

Latest SHARE News

Spreading the word for a sustainable Hepburn Shire

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1. DIARY DATES

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2. EVENT DETAILS

Trentham Sustainability Group Meeting Monday 7th December

Trentham Sustainability Group meets monthly. All welcome

Where: Trentham Railway Station

When: Monday 2nd November 7.30 pm

Glenlyon monthly market Saturday 21st November

The Glenlyon Village market will be held on the 3rd Saturday of the month in & around the Glenlyon hall. The next market is on Saturday 21st November.

Enquiries: Dan 5348766

Trentham Farmers Market Saturday 21st November

When: 9am to 3pm
Where: Trentham Town Square
Inquiries: Elizabeth 5424 1254

Edible weed workshop - Sunday 22nd November

Alexis Pitsopoulos will be running a workshop on edible weeds, involving an identification walk and discussion of nutritional and medicinal properties of weeds and wild plants growing around our local community.

Where: Meet at Melliadora, 16 Fourteenth Street, Hepburn
When: Sunday 22 November, 10am - 12:30pm
Cost: \$15
Contact: Su on 5348 3636 or HRN@internode.on.net (bookings please).

SHARE Annual General Meeting and Community Celebration - Friday 27th November

The AGM will be followed by a delicious local organic meal by Gary Thomas (**Spade to Blade**), music by local bluegrass band, **Family Farm**, as well as dancing, good company and **fun**. All welcome – financial members get to vote.

Where: Senior Citizens' Room, behind Daylesford Town Hall
When: 6pm registration, 6.30 AGM, 7.30 dinner, Friday 27th November
Contact: Book for dinner before 19th November by calling Liz on 0402 553 181 or email info@share.asn.au.

Solar Photovoltaic and Solar Hot Water Information evening Monday 30th November

Want to find out about getting a great deal on solar hot water (SHW) or solar electricity?

SHARE is partnering with the Ballarat Renewable Energy and Zero Emissions group (BREAZE) to increase our buying power to offer our members AAE evacuated tube SHW and a Conergy/Fronius/Sunnyboy solar electricity systems.

Come along and find out about how to be part of these discounted purchasing arrangements.

Learn about what Renewable Energy Certificates (RECS) are and the pros and cons of selling them to reduce what you pay for your solar systems.

Where: Senior Citizens Room at rear of Daylesford Town Hall (venue to be confirmed in next newsletter)
When: 7pm Monday 30th November

3. LOCAL NEWS

FREE home sustainability assessments and interest free green loans

The federal government's Green Loans scheme is now available, www.environment.gov.au/greenloans.

There are at least two residents of Hepburn Shire accredited to perform an assessment for you. They are :-

Tanya Black: 5348 78 23.

Sally van Rooden: 5348 79 83 (NB: Sally is a committee member of SHARE)

Tanya and Sally are both offering \$15 to the school or community group of your choice when you have your home sustainability assessment done with them (SHARE is very happy to be the community group of your choice :))

Central Victoria Solar City

The Central Victoria Solar City project offers incentives to local residents and businesses to participate in a trial range of energy efficiency, local energy generation and demand management products and services.

The project aims to discover innovative local energy solutions for you, your community and the planet.

There are six packages offered to households: Energy Audit Package, Retrofit Package, Smart Rates Package, Solar Hot Water Package, Household Solar Electric Package, Solar Park Package, or the Full Suite Package. For more information see <http://www.centralvictoriasolarcity.com.au/>.

Full details available soon.

SHARE will be organising a bus trip to see the Solar Park opening in Ballarat as part of this project. Details to be confirmed, but this will likely take place on 28 November.

Please email your expression of interest for this bus trip to info@share.asn.au.

SHARE Membership Renewals due

SHARE is a not-for profit community organisation that depend on membership fees, donations and grants for funding. To assist the many exciting project ideas, SHARE is encouraging people to become financial members.

Membership fees are \$15 for an individual, \$25 for a household and \$50 for a business. Please visit our new website at www.share.asn.au, update your details and pay by EFT (electronic funds transfer).

Benefits of being a financial member of SHARE include:

- save up to \$600 on an evacuated solar hot water service
- discounted photovoltaic solar arrays
- free advice on how to reduce your energy and water bills
- discounts to events and workshops
- access to borrow SHARE equipment
- ability to include information in SHARE newsletters and website / blog
- be part of promoting a sustainable shire and planet
- connect with others and have FUN

Solar Hot Water Bulk Buy

SHARE has partnered with BREAZE to offer AAE evacuated tube solar hot water systems to our members. According to the manufacturer AAE these systems are very efficient and will be unaffected by frost.

Please ensure you are a financial member of SHARE/HREA and then go to www.breaze.org.au for more detail and to look at system prices. You'll save around \$600 on the retail price.

