



# CANWin **E-Bulletin May 2010**

for a sustainable future

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## DIARY DATES

### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 11am-3.30pm**

National Permaculture Day, Moss Vale Community Garden

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, Tallong Apple Festival, 9am-3pm**

Celebrating the apple & the history of apple orchards in the area.

### **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May, Sustainable Housing Forum, Bowral**

10am-4pm, Bowral Memorial Hall, Bendooley St

Includes displays and workshop presentations.

### **Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 'Food Matters', 7pm at East Bowral Community Centre (cnr Rowland & Boardman)**

A conversation and Q & A about some of the key issues in food sustainability: maintaining farm land, safe food, ethical eating, food labelling and food and fertilizers. Speakers Lee Rhiannon and Rosemary Stanton OAM .

### **Resilient Hearts Group Monday 3rd May, 7.30-9pm**

meets in Henrietta Rose Room (in front of library), Bendooley Street, Bowral. Contact Francine at [francinebart@gmail.com](mailto:francinebart@gmail.com)

### **CANWin Committee meeting, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 4.30-6.30pm**

Bowral . Contact Maree 4861 1588

### **16-20<sup>th</sup> May, Footprints for Peace**

walk travels through Wingecarribee with message for sustainable and nuclear-free future.

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May, CANWin Speaker Night, Council Theatre, Moss Vale**

Janette Lindesay, Associate Professor (Climatology), ANU and Deputy Director, ANU Climate Change Institute. See CANWin website for details [www.canwin.org.au](http://www.canwin.org.au)

### **Highlands FM 107.1 every Tuesday evening, 6-8pm**

Tune in to 'Eco Matters', an exciting new show about all things environmental in the Wingecarribee with presenters Claire Burniston and Annabel Brown, on our community radio station.

### **Beginning Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, five week series, 2-4pm, East Bowral**

"U3A Forum on Climate Change Science"

### **Harmony Farm, Canyonleigh**

The third Sunday of the month is the Harmony Farm working bee (May 16th) and interested individuals should check the website ([www.harmonycommunityfarm.com](http://www.harmonycommunityfarm.com)) for any updates or changes.

**National Permaculture Day, Moss Vale Community Garden** (Railway Street, Moss Vale) on Saturday 1st May, 11am-3.30pm. The morning will feature no-dig gardening, backyard chooks, soil improvement strategies etc.

There will also be a sausage sizzle and hot drinks available for a small charge and plants for sale.

The main event is the Waterwise Gardening workshop at 2.20pm by Richard Manning of Aquamann Irrigation, explaining and demonstrating installation of water tanks, solar water pumping, drip and spray irrigation systems etc. Entry is by gold coin donation.




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**FREE ENTRY FOR ALL**  
**Sustainable Housing Forum Powers into**  
**Bowral on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2010**



**Bowral Memorial Hall, Bendooley St**

**We will be showcasing interactive exhibits of:**

- Tanks and grey water systems
- Solar hot water systems and Rebates
- Wind power
- Straw bale house construction
- Hybrid cars & electric motorcycle
- Timber frame heritage construction
- House Insulation
- Aquaponics
- Green home loan consulting

- Sustainable home design & renovation
- Energy saving lighting
- Free Sustainability home assessments
- Firewise homes with RFS
- Organic Vegetables
- Photovoltaic electricity production
- Vegetable gardening/permaculture
- Community gardens
- Thermal control glass

**And be presenting lecture topics (in Henrietta Rose Room)**

- 10am
- 11am - 12.30
- 1pm-2.30pm
- 2.30-3.30pm

- Permaculture and Vegetable gardening
- Renewable Energy and Transition Towns
- Sustainable Housing Design
- Fire wise homes & Properties

# FOOD MATTERS

Rosemary Stanton and Lee Rhiannon  
in conversation and with Q & A's

food sustainability / safe food / ethical  
consumption / food labelling / trans fats



Carl Vilhelm Balsaard, A Still Life of Pumpkins and Artichokes, 1832-1893

**Dr Rosemary Stanton OAM**  
Nutritionist, author and good food  
campaigner

**Lee Rhiannon MP**  
NSW Greens Senate candidate and  
sustainable food activist

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**EAST BOWRAL COMMUNITY  
CENTRE**

**May 8, 7pm**

**Cnr. Rowland &  
Boardman Ave**

**\$15 or \$10 concession**

**Includes light refreshments**



## Women begin 3-month trek to Canberra for Peace



Led by grandmother June Norman, a group of five women left Brisbane on Saturday 13th March with the intention of walking to Canberra. They are carrying a message stick to the Prime Minister for a sustainable and nuclear-free future. The Footprints for Peace group will be walking through the Southern Highlands **between May 16<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup>**. Click on the [map](#) to see the walk route.

**Your friends and family (including the menfolk) are welcome to join the women for sections of the walk in solidarity.** You are welcome to walk up the street, walk for an hour, or walk longer. If you plan to spend the day with the walk group, please bring a packed lunch with you. If you plan to stay overnight, bring your sleeping gear. See schedule below.

You can follow their journey and the experience through other towns and places here: <http://brisbane.foe.org.au/blog/12>

### Footprints for Peace schedule:

May 16 Sunday	Leave Aylmerton	Walk to Moss Vale	20km
May 17 Monday	REST	REST	
May 18 Tuesday	From Moss Vale	To Bundanoon	14km
May 19 Wednesday	From Bundanoon	To Marulan	33km
May 20 Thursday	From Tallong	To Goulburn	30km

## U3A Forum on Climate Change Science

**Five weekly sessions from 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Thursdays 2-4pm, East Bowral Community Centre**

A joint project of CANWin and U3A, it will be presented as a series of five consecutive lectures, each to include an hour-long presentation, tea break and question and answer session. The lectures will focus on some basic scientific concepts and data behind the physical, chemical and biological influences controlling climate change.

