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WELCOME MESSAGE

WELCOME TO THE 2017 GREEN SKILLS GREAT SOUTHERN SUSTAINABLE LIVING FESTIVAL.

Spread across several towns and communities in the region, this festival boasts a range of engaging, exciting and fun family-friendly activities.

The Festival is a sharing and celebration of the wonder and diversity of our region and the many ways we can all make a difference: at home, work, play and in the great outdoors.

Come along, join in, be inspired, connect with others, and discover some cool new things. The varied program covers a range of activities and events including health and well-being, sustainable living at home and work, home tours, gardening, home energy- water-waste, conservation and the environment, upcycling and recycling and more.

Check out the program, share with friends and family. We look forward to seeing you around.

Regards



Dawn Atkin
Festival Director
(Project Manager Green Skills Inc)

JOIN US FOR THE FESTIVAL LAUNCH

You are invited to join us for this special event and screening to launch the Wednesday March 1st, 2017 Festival.

Refreshments and movie screening brought to you by Green Skills Inc and Film Harvest.

Orana Cinema, 451 Albany Highway, Albany.

Tickets available \$16 pre-purchase from Mid-Feb or on the night at the Orana Cinema.

THE GREEN SKILLS SUSTAINABLE LIVING FAIR & EXPO

HOME ENERGY WATER WASTE

March 25th 2017 | 9.00am – 2.00pm

Albany Town Square, York Street, Albany

Exhibitions, demonstrations, talks & presentations, interactive displays, PLUS more.

Stay posted for current updates on new activities and talks at

www.expo.greenskills.org.au

FESTIVAL KEYNOTE

Sat 25th March at the Albany Town Hall, York Street

Doors open at 6.00pm. Talk starts 6.30pm.

Tickets \$15 available from Paperbark Merchants, York St
www.paperbarks.com.au

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 **Green Skills and Film Harvest, Orana Cinema, 451 Albany Hwy**
 **Tickets \$16**, pre-purchase from mid-Feb or on the night at Orana Cinema

2 Mini Film Festival

Wed 1st March, 5.30pm

Festival launch and Screening of 'A Plastic Ocean', a film that juxtaposes the wonders of the Ocean, with the hard facts of a 'disposable' lifestyle. **Tickets \$16**

Wed 8th March 8th, 6.15pm

'Seed: The Untold Story', tackles the issue of sustainability head on. **Tickets \$16**

Sat 25th March, 9am - 2pm

Join GreenMan Media at their stall at the EXPO to be part of the official Festival video and share your views and experiences in a unique and creative way. **FREE**

Wed 26th April, 6.15pm




Screening of 'The Eagle Huntress', a spellbinding documentary about a young nomadic Mongolian girl fighting to become the first female eagle hunter in twelve generations of her Kazakh family. **Tickets \$16**

 **Film Harvest, Orana Cinema, 451 Albany Hwy** or
Email: info@greenmanmedia.com.au
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3 Organic Horticulture Open Day - NAASA Certified

Sat, 11th March | From 10am - 12noon




Come along and see the NAASA certified organic horticulture garden. View the garden, learn about organic methods for dealing with pests and diseases and learn what can be grown in the southern climate.

 **Sue Dybing | 9892 3222**
 **South Regional TAFE, South Coast Highway, Denmark, South Regional TAFE, South Coast Hwy, Denmark**
 **FREE**

4 Eco-House Tour

Sunday, 26th March | 10am - 12noon, 1.30pm - 3pm




Meet the owner-builders and tour the popular Katanning Eco-House! See how an ordinary family is reducing their environmental impact through sustainable building and living. Featuring a strawbale home of full solar passive design including thermal mass walls and convection cooling tower, 100% off-grid power using solar and wind, recycled materials, vegetable garden, hybrid electric car and waste minimisation practices. Be inspired to do your bit for our planet! See www.katanningecohouse.wordpress.com and get excited!

 **Ella Maesepp | 9821 8616** or Email: ekmaesepp@bigpond.com
 **Katanning Eco-House, 309 Withers Rd Katanning**
 **Adults \$10, Children (6 - 15yrs) \$6, Under 6 FREE**

5 Guided Bird & Bush Walks

Every Mon, Wed, Thur in the month of March | From 9am - 10am

Discover WA's diverse mallee bushland and its inhabitants at Ongerup's Yongergnow Centre. The centre for community, culture and conservation is surrounded by a 5ha fully fenced flora and fauna sanctuary. Walks are led by experienced biologist and tour guide Vicky Bilney. Concessions apply for concession card holders, groups and families. Entry fee includes access to Yongergnow Australian Malleefowl Centre. Advance bookings essential to avoid disappointment.

