

Sustainable Future Related Events Calendar 2021 – Working Document (11/11/21)

Dates, slightly edited for localization, have been drawn from UN declared and other relevant ‘Day’s Month’s Year’s, Decade’s’. Many of the hyperlinks contain ideas for local strategies. The dates for the Benalla Food Cooperative – clearly very significant as a BSFG Activity - are listed on the Calendar on the BSFG website.

Note – we are currently in the United Nations’ year/decade of:

[2021 – 2030 United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration \(commencing June 5\)](#)

[2021 International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development](#)

[2021 International Year of Fruits and Vegetables](#)

[2014 – 2024 – International Decade of Sustainable Energy for All](#)

Month & Date	Category	Featured Day/Month	BSFG Activity
January		BSFG/Local Feature/s:	
	Month long	Veganuary (UK) https://veganuary.com 1 – 31 January - encourages people to try vegan for January.	2022
February		BSFG/Local Feature/s:	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSFG Climate Change Talks 2021 	
2	Biodiversity	World Wetlands day	Social Media
10	Food & Ag	World Pulses Day	Social Media
14	Education/ Advocacy	BSFG Newsletter #29 Published	Newsletter Published
25	Waste	Business Clean Up Day	
26	Climate Change	BSFG hosted Climate Change Talks – Benalla Town Hall	BSFG Forum Event
28	Waste	Youth and Schools Clean Up Day	
March		BSFG/Local Feature/s:	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean Up Australia Day • Benalla Local Food Network Meeting • BSFG General Meeting– Film ‘Forest Defenders’ & guest Bert Lobert from ‘Our Strathbogrie Forests’ • Benalla Permaculture – Seed Saving Workshop 	
1 to wkend 6 and 7th	Waste	Clean Up Australia Day - 1 st March – usually involves support for Helen Repacholi’s activities – next year...Plog-a-thon ref. Kathryn McQualter?...pledge photo gallery?	Social media posts
3	Biodiversity	World Wildlife Day - 3rd	Social media
7-15	Biodiversity	World Parks Week - 7th to 15th	Social Media
7 to 13	Food/ Agriculture	National Ground Water Awareness Week – March 7 th to 13 th 2021 (Note issue of fracking and groundwater – eg. https://www.greenpeace.org/usa/global-warming/issues/fracking/environmental-impacts-water/)	Website News & Social Media posts w links to DWELP info
13	Transport	National Ride2School Day - 13th	

17	Food/Ag Localisation	Benalla Local Food Network meeting 4 – 5pm @ Benalla Health	Action Group Meeting
21	Biodiversity	International Day of Forests - 21st	
22	Food/Agric Biodiversity	World Water Day - 22nd	
23	Climate	World Meteorological Day - 23rd	
24	Climate Emergency	Peter Holmes Presentation of Petition calling on Benalla Rural City Council to Declare a Climate Emergency	Presentation/ Advocacy
25	Bio-diversity Climate	BSFG General Meeting screening of 'Forest Defenders', filmed at the Bob Brown Foundation takayna / Tarkine blockade over the summer of 2019-20 in North-West Tasmania, during an intense period of logging and resistance by brave forest activists. Link to trailer, https://youtu.be/VvCvgT6Epo0 Bert Lobert update on Our Strathbogrie Forest news.	General Meeting
28	Food/Ag	Benalla Permaculture Seed-saving Workshop Lima East	Local/Regional
28	Energy	Earth Hour - 28th	
April		BSFG/Local Feature/s: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off the Grid Festival • REB Community Energy Project – installation of solar panels at local Kindergarten • Goulburn & North East Artists Alliance - 'Elemental' environmentally themed exhibition & Across the Arts festival 	
1 April to 3 May	Advocacy	GANEAA'S environment focused ' Elemental ' exhibition, Bainz Gallery, foyer of Wangaratta Library.	Local/Regional
9 April	Energy	REB's Community Energy Project – installation of solar panels on local Kindergarten	REB Action Group
10-11	Energy, Sustainability	Off the Grid Festival – Centennial Park, Eldorado	Local/Regional
20	Climate	Global Youth Climate Summit--an Earth Day related activity	
20-22	Sustainability /Waste	Victorian Clean Tech Expo – 3 day online event org by Victorian Clean Tech Cluster & Global Victoria “cutting edge innovations in clean technologies across new energy, air, environ’l management, water, waste, recycling & circular economy, green buildings & agriculture”.	
22	Climate	Earth Day - 22 nd – World-wide - activities spread from 20 to 21 st and include Joe Biden’s Climate Summit on 22 nd April.	
22	Creative Economy for a Sustainable Future	Celebrate both Earth Day and the United Nations Year of Creative Economy for a Sustainable Future! GANEAA's <i>Earth Day and ELEMENTAL Exhibition Celebration</i> Thursday 22 April 5.30 – 7pm, Bainz Gallery, foyer Wangaratta Library	
25	Advocacy	Deadline for next edition of BSFG Newsletter	
29 April – 2 May	Creative Economy for a Sustainable Future	GANEAA's Across the Arts Festival – Wangaratta – a 4-day program of workshops and events, this year with the theme ' <i>Elemental</i> – Using the arts to explore the essential elements of a living and continuing planet Earth”	