- The first lecture, by Bill Buykx will serve as an introductory review of the Philosophy of Science and the Scientific Method.
- Then Lou Flower will present some basic scientific principles and mechanisms controlling the temperature of the atmosphere.
- Lecture 3 by Dr. David Tranter will focus on the influence of the oceans and the interaction of the ocean and the atmosphere, including some positive feedback processes.
- The next lecture by Dr. Ken McCracken, the well-known solar phenomenon expert, will examine the varying amounts of solar energy impacting on the earth due to variations of solar activity and earth orbital effects.
- The final presentation by Graeme Sanders will discuss some practical solutions involving alternative energy sources to minimise carbon dioxide emissions.

The presentations will be geared to an audience with minimal scientific, mathematical or technical background. The purpose of the series is to provide the average person with sufficient factual data to better understand the heated debate which is taking place in the media, as well as political and business arenas and which largely ignores the science itself. This will be an expanded version of the two-session forum presented in Nov 2009, which was well received by some 40-50 attendees.

Current enrolment is 56 persons with several more on the waiting list. The course organiser and

convenor is CANWin member Lou Flower.



**Community Exchange  
Southern Highlands**

**Need help with your computer?  
Need help doing your grocery shopping?  
Want to know how to make soap?  
Need a hand in the garden?**

All of these services and more are on offer now at Community Exchange Southern Highlands. **CESH** is a LETSystem, which helps local people trade goods and services with one another. It promotes local employment by using the community's true wealth — the skills and energy of its people.

Anybody in the Southern Highlands can join and being a member is easy and full of opportunities. Transactions are conducted using the local currency, Gibs, which you can spend before you earn. It sounds crazy, but it works.

Check out which members are offering the goods and services that you need, contact them and away you go! **Go to [www.cesh.org.au](http://www.cesh.org.au) for more information** (including ideas on what you can offer) or to join.

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### **Bundanoon Is Brigadoon - and Brigadoon went Bottled Water Free**

On Saturday, 17 April 2010, the famed **Bundanoon Highland Gathering**, became bottled water free, possibly one of the biggest public events in Australia to do so. No small undertaking, as the event is one of the world's largest highland gatherings (with often over 15,000 visitors). Visit the **Bundy on Tap** website [www.bundyontap.com.au](http://www.bundyontap.com.au) for more information and photos of this ground breaking initiative. Other newer pages include information on reusable water bottles and a history timeline of the project.

#### **and ...ripples of change**

"Back to the Tap" in The Weekend Australian Magazine 24/25<sup>th</sup> April reported that global sales of bottled water have slumped nearly 10% in the past 12 months.

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### **SOME GOOD READING...**

#### **Transition Culture**

Two British commentators related to the "Transition" movement have written about the lessons to be learned this week. [Rob Hopkins](#) and [Rosie Boycott](#) point to the mix of practical, strategic and personal benefits that come along with localization. They remind us that the best response to Eyjafjallajokull is not a quick return to business as usual, but is rather a realization of the fragility of our global culture and a shift toward a more sustainable world. See especially <http://www.countercurrents.org/hopkins220410.htm> for **Reflections On Eyjafjallajokull: Let's Not Waste Another Wake-Up Call**, Rob Hopkins,

## Expressions of Interest Sought for Southern Highlands Solar



Community interest and industry support is being sought for a large scale community solar project for the Southern Highlands Region.

The initiative is being led by Starfish Enterprises in partnership with local Co-Coordinator Claire Burniston.

Starfish Enterprises' network of community entrepreneurs has successfully installed 230 new solar systems and large-scale solar farms in just eighteen months. At the same time these solar power and hot water systems have been 20-50% cheaper than regular retail prices.

Claire Burniston is a Southern Highland's resident that has worked in the solar industry for 4 years, is an accredited Home Sustainability Assessor and is part of the team working towards Bundanoon's town energy audit, which is a community-led home sustainability project underway in Bundanoon accessing household's energy, water and gas consumption.

Starfish Enterprises is now inviting Expressions of Interest for qualified electricians, plumbers, installers and businesses able to supply relevant equipment and materials. It is a 'for purpose' rather than 'for profit' model and as a community enterprise fair remuneration is paid for all labour.

"The community enterprise model is a very effective way to support large-scale take up of solar technology," stated Adam Blakester, Chair of Starfish Enterprises. "The reasons for the rapid community take up have included: protection from rising electricity prices by producing energy on-site; shifting to renewable distributed energy and away from traditional sources that are threatening water systems, agricultural landscapes and the climate; and, generating significant passive income and accessing rebates and other incentives.

"Our aim," added Claire Burniston, "is to be able to install high quality solar power, solar hot water and solar heating systems. The substantial savings are achieved through buying systems and equipment in bulk, clustering of installations and using only free marketing and promotion with the support of an extensive network of project partners"

Businesses seeking to become project partners outside the expression of interest should also register their interest.

Tradesperson, installers, suppliers and residents interested in going solar can contact Claire Burniston, Project Co-Coordinator on 0431 729 974 or [burniston@hotmail.com](mailto:burniston@hotmail.com)