 **Rebecca Brady | 9828 2325** or Email: ongerup@crc.net.au
 **Ongerup Malleefowl Centre, Lot 260 Jaekel St, Ongerup, Yongergnow - Ongerup Community Resource Centre**
 **\$20**

6 Ongerup Market Day

Saturday 4th March | From 1pm - 4pm

Come along to Ongerup's Market Day. Situated in the Yongergnow-Ongerup Community Resource Centre. The afternoon will be a great opportunity to catch up with friends while browsing a variety of local stalls.

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 **\$10 entry** - includes a drink on arrival and nibbles.

7 Albany Farmers Markets

Sat 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March | From 8am - 12noon
Come along and meet the farmers and producers of the Great Southern. Straight from the farm to market: freshest fruits, vegetables, farmed meat, dairy, cheese, fish, seafood and much more.

📍 Albany Farmers Markets, Collie Street, Albany

💰 FREE entry

8 Backyard Best: compost, chickens, and upcycling

Saturday 11th March 2017 | From 10am - 3pm
Get the best from your backyard while reducing waste and saving money! Learn how to get the best compost for the healthiest soil and amazing fruit, veg, and flowers through nutrient-cycling. Learn why chickens are a family's best friend, and amazing companions for every gardener. Get hands on and build your own worm tubes and help build a chook tractor, all using recycled materials! Cost includes lunch and all materials.

👤 **Andrea Salmond** | 9821 4327 or Email: andrea@katanninglandcare.org.au

📍 **Katanning Landcare, Contact organiser for venue details**

💰 \$10



9 Community Wind a Winner

Sat 18th March | From 10am - 12noon
Find out how the windfarm works, its history, what it contributes to the community, and ask any questions you have about renewable energy. A director of Denmark Community Windfarm Ltd will take you through it all. Registration Required.

👤 **Dawn Atkin** | 9848 3310 or Email: denmark@greenskills.org.au

📍 **Denmark Community Windfarm, Ocean Beach Rd, Denmark**

💰 \$5 - pay on the day

10 Denmark Cycling Festival

12th - 20th March
Check out all the latest details at:
www.denmarkfestivalofcycling.net.au

👤 **Nicole** on 0438 750 751

📍 **Denmark Cycling Festival - Multiple Locations**

11 Keynote: Living in the Next Century

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12 Mini Inventors Fair

25th March | From 9am - 2pm
Come and check out some local mini inventors as part of the Expo.

📍 **York Street, Albany, Albany Town Square**

13 Sustainable Living Fair & Expo

25th March | 9.00am - 2.00pm

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👤 **Laura Bird** | 9842 1334 or Email: albany@greenskills.org.au

📍 **Albany Town Hall and Town Square, York Street, Albany**

💰 Tickets \$13 available from Paperbark Merchants, York Street www.paperbarks.com.au

14 Seasonal Produce- Soil to Serving

Sun 26th March | 12noon

Join local Wine Maker and Cafe owner Alice York, to gain practical knowledge of growing and eating seasonally and enjoy a seasonal lunch. Learn how to best utilise your garden and it's produce working with the seasons. Bookings essential.

👤 **Alice** | 0431 065 061 or Email: thegrocerystoremtb@gmail.com

📍 **Mt Barker Biodynmaics**

15 Kalgan Community Fair

Sat Apr 8th | From 9am - 1pm

Celebrating community! Competitions & Pumpkin Prizes.

👤 **Laura Bird** | 9846 4638 or Email: kalgancommunity@gmail.com

📍 **Kalgan Progress Assoc, 516 Nannup Rd, Kalgan, Lower Kalgan Hall**

💰 **Gold Coin**

16 Forage, Ferment & Fromage Tour and Talks

Sat 1st April | From 11am - 1pm, 2pm - 4pm

Join us in a small group for a foraging tour of the organic gardens (tracing the foot-steps of HRH Prince Charles during his 2014 visit) followed by your choice of one of three hour-long interactive sessions – wine, cheese, or fermented foods – conducted by local producers and artisans. The 11am Tour includes a ploughman's lunch at 2pm. Visit our website for more details oranjetractor.com

👤 **Pam Lincoln** | 08 9842 5175, 04 1991 6263 or Email: pam@oranjetractor.com

📍 **Oranje Tractor Wine, 198 Link Road Marbelup**

💰 \$75 per person with lunch \$55 without lunch

DENMARK TIP SHOP EVENTS

Lot's of great activities at the Denmark Tip Shop. Arrive and pay on the day. All children 12 and under are free, must be accompanied by an adult.

