

Sustainable Future Related Events Calendar 2022 (version #2 17 April 2022)

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.

We are currently in the United Nations' year/decade of:

[2022 International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development](#)

2022 International Year of Glass

[2021 – 2030 United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration](#)

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

*more UN 'years' still to be added – let us know if you hear of other 'years'.... For example:

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority's campaign [2022 – The Year of the Frog](#)

Month & Date	Category	Featured Day/Month	BSFG Activity
January	Emissions Reduction BioDiversity	BSFG/Local Feature/s: BSFG Media Release/Ensign Report – January 5 'Not easy being green on small cattle farm' re Dr Bill Sykes work to achieve carbon neutrality on his farm Local - Call for Volunteers by Friends of Winton Wetlands' Wendy Baker	
	Month long	Veganuary https://veganuary.com 1 – 31 January - encourages people to try vegan for January.	
5	Food & Ag	BSFG Media Release/Ensign Report – Wednesday 5 January 2022 - 'Not easy being green on small cattle farm' re Dr Bill Sykes work to achieve carbon neutrality on his farm	
February		BSFG/Local Feature/s: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Net Zero Farming Forum – Benalla Gardens • Launch of BSFG revolving fund sourced solar installation at Bernard Briggs Kindergarten 	
2	Biodiversity	World Wetlands Day - Wetlands Action for People and Nature – World Wetlands Day - also read local resource World Wetlands Day	
10	Food & Ag	World Pulses Day Check out the United Nation's World Pulses Day site, and the Food and Agriculture Organisation's (FAO) World Pulses Day site	
25	Food & Ag	Net Zero Farming Forum – Benalla Gardens - organized by Helen Haines team & attended by many BSFG members.	
25	Renewable Energy	Launch by Helen Haines MP of BSFG's REB/Community Energy Benalla Project revolving fund sourced solar installation at Bernard Briggs Kindergarten	BSFG/REB/Bernard Briggs Solar Install'n

27	Education/ Advocacy	BSFG Newsletter – articles due for March 2022 Newsletter	Newsletter Deadline
March		BSFG/Local Feature/s: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSFG Review – Planning • BSFG Review – Workshop 1 	
1	Waste	Clean Up Australia’s Business Clean Up Day Tuesday 1 March 2022	
1 and 2	Biodiversity	Winton Wetlands Science Forum 2022 Scientists, land managers, policy makers and others will be coming together to look at how to cope with uncertainties in the science of wetland restoration, in climate and in broader issues including global pandemics. If these issues matter to you, get this event into YOUR diary now. Tuesday 1 st and Wednesday 2 March 2022. The Forum will be held in The Hub Café and conference space. Bookings: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/2021-science-forum-tickets-163136127549	
3	Biodiversity	World Wildlife Day Thursday 3 March 2022. <i>See also World Wildlife Day 2022 - Theme - “Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration”.</i>	
4	Waste	Clean Up Australia’s Schools Cleanup Day – Friday 4 March 2022	
6	Waste	Clean Up Australia Day - re local actions– refer Helen Repacholi/other? Activity suggested by Kathryn McQualter – organize a ‘ Plog-a-thon ’ - A portmanteau of "jog" and the Swedish for "pick up", "plocka upp", it means, you guessed it; to pick up litter as you jog (or plod - walkers are encouraged!). Other activity? Eg. Pledge Photo Gallery for Facebook or website.	
5-13	Biodiversity	Parks Week 2022 celebrates the vital role parks play in creating liveable cities and thriving communities. Parks Week 2022 focuses on how spending time in our parks and open spaces positively influences our wellbeing. Resources: http://www.parks-week.org/resources/	
6-12	Food/ Agriculture	National Ground Water Awareness Week – Sunday 6 March to Saturday 12 March 2022. Information: Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) webpage; DWELP webpage; Greenpeace resource re fracking & groundwater .	
21	Biodiversity	International Day of Forests – Monday 21 March 2022 Resources: https://www.fao.org/international-day-of-forests/logo-banners/en/	
22	Food/Agric Biodiversity	World Water Day - the theme for 2022 ‘ Groundwater – Making the Invisible Visible ’ Tuesday 22 March 2022 Resources: #worldwaterday	
23	Climate	World Meteorological Day – Wednesday 23 March 2022	
24	Climate Emergency	First Anniversary of Peter Holmes’ Presentation of Petition calling on Benalla Rural City Council to Declare a Climate Emergency	