May		BSFG/Local Feature/s: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benalla Permaculture – ‘Permies Picnic’ • 10th Birthday of the Benalla Food Cooperative • Renewable Energy Benalla and Benalla Local Food Network Action Group Meetings • Launch of Renewable Energy Benalla’s Community Energy Behind the Meter Project • School Strike4 Climate Event – Ceramic Mural • BSFG AGM Meeting with Guest Speaker 	
2	Food/Agriculture	International Permaculture Day – ‘Permies Picnic’ - Benalla Permaculture ‘Meet N Greet, Chat N Chew’ Jaycee Island, Bring Food to Share, Barbecue 11 – 2 pm.	Local Group
3	Food/Agriculture	10 th Birthday of the Benalla Food Cooperative!	Ensign Article
3 - 9	Food/Agriculture	International Composting Awareness Week - 3rd to 9th	
4 - 6	Food/Agriculture	Ozwater 2021 – Reimagining our Water Future - 4th to 6th May 2021 conference in Adelaide, online or combination	
4	Energy	Renewable Energy Benalla Action Group Meeting – 5pm Uniting Church Meeting Room	REB Action Group Meet
5	Food/Localisation	Benalla Local Food Network Action Group Meeting – 4 to 5pm – Benalla Central Community Garden (Uniting Church)	BLFN Action Group Meet
6	Energy	Renewable Energy Benalla Action Group – Launch of Community Energy Project Behind the Meter Project – solar panels on Kindergarten	REB Action Group Celebration
8	Biodiversity	World Migratory Bird Day – ‘Sing, Fly, Soar Like a Bird’ 2 nd Saturday May & October #WorldMigratoryBirdDay --a global awareness-raising campaign to conserve #MigratoryBirds	
11	Biodiversity	Hairy-Nosed Day (Wombat) –site has lots of engaging activities for Primary aged children (Q’land focus)	
13 & 14	Food & Ag/Localisation	Exploring Social Enterprise Models for Local Food Systems in NE Victoria (in Benalla) Fully Funded 2-day Workshop at Old Beechworth Gaol, 9.15 – 4.00 13 th and 14 th May 2021.	Regional Activity
17-23		National Volunteer Week - 17th to 23 rd May 2021 ‘Recognise, Reconnect, Reimagine’	
20	Biodiversity	World Bee Day – also check out World Bee Day events in Australia on 20 May at https://www.worldbeeday.org.au/	
20	Education/Advocacy	BSFG Newsletter #30 Published	Newsletter published
21	Climate	School Strike4Climate – BSFG member support for Benalla Student Climate Rally - Friday 21st May at the Benalla Ceramic Mural from 4-5pm – theme “Fund Our Future – Not Gas”	BSFG Member Support for Students
22	Biodiversity	International Day for Biological Diversity – Held every year on the 22 nd May The theme for 2021 is “We’re part of the solution #For Nature” (ref customizable logo re publicising)	
23	Biodiversity	World Turtle Day – Held each year on 23 May. For information about the Benalla Turtle conservation group contact Helen Repacholi 0439 623 990	

