

Sustainable Future Related Events Calendar for 2021 – Working Document

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 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
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 Strathbogie 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 initiative – however not this year. Plog-a-thon activity – possibly next year, ref. Kathryn McQualter. Also next year – pledge photo gallery?	Social media posts
3	Biodiversity	World Wildlife Day - 3rd	Social media
7-15	Biodiversity	World Parks Week - 7th to 15th	
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	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	
25	TBA	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 will then update on us on Our Strathbogrie Forest news.	General Meeting
28	Food/Ag	Benalla Permaculture Seed-saving Workshop Lima East	
28	Energy	Earth Hour - 28th	
April		BSFG/Local Feature/s: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goulburn and North East Artists Alliance (GANEEA) 'Elemental' Exhibition & environmentally themed 'Across the Arts' festival in Wangaratta. 	
1 to 3 May	Advocacy	GANEEA'S environment focused 'Elemental' exhibition and Across the Arts festival in Wangaratta.	
18		World Heritage Day - 18th	
22		Earth Day - 22nd	
27-28		National Sustainability Conference	
May		BSFG/Local Feature/s: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BSFG AGM Meeting with Guest Speaker 	
3 - 9	Food/ Agriculture	International Composting Awareness Week - 3rd to 9th	
4 - 6	Food/ Agriculture	OZWater'20 - 4 th to 6 th May 2021 conference in Adelaide, online or combination	
8	Bio-diversity	World Migratory Bird Day 2 nd Saturday in May <i>and October</i> #WorldMigratoryBirdDay is a global awareness-raising campaign to conserve #MigratoryBirds (Twitter)	
11	Biodiversity	Hairy-Nosed Day (Wombat) –site has lots of engaging activities for Primary aged children (Q'land focus)	
18-24		National Volunteer Week - 18th to 24th	
22	Biodiversity	International Day for Biological Diversity – Held every year on the 22 nd May	
23	Biodiversity	World Turtle Day – Held every year on 23 May NB – refer to/support Turtle conservation group activities in Benalla	
27	TBA	BSFG General Meeting – Guest Speaker – Topic TBA	BSFG AGM/ Guest Speaker
June		BSFG/Local Feature/s: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swanpool Environmental Film Festival 	
5	Multiple	World Environment Day - Held every year on the 5 th June-- the Swanpool Environmental Film Festival is held on or closely following World Environment Day.	Film Festival
8	Biodiversity Food & Ag	World Oceans Day	
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	
20	Transport Miles; Food & Ag etc	World Localisation Day	
July		BSFG/Local Feature/s: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSFG General Meeting with Speaker 	
<i>Month</i>	Waste	Plastic Free July	
11		World Population Day - 11 th	
	Biodiversity	Internatl Day for Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem	
22	TBA	BSFG General Meeting – Guest Speaker – Topic TBA	BSFG GM
31	Biodiversity	Schools Tree Day - 31 st	
		Naidoc Week (usually in July though in Nov in 2020)	
August		BSFG/Local Feature/s: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swanpool – SCRAP Art Exhibition 	
	Waste	SCRAP Art Swanpool (Reduce, Recycle and Reuse)	Exhibition
2	Biodiversity	National Tree Day - 2nd	
3 - 9	Food & Ag Biodiversity	Landcare Week - 3rd to 9th	
9		International Day for World Indigenous Peoples - 9th	
10-16		National Student Volunteer Week 2020 - 10th to 16th	
15 - 23	Multiple	National Science Week - 15th to 23rd	
17 - 23	Waste	Keep Australia Beautiful Week - 17th to 23 rd	
23 - 27	Food & Ag Biodiversity	World Water Week (United Nations)	
Septemb er		BSFG/Local Feature/s: <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	Suptember – Boomerang Alliance (nb Links to 2020 – will check for updates) re reducing use of single use plastics	
4	Transport Energy	National Walk to Work Day - 4th, postponed in 2020	
7		International Day of Clean Air for blue skies - 7th	
7		National Threatened Species Day - 7th (? - Platypus Conservancy? Other?)	
16		International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer	
20	Building/ Energy	Sustainable House Day - 20th, virtual in 2020 ? 2021 Focus area? Howard’s sleepouts; ? Tim Murphy’s house? Other?	Sustainable House Day – Publicity,etc
22	Transport Energy	World Car-Free Day	
23	TBA	BSFG General Meeting – Guest Speaker – Topic TBA	BSFG GM
24		World Maritime Day	

27		World Rivers Day (? –a focus eg <i>Broken River Day</i> ?)	
29	Food & Ag Waste	International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste Reduction - 29 th	
October		BSFG/Local Feature/s:	
5 - 11	Biodiversity	Australian Wildlife Week - 5th to 11th	
7	Biodiversity	World Habitat Day - 7th	
9	Biodiversity	World Migratory Bird Day - 10th, part 2	
13		International Day for Disaster Reduction - 13th	
16	Food/Ag	World Food Day - 16th	
19 - 25	Biodiversity	National Bird Week - 19th to 25th	
19 - 25		National Water Week - 19th to 25th	
21	Transport	National Ride2Work Day - 21st	
21 - 27	Multiple	Enviroweek - 21st to 27 th	
Novemb er		BSFG/Local Feature/s: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSFG stall at 'A Day in the Gardens' market • BSFG General Meeting with Guest Speaker 	
TBA	Advocacy/M ultiple	'A Day in the Gardens' – Benalla Festival – stall/information	BSFG Stall
8 - 15	Food & Ag	Pollinator Week - 8th to 15th	
9 - 15	Waste	National Recycling Week - 9th to 15th	
	Climate	UN Climate Change Conference COP 26 - 9th to 19th, postponed to 2021	
18	Land use/ other	International GIS Day - 18 th (GIS - Geographic Information Service/citizen science community activities re mapping geographic/related features; relationship with GPS, Geocaching and more)	
	Food & Ag Biodiversity	World Fisheries Day - 21st (Not eating flake day?)	
25	TBA	BSFG General Meeting – Guest Speaker – Topic TBA	BSFG GM
Decemb er		BSFG/Local Feature/s:	
5		International Volunteer Day - 5th	
5	Food & Ag Biodiversity	World Soil Day - 5th	
11		International Mountain Day - 11 th	
	Christmas Waste	Planet Ark Graphics/Posts re wrapping presents etc	