civic Centre lawns in Nunawading. The class will progress through three different workshops during a one and a half hour visit. The workshops will be 20 minutes in duration and topics are:

Professional Development session for teachers: Feeding it Right

When: Tuesday 22nd August, 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Venue: Mt Evelyn Christian School (135 York Rd, Mount Evelyn)

Cost: Free!

Bookings: Click [here](#) to book your place.

Throughout 2016 it became clear that food waste processing is a challenging project for many within the educational space. In Term 3, EASL (Eastern Alliance for Sustainable Learning) is coordinating a Professional Development session on food waste and composting / worm farming in a school setting to provide some guidance and hopefully assistance to those with systems in place or those looking to set systems up.

Chooktopia will be providing expert advice on composting systems can answer any of those niggling questions you have been wanting help with.

Afternoon tea is provided.



Open your house for Sustainable House Day

Have you worked hard to make your home more sustainable? Would you like to share your knowledge and experience of sustainable living to inspire and educate others?

The Alternative Technology Association is looking for homes to open for their Sustainable House Day on September 17.

- A tour of The New Joneses tiny house
- Getting waste-wise with recycling, gardening, composting
- Energy solutions and water efficiency

These visits are appropriate for late-primary school to secondary school students. Whitehorse City Council will cover the cost of school visits from Whitehorse schools, (approximated at \$300 each).



Celebrate Australian Wattle Day at Yarran Dheran

Date: Saturday 2 September 2017

Time: 10.30 AM – 12.30 PM

Venue: Yarran Dheran Information Centre, Ashburton Drive, Mitcham
Melway map 49B6

Cost: This event is free

What to wear: Closed shoes

Bookings: gay.gallagher@bigpond.com

The Wurundjeri people named Yarran Dheran, meaning 'wattle gully'. Later settlers also noted the proliferation of wattles in the area, by naming Wattle Valley Road. All Australian states celebrate Wattle Day in early September.

Come and celebrate these much loved plants at Yarran Dheran in this informative session led by Mart Hagel and learn about Australian wattles and their uses. Focus on identifying features of indigenous and weedy wattles in Yarran Dheran. Join a guided walk around Yarran Dheran to identify some of our wattles.

Be a part of an award-winning community event, with 120+ homes already registered for the day, including some in Whitehorse.

Share your journey of what worked, what didn't and how it has changed your way of living.

[Click here for more details](#) or email shd@ata.org.au

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Urban Harvest Food Swaps

Forest Hill Horticulture Centre

When: Saturday 19 August, 10 - 11.30am

Where: 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill

Box Hill South Neighbourhood House

When: Saturday 19 August, 11am - 12.30pm

Where: 47 Kitchener Street, Box Hill South

Community group sharing backyard produce and gardening knowledge.

What to bring: Vegies, fruit, herbs that you have grown in your garden but you don't need. Seedlings, plants, seeds, eggs, honey, straw, liquid compost (in sealed bottles), recipes etc.

Remember to water plants and label seedlings to ensure new gardeners are aware of what they are planting. If you're bringing unusual plants/produce, please tell us how they should be grown/cooked.

For more information
email: urbanharvestswap@gmail.com