27	Restoring Ecosystems/ Biodiversity	BSFG Annual General Meeting – Guest Speaker – Dr Lisa Farnsworth, Winton Wetlands Restoration Ecologist. 7:30 pm Thursday 27th May in the Benalla Uniting Church Fellowship Room. Supper will be served at the conclusion of the evening. Nomination forms can be scanned and emailed to bsfginc@gmail.com , or contact Peter & bring hard copy to AGM.	BSFG AGM/ Guest Speaker
June		BSFG/Local Feature/s: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note – Swanpool Environmental Film Festival normally in June postponed to October re Covid.j 	
3	Transport	World Bicycle Day on June 3. A United Nations designated day, World Bicycle Day recognizes the tremendous health benefits of cycling for all age groups, according to experts.	
5	Multiple	World Environment Day - Held every year on the 5 th June – the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration will be launched on World Environment Day 2021 #GenerationRestoration	
8	Biodiversity Food & Ag	World Oceans Day – theme for 2021 ‘Life and Livelihoods’; see also https://oceanic.global/projects/united-nations-world-oceans-day-2021/	
15	Energy	Global Wind Day –a day for discovering wind energy, its power and the possibilities it holds to reshape energy systems, decarbonise economies, boost jobs and growth.	
17	Climate Food & Ag	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought – Held every year on 17 th June, in 2021 the theme focusses on restoring degraded land. For more information about the 2021 celebration, go to https://www.unccd.int/actions17-june-desertification-and-drought-day/2021-desertification-and-drought-day	
19	Multiple	Postponed to Saturday October 23rd from 1 to 9 pm - Swanpool Environmental Film Festival 2021, Swanpool Cinema, 2386 Midland Highway. Three sessions with films and guest speakers; breaks for afternoon tea and a light evening meal catered for by the fabulous Swanpool Catering Team. Contact 0498 007 988 for enquiries.	Postponed re Covid restrictions in June. New date Saturday October 23.
20	Transport; Food & Ag	World Localisation Day – held each year on June 20; follow activities on Twitter at https://twitter.com/localfutures	
30	Waste	Regular articles in the Ensign commence – Plastic Free July series - #1 - ‘Think, reduce, reuse, rethink, repair’	Media/Ensign article publ.
July		BSFG/Local Feature/s: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BSFG General Meeting– screening “Plastic Wars” (rescheduled) 	
1 - 31	Waste	Plastic Free July – resources/ideas to help reduce single use plastic waste at home, work, school, local café’s and more.	
4 -11	Food/Ag	Naidoc Week	
7	Waste	Benalla Ensign Article – Plastic Free July series - #2 – ‘Plastic recycling symbols explained’ Wed 7 July 2021 p 2	Media/Ensign article publ.
11	All	World Population Day - 11 th	

