



Brunswick Heads Sustainable Streets Newsletter #2

Energy and Water Saving Workshop

Around 20 residents came along to the September workshop to discover simple ways to reduce their energy and water consumption, while shrinking their bills at the same time!

Experienced tutor, Colin George shared a range of tips that every household can implement to save serious some energy, including:

- Switch to solar hot water
- Turn of stand-by power when not in use, inc. TV, DVD and computer
- Replace halogen downlights with LED or compact fluoro bulbs
- Purchase energy efficient appliances
- Replace that old fridge and turn of the second freezer/bar fridge.



Thanks to everyone who came along and call [6626 7305](tel:66267305) to book your free home energy audit asap!

NEXT WORKSHOP: EARTHY PLEASURES: ORGANIC GARDENING
10 - 12pm, Sat 8 Oct @ Brunswick Heads Public School (Fingal Street)
 * Please bring hat, gloves, closed shoes and water.

What is Sustainable Streets?

Sustainable Streets is a practical way to assist residents to **reduce their eco-footprint, build connections** in the neighbourhood and **save money** on their utility bills. For more info, call Graeme Williams on [6626 7305](tel:66267305)



Meet a Neighbour - Matt and Renee from Bower St

We moved to Brunswick Heads a little over a year ago. We have been undertaking some renovations to the existing house, for which we wanted to incorporate solar passive design features along with rainwater tanks, solar hot water, and solar panels. With this in mind, we would like to further improve our energy use and water efficiency, but are also keen to develop an edible garden which is the next job to get onto!

All of these reasons are why we were interested in Sustainable Streets and look forward to picking up many useful tips to reduce our impact and provide a more secure future for our kids.



Brunswick Heads Bush Regeneration

Since 2009, the 'Byron Shire Chemical Free Land Care Group' have been working to restore 4ha of Crown Land near the Brunswick Heads Surf Club using chemical-free techniques. The group is using organic methods to control major environmental weeds, such as Bitou Bush and Glory Lilly and are thrilled with the number of native species coming back! The group meet monthly on Saturdays.

For more info or to get involved, contact Nadia on 6684 4771.

Sustainability Stamps

'Sustainability Stamps' is a system to reward Sustainable Streets participants who undertake actions to lower their ecological footprint, such as installing a solar hot water system, establishing a new veggie garden or switching to green cleaning products etc. Each stamp = \$1.00.

These 'stamps' are saved up and then redeemed for a shared community prize up to the value of \$1,000 at the end of the program. Ideas for a community prizes include neighbourhood fruit trees, wildlife nest boxes or whatever the group decides will be a lasting gift to strengthen sustainability in the neighbourhood!

Please bring you 'Sustainability Stamp Sheet' to each workshop and contribute to the running tally!

Sustainability Stamps Running Tally @ September:	230 stamps
---	-------------------

Brunswick Heads Sustainable Streets Program

Date	Workshop Topic	
13 Aug	Welcome + Low Waste Living Demos	<p style="text-align: center;">General Information</p> <p>DATE: 2nd Sat. of the month</p> <p>TIME: 10am - 12pm</p> <p>LOCATION: Brunswick Heads Uniting Church, Cr Fingal & Byron St</p> <p><small>* Held at Brunswick Heads Public School Garden</small></p>
10 Sept	Power to the Hood: Energy and Water Savers	
8 Oct	Earthly Pleasures: Organic Gardening *	
12 Nov	Cooking with Local Produce + shared lunch	
10 Dec	Bush Friendly Backyards and Urban Wildlife	
tbc	Finale Celebration: Eco Film Night and Local Feast!	

For more information, contact: Graeme Williams on 6626 7305