



CASES Climate Action Sydney Eastern Suburbs

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1. CASES joins in 100% Renewables' National Doorknock Day, Saturday 28 May

CASES is joining 50 local community groups from around Australia for 100% Renewables' National Doorknock Day on Saturday, May 28, by doorknocking the 220 residences of Phillip Bay as part of 100% Renewables Renewable Energy Survey.

The idea is that we present the short survey to householders which asks them to share their views on renewable energy. The plan is that Rob Oakeshott will table the survey results (hopefully 20,000 of them) in Federal parliament in June, 2011, and for local community groups around the nation to present them to their local members of parliament on Friday, June 24. Now there's a challenge for climate action groups (CAGs)!

We will be meeting @ 2 Oorana Ave, Phillip Bay, from 10:30 AM on Saturday, May 28, for a survey briefing before starting doorknocking @ 11 AM, finishing. We plan to doorknock until at least 1 PM. However, if

people want to keep going, there's flexibility to do so. At least one member of 100% Renewables will join us for the event. Please RSVP Greg Olsen, sustainability@exemail.com.au, or phone him on 9311 3857, if you can take part.

2. CASES at Bondi the Beautiful Sea Fair, Sunday 5 June

On Sunday 5 June, 10am – 4pm at Bondi Park, Waverley Council is organising a fair to celebrate all things beautiful about the community and environment. There will be live music, with local and up-and-coming performers, kids' entertainers, an environmental information tent, community group stalls (including CASES), interactive art installation, children's activity centre and roaming performers. There will be market and eco-friendly stalls, arts and crafts stalls and food stalls where you can fill up on winter warming goodies! For more information about the Fair, call 9369 8045 or email environment@waverley.nsw.gov.au.

3. Next CASES Monthly Meeting, 25th May

CASES meets every 4th Wednesday of the month, at Barrett House (6 Barrett Place Randwick), from 7pm – 9pm. All are welcome! Please bring a plate to share for dinner.

4. Events

Thursday 5 May: Sydney Premiere – “The Economics of Happiness”

Come along to the Sydney premiere of “The Economics of Happiness”, a documentary about the worldwide movement for localization, followed by a discussion with producer and director Helena Norberg-Hodge. At the College of Fine Arts, Cnr Greens Road & Oxford Street, Paddington, 6.30pm. (\$15, concessions \$12). Both hard-hitting and inspirational, this film reveals some uncomfortable truths about today's global economy, which is creating divisiveness, financial instability and environmental breakdown worldwide. In stark contrast, it shows how people around the world are already engaged in exploring alternative visions of prosperity: uniting around a common cause to build more ecological, more human-scale, more local economies. The film features a chorus of voices from six continents, including Vandana Shiva, Zac Goldsmith, Bill McKibben, Khyentse Norbu Rinpoche, and Clive Hamilton. For more information and bookings, see <http://economicshappinessyd.eventbrite.com/>.

Tuesday 10 May: Alternative Technology Association Sydney Central Branch meeting on “transforming heritage buildings into sustainable relics”

6pm to 8pm, at the Wallaby Room, 11th Floor, Telstra Building, 320 Pitt St., Sydney. The presenter is Chris Wilson, a former photovoltaic engineer and project manager with the NSW Government Architect's Office. Chris will speak about the photovoltaic installations at Sydney Town Hall and Sydney Theatre Company, which are some of the largest rooftop mounted systems in Australia. His talk will discuss how all buildings – even heritage ones - can be made more sustainable. Chris will explain some of the noteworthy challenges that were overcome to deliver these award winning projects. Chris Wilson's projects have received numerous awards including the Clean Energy Industry Award, National Heritage Award and Green Globes Award. For more information see <http://community.ata.org.au/sydneybranch>.