14	Waste	Benalla Ensign Article – Plastic Free July series - #3 – ‘Prepare for a Life Without Plastic’ Wednesday 14 July	Media/Ensign article publ.
22 or 29	Waste	BSFG General Meeting – Held over re covid- In keeping with "Plastic Free July" screening of the documentary "Plastic Wars". Issues such as clear labelling on packaging for recycling, are raised in this documentary. There will be time for discussion after the film. A light supper will be served. Current covid protocols will be followed. RSVP to bsfginc@gmail.com	BSFG General Meeting (Held over)
26	Biodiversity	Intern'l Day for Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem	
30	Biodiversity	Schools Tree Day 2021 - Friday 30 July	
August		BSFG/Local Feature/s to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swanpool – SCRAP Art Exhibition (cancelled re Covid) 	
1-15	Waste	Cancelled due to Covid - SCRAP Art Exhibition Swanpool (Reduce, Recycle, Reuse)	Cancelled – next in Aug 22
1	Biodiversity	National Tree Day 2021 - Sunday 1 August	
2 - 8	Food & Ag Biodiversity	Landcare Week - In 2021 will be held from 2 to 8 August - includes National Conference in Sydney from 4 to 6 August	Banner/videos on website
9	Biodiversity	International Day for World Indigenous Peoples - 9 th - promotes and protects the rights of the world's Indigenous population; recognises the achievements & contributions that Indigenous people make to improve world issues such as environmental protection and climate change.	
9 -15	Eg..Bio-diversity	National Student Volunteer Week – 9 - 15 Aug 2021 (TBC)	
14 - 22	Multiple	National Science Week – 14 – 22 August 2021- The theme for schools Food – Different by Design (<i>links to teacher resource book</i>) to recognize the UN's Year of Fruit and Vegetables and the International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development.	
16 - 22	Waste	Keep Australia Beautiful Week - 16 to 22 nd August (Theme to be confirmed)	
23 - 27	Food & Ag Biodiversity	World Water Week (United Nations) World Water Week 2021 - Building Resilience Faster , will focus on concrete solutions to the world's greatest water-related challenges, starting with the climate crisis & including water scarcity, food security, health, biodiversity, and impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic.	
26	Waste/Plastic	BSFG General Meeting – rescheduled from July due to covid restrictions – “In keeping with "Plastic Free July, we will be screening the documentary "Plastic Wars". Issues such as clear labelling on packaging for recycling, are raised in this documentary. There will be time for discussion after the film. A light supper will be served at the conclusion of the evening. Current covid protocols will be followed. For indoor public gatherings, masks and social distance are needed. Masks can be removed during supper, when we	BSFG General Meeting/ Film/ Discussion – Cancelled due to COVID

		ask people to maintain social distance. Please RSVP your attendance for Covid numbers to bsfginc@gmail.com	
September		BSFG/Local Feature/s to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSFG General Meeting with Guest Speaker 	
<i>Month</i>	Biodiversity	National Biodiversity Month	
<i>Month</i>	Waste/Single Use Plastics	September - a campaign of the Boomerang Alliance to reduce the single use plastics, was held for the first time in 2020. Watch this space for news of the campaign in 2021.	
3	Transport Energy	National Walk to Work Day – Friday 3 September 2021	
7	Waste Transport	International Day of Clean Air for blue skies – 7 September 2021	
7	Biodiversity	National Threatened Species Day is held each year on 7 September to commemorate the anniversary of the death of the last remaining Tasmanian tiger (also known as the thylacine) at Hobart Zoo in 1936. #ThreatenedSpeciesDay	
16		International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer	
22	Transport Energy	World Car-Free Day	
23	TBA	BSFG General Meeting – Guest Speaker – Adam Saddler the newly appointed manager for economic development and sustainability at Benalla Rural City. An opportunity for BSFG to put forward ideas for opportunities to transition Benalla into renewable / sustainable industries.	BSFG GM
26		World Rivers Day – Fourth Sunday in September – this year Sunday 26 September 2021. “Events can range from stream cleanups & fish enhancement projects to educational outings & community riverside celebrations.”	
29	Climate Emergency	Climate Emergency Petition Presentation to Council: BSFG President Peter Holmes followed up his late February presentation – this time via Zoom - in support of the Climate Emergency Petition to Benalla Rural City Council, this time to the Benalla Rural City Planning and Development Committee Meeting.	BSFG Climate Emergency Presentation to Council #2
29	Food & Ag Waste	International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste Reduction – 29 September	
30		World Maritime Day 2021- Theme ‘Seafarers – at the core of shipping’s future’ (this day falls within broad campaign); includes a sustainable shipping component.	
October		BSFG/Local Feature/s to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable House Day • Swanpool Environmental Film Festival 	
4 - 8	Biodiversity	Australian Wildlife Week – 4 to 8 October	
4	Biodiversity	World Habitat Day –Monday 4 October - The UN designated the first Monday of October as World Habitat Day to reflect on the state of our towns and cities, and on the basic right of all to adequate shelter. (Relates to human habitat)	