Prices in BREAZE's spreadsheets vary depending on what size system you need (call Geoff at AAE to determine this on 9770 8365) and whether you are changing from gas to electric or from gas storage to gas instantaneous booster. You will then need to get a quote for installation from a plumber.

SHARE has been advised that standard installations will cost between \$1,200 and \$1,800.

Keep in mind that the best system in terms of CO2 reduction is a solar evacuated tube array with a gas instantaneous booster.

If you can't get the info you need from the BREAZE web site, please email Anneke at info@share.asn.au or call 5348 2976 for more information or to receive a copy of a standard quote for installation.

Grid Connected Photo Voltaic (PV) Solar Update

SHARE is looking into partnering possibilities to increase our buying power, to deliver another bulk-buy of quality Conergy panels. There will also be an option for those who wish to purchase a cheaper, unbranded system.

To express your interest in a PV, electricity system, please email Anneke at info@share.asn.au or call 5348 2976.

Contribute time, skills and enthusiasm with SHARE

SHARE would love to hear from people interested in being actively involved with promoting sustainability and community.

We aim for a broad representation from across the whole Shire as well as a cross section of interest in sustainability matters – environmental, economic, social and personal. Currently SHARE is seeking the services of a pro-bono accountant and lawyer to assist us in the growth of the organisation.

For information or nomination form please contact info@share.asn.au or call 5348 2236 or 5476 4495

4. SWAP, SELL, SERVICES REQUIRED

For Sale

500W Wind Generator For Sale \$900 (new).

For further details contact Ian Esmore at daylesforddesign@bigpond.com or call 5348 1077

Casual Employment Opportunity

Ballarat Renewable Energy And Zero Emissions group (BREAZE) in conjunction with SHARE are looking for strong, brawny people to load, deliver and un-load solar panels for the next photo voltaic (PV) bulk-buying offer.

This will initially be one day's work for two people paid at \$30 per hour each. We hope to arrange further bulk-buying offers in the future. Current driver's licence essential. Preference will be given to financial members of SHARE.

For further information or to express your interest, please email Anneke at solar@share.asn.au or ring 0427 482 976

4. NEWS FROM ELSEWHERE

For the latest information on the feed in tariff check out this update

<http://www.energymatters.com.au/government-rebates/feedintariff.php>

Solar Park Open Days 21st and 28th November Free Solar Park Tours, energy saving tips and tricks, information on choosing solar hot water systems, installing solar panels, auditing or retrofitting your home and free giveaways

Bendigo Solar Park Open Day Saturday 21st November

When: 12.30 – 3 Saturday 21st November **Where:** Corner Wallington Rd and Adelaide Hills Raf Huntly, Bendigo (VicRoads Map 600B10)

Ballarat Solar Park Open Day Saturday 28th November

When: 12.30 – 3 Saturday 28th November

Where: Off Airport Road Ballarat Airport (VicRoads Map 561M9)

For more information visit www.centralvictoriasolarcity.com.au

NOTE: If there is enough interest we will book a bus, please call 5348 2236

SHARE IDEAS:

Contribute to the new SHARE web site, www.share.asn.au

SHARE's new web site is a community resource to share information and ideas about sustainable community.

The web site is also a 'blog' so you can add comments, suggestions and ideas.

Please check it out and let us know what you think.

If your community group would like to join Hepburn Relocalisation Network, Trentham Sustainability Group, Carbon Rationing Action Group and Daylesford Harvest Swapmeet in the online 'community space' let us know by emailing info@share.asn.au.

About SHARE

SHARE is a not-for-profit, non-political community organisation that is run by volunteers.

When SHARE established the vision of a connected community sharing a sustainable future it identified the following broad strategies to cultivate sustainable community: create a sustainable organisation, to be the ears and voice of sustainability, connect and catalyse local sustainability initiatives and to build capacity. This will include:

- Identifying ways to engage more broadly with community and to cultivate sustainable community and business initiatives;
- Attracting a broader committee representation from across the whole Hepburn Shire
- Building our own capacity - finding ways to be more sustainable ourselves as an organisation, including the possibility of creating a visible physical presence in the region
- Identifying our priority projects and what we offer our members
- Communication, web, financial, membership, marketing strategies, admin resources, support and systems

- Collaborating with business, community organisations and agencies locally, regionally and broader

If there is something you feel passionate about please do talk with to us about it. Or if you have the interest, time and talent to contribute we are seeking a broad range of representation to engage in generating viable healthy and sustainable community.

SHARE News is emailed to more than 500 people each fortnight and placed on noticeboards around Hepburn Shire. Feel free to share with others that may be interested.

We need your input. Please email sustainability-focused items ready to be included to info@share.asn.au (Please don't send a flier or poster that requires the information to be extracted). Your contributions and feedback are appreciated.

Deadline for next SHARE News: **Wednesday 25th November**