



Welcome

It's Smart Living Newsletter time! Check out all the latest sustainability news and Smart Living Events coming up in 2013.

Captains Corner

Are you a business owner that is interested in sustainability? Are you the "weird guy" who always dons lycra and rides their bike to work and brings a wrapper-free lunch? Or are you just a regular employee that sees the benefits of sustainability in your organisation?

According to the 2013 Corporate Environmental and Sustainability Governance survey, over 90 per cent of organisations have committed to environmental policies. Over 90 per cent also have a dedicated environmental team, up from 75 per cent in 2011. So now is the season to get planning and work out how to embed sustainability into your workplace!

Living Greener is a government initiative with lots of handy hints on how to be more sustainable, and there is a wealth of information for businesses wishing to improve their "green credentials". Here are some of their tips to maximise your impact:

- involve your team or co-workers to generate ideas and solutions
- take some time to develop a plan and build in ways to measure your impact
- consider doing some research into the savings and benefits from any proposed changes you come up with
- share your findings and progress with your whole organisation, including management.

Over and Out – **Captain Sustain-the-'Bool**



Do you run a business from home? Rising power prices are in the news and prompting some households to take a fresh look at energy consumption. If you run a business from your home, this is also an important time to consider how to reduce your energy consumption. The good news is there's plenty you can do to lower your energy bills and a range of resources to help you save without compromising on comfort or reducing your businesses productivity.

Every home-based business is a little different. So the best place to start is by understanding how much energy you use each day for both your business and non-business uses and which energy saving actions will have the biggest impacts on these.

Things to consider include:

- the size and features of your home
- how much of your home is used for running your business
- the energy efficiency of your appliances
- the way you manage and use the equipment around your home.

For more sustainability tips for home and work, visit <http://www.livinggreener.gov.au/>





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November 2013

Sustainability Events Coming Up in 2013

Saturday 16 November – Seal the Loop Action Day

Join Friends of Merri Marine Sanctuary in a hands-on marine discovery day. See page 4 for more details. For more information contact Friends of Merri Marine Sanctuary on friendsofmerri@gmail.com or like them on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfMerriMarineSanctuary>

Sunday 17 November - Warrnambool CAN (Climate Action Now!)

On the 17th, tens of thousands of Australians will gather in capital cities and hundreds of regional towns to make it clear that the majority of Australians want stronger action on climate change. This event is organised by GetUp.

Time: 2.30pm

Contact: Lisa Owen: 5560-5590

Location: Meet at the Corner of Liebig St and Raglan Pde. A March will commence down to the Civic Green. Check out the website for more details:

<https://www.getup.org.au/events/national-day-of-climate-action-warrnambool-can-climate-action-now>

Sunday 17 November - Fishcare South West Family Fishing Day

Join in the fun at Fishcare South West's first Family Fishing Day! Fishcare are inviting the community to come along and enjoy knot tying demonstrations, prize giveaway, fishing clinics and more entertainment.

The event will be held at the Warrnambool and District Angling Club Rooms (Simpson St, Warrnambool) on the banks of the Hopkins River.



Members of Fishcare Southwest and the Warrnambool & District Angling Club will be on hand to teach newcomers to the sport all the things they need to know.

Grab a snag and soft drink at the free BBQ or try out your fly casting skills.

After taking part in the workshops, attendees can put their knowledge into practice with fishing on the river, complete with support from experienced Fishcare members.

Time: 10am – 2pm

Location: Warrnambool District Angling Club

Contact: Lachie (0468300588) or fishcaresouthwest@gmail.com

22 February – Warrnambool Sustainable Living Festival!!

Planning for the 2014 Sustainable Living Festival is well and truly underway and the event will be held on Saturday 22nd February 2014! The Festival will be located on the Civic Green outside the Warrnambool Art Gallery.

We are planning lots of fun and exciting activities including workshops, presentations, a guest speaker, a market, stalls, activities for the kids and entertainment. The Festival is jointly organised by Warrnambool City Council and The Warrnambool Standard and will operate under a gold coin donation entry fee (donated to a local charity).

To stay informed, contact Lisa Rankin at lraink@warrnambool.vic.gov.au to go on our register of interest.

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Recycled Art at Warrnambool Special Development School

Warrnambool Special Development School got hands-on and creative with their students on the 11th of September at a recycled art day, teaching the kids that even buttons and corks can be made into useful household items! Some of the activities included:

- Gift bags made from newspaper
- Wind chimes made from cutlery
- Signs for the veggie patch
- Blackboards made from cardboard pizza trays
- Cork boards
- Christmas cards made from recycled cards
- Pictures made with buttons and paint



Fun activities like this with the kids are a great way to engage the future adults of Warrnambool and to teach important lessons such as the impacts of unnecessary waste going to landfill and the different ways they can embrace recycling in their day-to-day lives. It's not all as dull as putting your plastic in the right bin!



If you are trying to reduce your family's costs over Christmas, recycled arts and crafts are a great activity to do with the kids (and they make for fantastic Christmas gifts). Just google "recycled crafts for kids" for a wealth of inspirational ideas.

ArtCycle (11 Albert St) is a not-for-profit organisation that offers a wide range of recycled arts materials (at a fraction of the normal cost) that are salvaged from local businesses, diverting waste from landfill and providing employment to people with a disability. Visit the website for more information:

<http://artcycle.org.au>



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SEAL THE LOOP
ACTION DAY 2013

HOW MUCH FISHING WASTE CAN WE COLLECT IN ONE DAY?

**SATURDAY
16 NOVEMBER
2-4PM**

Come dressed in blue and join us for a cleanup with a difference! Uncover ocean mysteries at hands on discovery sessions then help wildlife by collecting as much waste as you can! Bring gloves, a hat and sunscreen.
zoo.org.au/actionday

BLAIRGOWRIE
Scott's Shed
Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron

WARRNAMBOOL
Warrnambool Breakwater,
Viaduct Rd



Contact us



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