Worm Farming

Wed 1st & 15th March | From 12noon - 2pm

What do you do with food scraps. Landfill? Compost? Ever tried worms? They're easy to look after, provide you with wonderful soil from your scraps plus awesome liquid fertilizer. Kristy McMullan will help you dig through all you need to know to reduce toxic landfill and look after your garden. \$5

Basic Bike Repair

Sat 4th & 25th March | From 12noon - 2pm

Don't throw away your old bike come on down to the Tip Shop and learn how to maintain the one you have. Gus Stokes of Denmark Cycles will run you through all the adjusting and basic bike work you will need to keep your bike going for a long time. \$5

Junk Percussion with Junk Funktion

Sat 11th and 18th March | From 10am - 12noon

Would you love to play music but can't afford expensive instruments. Come along and learn some beats with Junk Funktion. Check out a variety of instruments made from found objects and who knows you might get some ideas. \$10

Small Engines Maintenance

Sun 5th March | From 10am - 12noon

Come and learn the basics to keep your mower and whipper snipper running for years. Maitreya Egan a local small engines mechanic will give you the a to z of small engines. \$10

Joey Pouch Construction

Sat 11th and 18th March | From 12 noon - 3pm

Local animal carer Elaine Bridson cares for a lot of joeys. The pouches that they live in are made from scrap material from the Tip Shop. Come and be a part of caring for our baby roos by making new homes for them. We have some sewing machines to use but if you can bring your own that would be great. FREE

Upcycled Shopping Bag Construction

Sun 12th and 19th March | From 10am - 12noon

Come and take control of our own waste - upcycle now. Make your own shopping bag from used material with the Plastic Bag Free Denmark Group. We have some sewing machines but if you have one to bring that would be great too. FREE

Circuit Bending with James Gentle

Sun 26th March | From 10am - 12noon

Got old kids toys that make noises? The older the better. Want to give them a new life? Electronic experimentalist James Gentle will guide you in the basics of creating your own crazy noise making instruments from old circuits. You will learn basic electrical safety, soldering and exploration of circuits. \$10

SOUTH COAST FESTIVAL OF BIRDS

MARCH 2017

www.birdfestival.greenskills.org.au

For full information and registration contact Green Skills Denmark office 08 98483310 or bschur@greenskills.org.au

School based education activities, conducted by BirdLife Australia will run at local schools from 14th to the 17th March 2017. Program information available from Rod Smith, BirdLife WA wa@birdlife.org.au 08 9383 7749

All events and activities of the South Coast Festival of Birds were correct at time of printing. Some details may be subject to change. Please check the website of regular updates and additional activities.

Birdwatching and Nature Guided Walk.

Sat 18th Feb, 6.30am

At Mt Trio Camp Grounds, Koi-Kyeunu-ruff (Stirling Ranges), part of a Poonarti Tours and Green Skills camp www.poonarti.com.au

Contact Basil Schur, 9848 3310 or bschur@greenskills.org.au

The Wonderful Birds of the South Coast - Photographic and Art Exhibition

Tues 7th March to Mon 20th March, 11am to 4pm

Exhibition at WA Museum-Albany. Spectacular bird photography by keen photographers Keith Lightbody, Dick Walker and others. Art by local Albany and WA artists. (Daily except when other festival events are on in the hall.)

FREE ENTRY

Albany's Amazing Birds Talk

Thurs 9th and Tues 14th March 5.30pm

A talk With BirdLife Australia. Please register with the Albany library (08) 9841 9390. **FREE EVENT**

Lake Seppings Bird Walk

Monday 13th March 8am to 10am

Meet at the Lake Seppings walk car park off the Golf Links Rd, Albany. Bring binoculars, hat, sturdy footwear.

For information contact BirdLife Australia local branch albanybirds@hotmail.com. **FREE EVENT**

Learn to Identify Birds by Their Call

Mon 13th March, 8.30am - 10.30am

Meet at Lower King Bridge car park. Bring binoculars, hat, sturdy footwear.

For information contact BirdLife Australia local branch albanybirds@hotmail.com **FREE EVENT**

Go Birdwatching with BirdLife Australia

Tuesday 14th March 2017
8am start to lunchtime

Regular local bird outing. Meet at 8am at end of Morley Road, Youngs Siding.

Join BirdLife's regular monthly bird excursion. Bring binoculars, hat, lunch and gum boots or footwear that can get wet. For info contact albanybirds@hotmail.com **FREE EVENT**

Western Ground Parrot Fieldtrip

Mon 13th March 3.30pm to 8pm

Meet at Lower King Bridge car park for an outing to Waychinicup to learn about Western Ground Parrot monitoring. Citizen Science project by Friends of the Western Ground Parrot & Dept of Parks and Wildlife.

