



Welcome

Hello and welcome to another edition of the Smart Living newsletter. Check out all the Smart Living Events coming up in 2013 and The Captain is here to help make your Christmas a Smart one.

Captains (Christmas) Corner

It is the festive time of the year again and Christmas is about getting together and celebrating with friends and family. But how do we do that without leaving an environmental footprint the size of the North Pole?

Here's a few tips to **Get Green** this Christmas::

- **Real Tree** v Fake Tree - Real!! Fake trees may last longer but last forever in landfill. Why not buy a potted native and use it each year until it grows to big – then you can plant it in your garden and have it forever. If you are a traditionalist – pines can be composted so drop them off at the Warrnambool Community - Gardens - cnr. Grieve Street and Grafton Road – contact Council for details.
- **E-cards** are a great way of saving money and trees.
- Make your **Christmas lights** LED. LED can use up to 90% less energy than traditional Christmas globes – so save on your power bill and produce fewer emissions.
- Ditch the paper napkins and tablecloths, which are only good for one use, go for **fabric napkins** that can be washed and used again and again, the same goes for re-useable plates and cutlery.
- Having a 'traditional' Australian Seafood banquet? Choose **Sustainable Seafood**. The Australian Marine Conservation Society free iPhone app helps make it easy to choose the right fish;
- Buy as much product as you can locally.
- How many gifts do we really need? Organise a **Kris Kringle** – less 'stuff'– more thought put into one gift.

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

Smart Living Events Coming Up in 2013

Sunday 6 January- Surf t' Surf – Healthy Moves

Time to get training for the annual Surf to Surf competition.

January 7-15 Meet the Maremmas Tour

Warrnambool City Council team up with the Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Group to introduce you to the Maremmas that guard the Middle Island Penguin Colony .

Go to www.visitwarrnambool.com.au for booking details.

January 11, 2013 Summer Night Markets at Lake Pertobe 5.30pm-8.30pm

Catch up with Captain Sustain-the-Bool as he jams with Tom Richardson at the Summer Night Markets.

23 February, 2013 – The Sustainable Living Festival

10am-3pm will be once again taking over the Civic Green. Sustainable Food is on the agenda with special guest Peter Russell Clark. Admittance fee is a gold coin donation.

20 March 2013 How do I fix a leaky toilet? And other handy household tips. This workshop will help those who are not so handy around the home– as well as those who think they are quite handy – with some household maintenance practices that can help you live more sustainably – and save \$\$.

15 May 2013 Sustainable House Design

If you are building or renovating then this workshop is for you. Details TBC.

If you are interested in any of these upcoming workshops please register you details with Kristyn (details opposite).



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Street Light Project

The Great South Coast group of councils has received a \$1.4 million grant from the Federal Government for the project. Changing street lights in Warrnambool to energy-efficient alternatives could save Warrnambool City Council up to \$100,000 a year.

There are 2,200 street lights in Warrnambool city Council, most of which are 80 watt mercury vapour lamps.

Most of Council's street lights will be replaced by either Twin 14 Watt T5 lamps or 32-Watt compact fluorescent lamps, which reduce energy usage by 68% and 62% respectively compared to the existing 80-Watt mercury vapour lamps.

In addition to offering lower costs, energy consumption and greenhouse emissions, the new lights provide better lighting outcomes for the community, including:

- Greater uniformity of light across and along the street
- Better colour rendering and visibility
- Less depreciation of the light output over time
- Lower glare

It is estimated the Street Lighting Project may save Council between 10-13% of its total greenhouse emissions, resulting in an approximate reduction of 1140 tonnes of CO₂e-, which is equivalent to removing over 200 cars of the road a year!

If you wish to be removed from the mailing list please contact Kristyn at kabbott@warrnambool.vic.gov.au .

CLEANER, GREENER, SMARTER

WDEA Enterprises – ArtCycle

The **Artcycle** warehouse is now open for business from 11 Albert Street in Warrnambool and offers a wide array of interesting and ever-changing recycled art and craft materials.

More commonly known as 'Reverse Garbage'; **Artcycle** is a new Australian Disability Enterprise (ADE) operated by WDEA Enterprises; a not for profit organisation supporting people with a disability to seek employment and community supports, operating in South West Victoria.

Artcycle sorts, cleans and organises high quality industrial discards, donated from local businesses, diverting waste from landfill – and then offers these materials for sale at low cost to the general public.

Whether its for art and craft, a school project, something that needs to be renovated around the home, an upcoming theatre production, we have materials here that you can use...at a fraction of the price you would normally pay.

Now We Need Your Help!

Make contact with us to purchase a basic, medium or large group membership. Your ongoing membership support will help us to continue to build **ArtCycle** to become a viable business.

You can email karencarter@wdea.org.au , go to our website at www.artcycle.org.au or phone us on 55645200 to ask how t become a member.

You can follow us on facebook too – where we post all the latest information about new products, workshops and events.

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