Sunday 15 May: Book Launch – Climate Change Denial: Heads in the Sand

Climate change can be solved – but only when we cease to deny that it exists. This book by Haydn Washington and John Cook shows how we can break through denial, accept reality, and thus solve the climate crisis. It will engage scientists, university students, climate change activists as well as the general public seeking to roll back denial and act. To be launched by Bob Carr at Gleebooks, 3:30pm. RSVP essential. For more information, see <http://www.gleebooks.com.au/default.asp?p=events/launches4.htm>.

19 & 20 May: Talks on climate change at the Sydney Writers' Festival

- 'Climate Whiplash', with Curt Stager, author of 'Deep Future: the Next 100,000 Years of Life on Earth', 11:30-12:30 Thursday 19 May. Pier 2/3 Club Stage, Pier 2/3, Hickson Road, Walsh Bay. [More information.](#)
- 'You've been warned' with Naomi Oreskes (author of 'Merchants of Doubt'), Paul Gilding and Curt Stager. Friday 20 May, 8-9:30pm, Sydney Town Hall. [More information.](#)

23 & 24 June: Bushfire in the Landscape – Different values, a shared vision

The Nature Conservation Council of NSW Bushfire Program invites you to attend its Eighth Biennial Bushfire Conference, at the Teacher's Federation Conference Centre, Sydney. Australians are faced with bushfires each summer and are realising that fire is an integral part of the Australian landscape. However the different values people place on the landscape dictates how fire is perceived and used by different sectors of the community. Risk management values, biodiversity values, Indigenous values and rural production values have traditionally had competing interests in how fire is managed. This conference will explore how differing values and land uses influence the application of fire in the Australian landscape and investigate the impacts this has had on biodiversity. New scientific research, policy updates and on ground management issues and success stories will be presented. Facilitated sessions will provide delegates with the opportunity to contribute to a shared vision for progressing ecologically sustainable bushfire management. For more information see <http://www.nccnsw.org.au/content/bushfire-landscape-different-values-shared-vision>.

Randwick Council Website Listed Events and Workshops

Randwick Council has a listing of environmental events and workshops. Upcoming events and workshops include:

Saturdays 14 & 28 May, 11 & 25 Jun: Basic Bike Mechanics Workshops

See more details [here](#).

Waverley Council Website Listed Events and Workshops

Waverley Council has a listing of environmental events and workshops. Upcoming events and workshops include:

1-7 May: Compost Awareness Week, a variety of activities and events

Monday 2 May: Love Food Hate Waste Workshop

Wednesday 4 May: Bike Maintenance Workshop

Saturday 7 May: Back on Your Bike Workshop

Saturday 14 May: Commute by Bike Workshop

Wednesday 18 May: Renewable Energy Workshop

Friday 20 May: Walk Safely to School Day 2011

Saturday 21 May: Natural Baby Care Workshop

Wednesday 25 May: Bike Maintenance Workshop

Saturday 4 Jun: Compost and Worm Farming Workshop

Sunday 5 Jun: Bondi the Beautiful Sea Fair

Wednesday 8 Jun: Native Plants and Bush Tucker Gardens Workshop

Saturday 18 Jun: Back on Your Bike Workshop

Saturday 25 June: Bike Maintenance Workshop

See more details [here](#).

Woollahra Council Website Listed Events and Workshops

Waverley Council has a listing of environmental events and workshops. Upcoming events and workshops include:

Friday 20 May: Walk Safely to School Day 2011

Saturday 28 May: Autumn at the Holdsworth Rain Garden

Saturday 11 June: Winter at the Holdsworth Rain Garden

See more details [here](#).

Reduce Your Footprint Website Listed Events, Workshops and Courses

The Reduce Your Footprint website (a collaboration between Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra Councils) has a listing of environmental events, workshops and courses. Upcoming events and workshops include:

Tuesday 10 May: Five Keys to a Sustainable Home Presentation

Commencing Thursday 5 May: Creating EcoCentres Course (6 Thursdays)

Commencing Saturday 7 May: Living Smart Course (6 Saturdays)

Commencing Saturday 14 May: Create Your Own Native Haven Course (4 Saturdays)

Wednesday 8 Jun: Green Nappies and Baby Care Workshop

See more details [here](#).