(max No. 15). Booking required: wparrot@gmail.com **FREE EVENT**

Gondwana Link Bird and Eco Restoration Field Trip

Wed 15th March Meet at 6.00am return by 6.30pm

Meet at Woolworths Car Park (next to Service Station). Visits to Gondwana Link sites near Boxwood Hill, the Yongergnow Malleefowl Centre in Ongerup and more, with Dr Nic Dunlop, Vicky Bilney, Eddy and Donna Wajon and others. - contact Basil Schur, Green Skills 9848 3310 bschur@greenskills.org.au

\$80 waged, \$44 unwaged. Bookings Essential.

Don't let finances stop you from coming. Please contact us.

Bringing Birds Into Your Garden

Thurs 16th March 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Getting to know your backyard birds and how to make your garden bird friendly.

Workshop and Garden Visit with Boyd Wykes, experienced ornithologist.

This workshop will cover how to design bird friendly gardens, as well as understanding the diversity of birds that visit home gardens on the south coast. Meet at the WA Museum, Albany. Prior registration essential. - contact Green Skills 9848 3310 or bschur@greenskills.org.au. **Cost \$10 per person, pay on day**

Festival of Birds Symposium in Albany

Fri 17th March 8.30am for 8.45am start) to 1pm

High powered speakers including Professor Steve Hopper, Sarah Comer, Boyd Wykes, Keith Lightbody, Amellia Formby and others. Includes Panel and Discussions.

Morning tea provided. Bookings - contact Green Skills 9848 3310 **Cost \$10 per person- pay at the door**

Bird Photography Outing and Workshop

Sat 18th March 7.30am
(8am start) to 11.30am

Bird Identification course with renowned photographer Keith Lightbody visiting birding sites in the Albany area. Registrations Essential - contact Green Skills 9848 3310 or bschur@greenskills.org.au

Cost \$15, \$10 concession.

Denmark Bird Outing: Birds And Trails of the Forest and Home Garden

Sat 25th March 9am to 12.30 pm

This workshop and field outing focuses on the trail network that John Pate has created on his Land for Wildlife Property and his knowledge and passion of birds. Bring binoculars, hat, sturdy footwear and packed lunch. Meet at 681 Mt Shadforth Road.

Cost \$10 (pay on the day)

SunSmart Albany Kite Fiesta 2017

Sun 26th March 10.00am – 4.00pm

Join Michael and Jan Alvarez (Kite Kinetics) for some fun kite making and kite flying. Watch for the giant kites! Kite Making Kits available for \$6. Albany ANZA Peace Park. **FREE EVENT**

Albany Seabird Conservation Forum

Early April

At UWA

Contact Dr Nic Dunlop, 0409 014 030 tern@iinet.net.au

Yongergnow Mallee Fowl Centre Anniversary Event

Early April

Contact Vicky Bilney
Yongergnow Australian Malleefowl Centre, 08 9828 2419 Ongerup WA 6336
visitor@yongergnow.com.au

Film "The Eagle Huntress"

Wed 26th April 6.15pm

Orana Theatre, Albany.

Contact Film Harvest at info@filmharvest.com.au for details.

For further Information and Inquiries Contact Green Skills Denmark office 08 98483310 or bschur@greenskills.org.au

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South Coast Birds Festival - proudly supported by Green Skills, BirdLife Australia, Lotterywest, WA Museum- Albany, City of Albany, Albany Bird Group, Friends of the WA Ground Parrot, Conservation Council of WA, Bush Heritage Australia, WA Department of Parks and Wildlife, Yongergnow Malleefowl Centre, Gondwana Link Ltd, South Coast NRM, and other community organisations and individuals.



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

The Great Southern Sustainable Living Festival has its roots in the Sustainable Living Expo & Fair, held annually from 2008 to 2015.

In 2015 the Expo & Fair re-located to the regional centre, Albany and was a key event in the inaugural Great Southern Sustainable Living Festival with other programmed events around the region.

In 2016 the Festival grew to include other regional towns.

In 2017 the Festival introduces a mini-film festival and invites inventors to come out and play.

The Festival is a promotional opportunity for Great Southern product and service suppliers, local community groups across social, cultural and environmental interests.

Significance

The Great Southern community highly values the unique cultural and environmental character of the region. This Festival is a celebration - reinforcing local culture and educating, communicating and promoting important issues to others within the region and more broadly to our visitors.



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