9	Biodiversity	World Migratory Bird Day – 9 October, part 2	
13		International Day for Disaster Reduction – Wednesday 13 th	
16	Food/Ag	World Food Day – Saturday 16 th October	
17	Building/ Energy	Sustainable House Day – Sunday 17 October 2021	Sustainable House Day – Publicity
18 - 24	Biodiversity	National Bird Week - 18 to 24 October BirdLife Australia organises and promotes Bird Week to inspire Australians to take action & get involved in bird conservation efforts. It includes the Aussie Backyard Bird Count from 18 to 24 Oct.	
18 - 24	Food/Ag	National Water Week - 18 to 25 October – 2021 program still to be confirmed	
20	Transport	National Ride2Work Day – Wednesday 20 October	
23	Cancelled	Swanpool Environmental Film Festival 2021 – already rescheduled from June, the SEFF had, most reluctantly to be cancelled for a second year due to uncertainty, risk and regulations surrounding the Covid ‘Delta’ strain pandemic.	Film Festival (cancelled re Covid)
21 – 27	Multiple	Enviroweek	
November		BSFG/Local Feature/s to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSFG stall at ‘A Day in the Gardens’ market • BSFG General Meeting with Guest Speaker 	
1 – 12	Climate	UN Climate Change Conference COP 26 – 2021 – 1 to 12 th November, Glasgow	
TBA	Advocacy/Multiple	‘A Day in the Gardens’ Stall at the Benalla Festival — cancelled with the cancellation of the Benalla Festival.	BSFG Stall – (cancelled re Covid)
6 - 14	Food & Ag	Australian Pollinator Week – Saturday 6 to Sunday 14 November	
8 - 14	Waste	National Recycling Week – Mon 8 to Sun 14 November.	
11	Education/ Advocacy	BSFG Newsletter #31 Published	Newsletter Published
17	Land use/ other	International GIS Day - 17 th (Geographic Information Service/citizen science community activities re mapping geographic features; related to GPS, Geocaching, etc)	
21	Food & Ag Biodiversity	World Fisheries Day – 21 November Celebrated in fishing communities; an important reminder of the need for changes in the way the world manages global fisheries to ensure sustainable stocks and health ocean ecosystems.	
25	Renewable Energy	BSFG General Meeting – Guest Speaker – Michelle Croker, Neoen Energy - Michelle Croker is a consultant working for Neoen Energy, the developers of the Goorambat Solar Farms. Michelle, who lives in Yackandandah, will also be able to update us on some of the renewable energy projects in that community. Supper will be served at the conclusion of the evening. Uniting Church Meeting Room, Thursday 25 November 7.30 pm.	BSFG GM – Michelle Croker, Neoen Energy
December		BSFG/Local Feature/s to date:	
5		International Volunteer Day - 5 th December 2021	
5	Food & Ag	World Soil Day - 5 th December 2021	

	Biodiversity		
11	Ecosystems/ Biodiversity	International Mountain Day - 11 th December 2021 – Theme for 2021 to be confirmed. The 2020 theme was 'Mountain Biodiversity'.	
	Waste	Planet Ark/other Campaigns re Christmas wrapping etc	

Reference/cross checking - <https://www.awe.gov.au/news/stay-informed/events>