

The CLIMATE ACTION CALENDAR of events from 10 Jan – 11 March '09

When	What	Where	Who	Cost/ what to bring
Now till 29 Jan 7am to 11pm For entry after 4pm become a member at the door	<p>WELCOME TO THE GREENHOUSE - Witness an Australian first in sustainable design and innovation, by visiting the Greenhouse by Joost, a temporary exhibition over the Spring and Summer period of 2008 09. It's built entirely from recycled and recyclable materials Greenhouse by Joost</p> <p>The Greenhouse, a self-sustaining event venue will rise from the ground of Federation Square at the end of October and for three months only will dish up degustation fare - in part dug from the garden of its own roof-top space - in a structure designed entirely from detritus. Tiny 'taste-tubes' (science laboratory ware is just some of the discard double as dishes) will be served by vintage-dressed waiters wheeling 'de-registered' shopping trolleys around furniture made from found 'stuff'.</p> <p>Think local, act local is the imperative of this 'waste of a space' project that is the brain-child of one man who, having made a life's work of trash, will show how simply it turns into treasure....with minimal cost to pocket and no cost to the planet.</p>	MELBOURNE Federation Sq. Next to ACMI Flinders Street		
Mon 12 Jan – Sat 24 Jan 9.30am and 12.30am Tours last two and a-half hours	<p>JOIN IN A NUCLEAR SCIENCE TOUR AND CHECK OUT AUSTRALIA'S NUCLEAR REACTOR – OPAL.</p> <p>("Discover the amazing world of nuclear science" - family school holiday tours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Find out how radiation works and how it is an essential part of our everyday lives. - Learn about climate change research using nuclear techniques to determine rainfall patterns and greenhouse gas levels going back many hundreds of thousands of years. - See the OPAL reactor which is used to produce nuclear medicines and to irradiate products such as silicon used in electronic equipment. The neutrons it produces are also used for research into structures (eg. aeroplanes and turbines), medical treatments and plastics. <p>Learn about the many other applications of nuclear science including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing the need for pesticides by controlling fruit fly larvae population • Checking metal structures to ensure longevity and safety • Carbon dating ancient artefacts and old bones for forensic purposes • Tracing air and water pollution and identifying its sources • Understanding what happens to food when it's processed • Medical imaging to better understand disease and treatment 	SOUTHERN SYDNEY. Lucas Heights, on New Illawarra Road	Children and their parents are invited to come on a school holiday tour of the reactor (and other exciting science facilities at ANSTO1)	Free Free parking on-site.

	<p>ANSTO manages a 70 hectare campus at Lucas Heights and with around 900 staff is Australia's centre of nuclear excellence and innovation. As the primary supplier of nuclear medicines, ANSTO makes over half a million doses every year.</p> <p>TOUR DETAILS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tours are free to the public and must be pre-booked by calling 02 9717 3111. • A nearby cafeteria is available for refreshments after the tour. • Closed footwear must be worn, no high heels. • Children under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian <p>Info and to arrange interviews: Sharon Kelly, Media Relations Manager on (02) 9717 9575 or 0400 394 085</p> <p>1 Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation</p>			
<p>Tue 13 Jan</p> <p>5.30 - 7.30pm</p>	<p>PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT LAW AND VCAT APPEALS - Training for community members and environment groups</p> <p>Workshop purpose: The Environment Defenders Office (Victoria) Ltd (EDO) provides legal advice and representation to individuals and community groups working to protect the environment. The purpose of the EDO Planning & Environment Law & VCAT Appeals workshop is to improve the capacity of individuals and community-based conservation groups to be able to represent themselves in matters before VCAT that relate to planning and environment law appeals. Attendees will learn how to participate most effectively in a VCAT proceeding.</p> <p>Workshop format: The 2-hour program is presented by EDO lawyers. The workshop includes a presentation with plenty of opportunity and encouragement for questions and participation in discussion by workshop attendees.</p> <p>Workshop content: Attendees are given practical and legally-focused information about planning and environment law, VCAT proceedings and hearings. The program is flexible and topics can be tailored to meet the needs and interests of workshop attendees.</p> <p>Topics can include (but are not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an overview of the Victorian Planning and Environment Law System, the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987</i>, and Victorian Planning Schemes. • info about decision makers, third party rights, and appeals in the Victorian planning arena. • a detailed look at the review body, the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal ("VCAT"). <p>Info: EDO on (03) 8341 3100 or emma.peppler@edo.org.au or visit our website for details.</p> <p>This workshop is presented as part of the EDO's 'Improving community participation' project generously funded by the Legal Services Board of Victoria.</p>	<p>GEELONG</p> <p>Heritage Centre</p>	<p>All welcome</p> <p>Registrations essential</p> <p>A group of 15 to 20 participants is recommended</p>	<p>No cost</p>

Tue 13 Jan 10 am	<p>PIPELINE PROTEST</p> <p>A significant protest action will take place on the pipeline route. Please bring banners and placards</p>	GLENBURN Meet at the Yea river reserve behind the Glenburn pub	All welcome	
Wed 14 Jan 8pm Doors will be open from 7pm	<p>'MAKING A DIFFERENCE' – CLIMATE CHANGE & RENEWABLE ENERGY - VNPA social night</p> <p>VNPA member and AI Gore-trained climate campaigner, Tim Forcey, shares some of his stories of 'making a difference'. Find out how many political activists it takes to spell Climate Emergency (a recent human sign project) and hear about other local climate initiatives that are encouraging people to get creative, get involved and have fun!</p> <p>Come and meet new and old friends, optional BYO dinner, and BWAG will provide wine, tea and coffee for a gold coin donation.</p> <p>9347 5188 vnpa@vnpa.org.au</p>	60 Leicester St, Carlton	All welcome	Gold coin donation for drinks
Wed 14 Jan 6.30pm	<p>MELBOURNE WATER NETWORK MEETING</p> <p>The Melbourne water network is not properly formed yet- but a group of people are meeting to see if such an organisation can be formed. At the moment, the idea is to hold fortnightly meetings on a regular basis at FoE starting today.</p> <p>We are also looking into doing some peaceful direct action against the North South pipeline. We aim to hold an event in Melbourne on 22 January on alternatives to the pipeline and desal plant – more details to come.</p> <p>To go on the email list for future Melbourne-based events, or to find out more about the North South pipeline actions, please send your details to cam.walker@foe.org.au</p>	COLLINGWO OD Friends of the Earth, Smith Street	All welcome	

<p>Mon 19 Jan</p> <p>7.30pm</p>	<p>WESTSIDE CRAG (CARBON RATIONING ACTION GROUP) MEETING</p> <p>Tonight's topic will be: Discussing personal emissions targets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss strategies to reduce your carbon footprint • Calculate your CO2 emissions • Borrow power meter to measure appliances <p>PS: You can prepare by calculating your emissions at: http://www.carbonequity.info/crags/calculator.html - direct emissions http://www.isa.org.usyd.edu.au/education/ISA-GHG-Calculator_2008.xls- total embodied emissions Contact: crags@westnet.com.au or 93147713 or 0402 337077</p>	<p>YARRAVILLE</p> <p>Neesh & Shaun's place</p> <p>7 Burns St, Yarraville.</p>	<p>All welcome.</p> <p>Please RSVP</p>	<p>No cost</p> <p>Bring gas and electricity bills</p>
<p>Changed to March</p> <p>Dates tba</p>	<p>MELBOURNE YOUTH LEAD - An innovative eco-social action and leadership training program designed to give young people the skills, motivation and opportunities to tackle climate change and lead the way to a sustainable future</p> <p>NOTE: This event, listed in last week's CAC, has been postponed till March to allow for more participants to register.</p> <p>Youth LEAD is an OzGREEN initiative that is building a national network of leaders who are working locally and beyond to build sustainable resilient communities. Youth LEAD is achieving this through leadership training and mentoring for eco-social projects that forge pathways to sustainable futures. Youth LEAD begins with people learning to be leaders by designing and undertaking their own projects. It brings together personal development, leadership and environmental education, so as participants make a difference to the Planet, they make a difference to themselves, which makes a difference to the Planet.</p> <p>The program starts with a three day training and action planning residential workshop involving up to 25 participants.</p> <p>The workshop features skills training in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ecological footprint assessment and lifestyle analysis • strategic questioning, deep listening and critical thinking • rational and emotional intelligence • creative thinking, values and visioning • goal setting and action planning for lifestyle changes and eco-social action • presentation skills • project planning and management <p>Following the workshop you will be supported through regular e-mail and phone contact, 1 month, 3 month and 6 month follow- up meetings as well as support from local mentors. You can share your plans, stories and successes through the Youth LEAD email list and</p>	<p>YELLINGBO</p> <p>Lyrebird Park Beenak Rd (Yarra Ranges Valley)</p>	<p>We target 15-25 year olds, however we're flexible and aim to include any young person who wants to be there. We therefore sometimes go down to 14 and up to 30ish.</p>	<p>The cost for registration is \$250. There are also a limited number of fully subsidised places available.</p> <p>Applications are included in the registration packs, available online at www.ozgreen.org.au or by contacting youthlead@ozgreen.org.au</p>

	interactive website. Info whopkins@ozgreen.org.au Ph 02 9938-5544 http://www.ozgreen.org.au/upcoming.php			
Tue 20 Jan 6:30 - 8pm	BEYOND ZERO EMISSIONS – TUESDAY NIGHT CAMPAIGN MEETINGS Campaign meetings area held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday night of each month. These meetings are for people interested in taking part in the Beyond Zero Emissions campaign. We begin with a report on any action that has been taken, new information, and any progress made, and finish with a discussion on what activities, events and tasks are coming up and what needs to be done. The meetings are a good introduction to our organisation and the campaign, with new people given a separate briefing at the start of the meeting. Once people have found a role that they are comfortable with within the organisation, it is no longer necessary to come along to meetings with some preferring to work independently, or in a small team, on their chosen projects	FITZROY Kindness House, Suite 10, 288 Brunswick St If you arrive and can't find us ph 03 8383 2232 or 0421 616 733 and we'll come to the front door.	All welcome	Free
Possibly Thu 22 Jan	NEW WATER CAMPAIGN – Peaceful direct action against the North South pipeline and desalination plant – more details to follow. Please also refer to entry of Sat 14 Jan.		All welcome	
Thu 22 Jan 6.30pm	FRIENDS OF THE EARTH CLIMATE JUSTICE COLLECTIVE NOTE: Change of meeting days. The group now meets the 2 ^{de} and 4 th Thu of the month Info: ellenmroberts@yahoo.com.au	FITZROY FoE office Smiths Street	All welcome	
Wed 28 Jan 7.15pm	MOONEY VALLEY CLIMATE ACTION MEETING This month's topic: HOUSEHOLD SOLAR ENERGY Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month. Info: http://www.mooneevalleyclimateaction.org/ Contact: Richard Keech 0419 036 463	MOONEE PONDS Sam Merrifield Library,	All welcome 762 Mount Alexander Rd	No cost
Wed 28 Jan 8pm	BAYSIDE CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION GROUP MEETING The group meets the last Wednesday of every month This session will likely be on the fact that the City of Bayside has elected to go carbon neutral by 2020. We'll now push for 2012, and ask them to define how they plan to achieve this. Contact: coniforcey@gmail.com	SANDRINGH AM Uniting Church, Trentham St	All welcome	