24	BSFG Review	BSFG General Meeting – Thursday 24 March 2022 – Cancelled - there was no meeting this month in lieu of the BSFG Review planning meetings & workshops held close to this date.	
25	Transport	National Ride2School Day – Friday 25 March 2022	
26	Energy	Earth Hour - 8.30 pm Saturday 26 March 2022	
31	BSFG Review	BSFG Review – Workshop 1 – Uniting Church 7 pm	BSFG Review
April		BSFG/Local Feature/s: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSFG Review – Workshop 2 • Off the Grid Festival 	
9-10	Energy, Sustainability	Off the Grid Festival – Saturday 9 April to Sunday 10 April, 2022 - Centennial Park, Eldorado	
11	BSFG Review	BSFG Review – Second Workshop – 7pm Uniting Church.	BSFG Review
20 TBC	Climate	Global Youth Climate Summit --an Earth Day related activity – towards 2030; To Be Confirmed	
22	Climate	Earth Day – Friday 22 April 2022– Theme: Invest in our Planet	
May		BSFG/Local Feature/s: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSFG AGM Meeting with Guest Speaker • SEFF bookings open May 21 	
1	Food/Agriculture	International Permaculture Day – Sunday 1 May 2022	
3	Food/Agriculture	11 th Birthday of the Benalla Food Cooperative!	
1 - 7	Food/Agriculture	International Compost Awareness Week – Sunday 1 May to Saturday 7 May 2022	
6	Energy	First Anniversary - Launch of Community Energy Project - Munro Avenue Pre School Solar Panels	
10 - 12	Food/Agriculture	Ozwater 2022 – Our Water Journey - 10 th to 12 th May 2022 conference in Brisbane	
11	Biodiversity	Hairy-Nosed Day (Wombat) –site has lots of engaging activities for Primary aged children (Q'land focus)	
14	Biodiversity	World Migratory Bird Day –2 nd Saturday May (14 th in 2022) & October (8 th in 2022) #WorldMigratoryBirdDay --a global awareness-raising campaign to conserve #MigratoryBirds	
16-22		National Volunteer Week – Monday 16 th to Sunday 22 nd May 2022 'Better Together'	
20	Biodiversity	World Bee Day – Friday 20 May 2022 - also check out World Bee Day events in Australia on 20 May at https://www.worldbeeday.org.au/	
21	Multiple	Swanpool Environmental Film Festival 2022 – bookings for the 2022 SEFF on Saturday 18 June open on trybooking.com (refer 18 June for program details)	SEFF bookings open
22	Biodiversity	International Day for Biological Diversity – Held every year on the 22 nd May – in 2022 it's on Sunday 22 May. The theme for 2022 is to be confirmed.	

23	Biodiversity	World Turtle Day – Held each year on 23 May – in 2022 it's on Monday 23 May. Benalla Turtle conservation group - Helen Repacholi 0439 623 990	
26		BSFG Annual General Meeting – Guest Speaker – TBC 7:30 pm Thursday 26th May, Benalla Uniting Church Fellowship Room. Supper will be served at end of the evening. Nomination forms scanned/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"> • Swanpool Environmental Film Festival 	
3	Transport	World Bicycle Day Friday 3 June 2022 A United Nations designated day held on June 3 rd each year, World Bicycle Day recognizes the tremendous health and other benefits of cycling.	
18	Multiple	Swanpool Environmental Film Festival 2022 Swanpool Cinema, 2386 Midland Highway. 1pm – 9.40 pm Three sessions with films and guest speakers; breaks for afternoon tea and a light evening meal catered for by the fabulous Swanpool Catering Team. \$30 all inclusive. Bookings on trybooking.com open May 21 st . Contact 0498 007 988 for enquiries.	Swanpool Environmental Film Festival 2022
5	Multiple	World Environment Day - Sunday 5 June 2022. The 2022 World Environment Day global campaign #OnlyOneEarth calls for transformative changes to policies and choices to enable cleaner, greener, and sustainable living in harmony with nature. “There is #OnlyOneEarth. Together we can protect it”.	
8	Biodiversity Food & Ag	World Oceans Day – Wednesday 8 June 2022. The theme for 2022 ‘Revitalization – Collective Action for the Ocean’; (closer to date – https://oceanic.global/projects/united-nations-world-oceans-day-2021/ to check 2022 details)	
15	Energy	Global Wind Day –Wednesday 15 June - 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 – Friday 17 June 2022 - acts as a reminder that over-consumption can lead to desertification and encourages us all to help protect the planet. (Check closer to date: https://www.unccd.int/actions/17-june-desertification-and-drought-day)	
20	Transport; Food & Ag	World Localisation Day – Monday 20 June 2022. Check out online Local Futures Action Guide for strategies. Follow activities--Twitter https://twitter.com/localfutures	
July		BSFG/Local Feature/s: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSFG General Meeting • Opening days of SCRAP Art Exhibition 	

1 - 31	Waste	Plastic Free July – resources/ideas to help reduce single use plastic waste at home, work, school, local café’s and more.	
3 -10	Food/Ag	Naidoc Week Theme – ‘Get up, stand up, show up!’ 3 rd to 10 th July 2022 “Whether it’s seeking proper environmental, cultural and heritage protections, Constitutional change, a comprehensive process of truth-telling, working towards treaties, or calling out racism—we must do it together”	
11	All	World Population Day – Monday 11 th July 2022	
26	Biodiversity	Intern'l Day for Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem Tuesday 26 July 2022	
28		BSFG General Meeting - Thursday 28 July 2022 – Guest Speaker:	
29	Biodiversity	Schools Tree Day 2022 - Friday 29 July 2022	
31	Biodiversity	National Tree Day 2022 – Sunday 31 July 2022	
30, 31	Waste	Opening – SCRAP Art Exhibition Swanpool (Reduce, Recycle, Reuse)... reimagine, redesign, and more! Saturday 30 July to Sunday 14 August 2022	
August		BSFG/Local Feature/s to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swanpool – SCRAP Art Exhibition • 	
1 to 14	Waste	SCRAP Art Exhibition Swanpool (Reduce, Recycle, Reuse) ... reimagine, redesign, and more! Saturday 30 July to Sunday 14 August 2022	
1 - 7	Food & Ag Biodiversity	Landcare Week - from Monday 1 to Sunday 7 August 2022	
9	Biodiversity	International Day for World Indigenous Peoples – Tuesday 9 th August 2022- promotes and protects the rights of the world’s Indigenous population; recognises achievements & contributions Indigenous people make to improve world issues such as environmental protection & climate change.	
Tba – 2 nd week	Eg..Bio-diversity	National Student Volunteer Week – 2022 dates to be confirmed – usually in 2 nd week. <i>(Add when released)</i>	
13 - 21	Waste	National Science Week – 13 – 21 August 2022 - The theme for schools - Glass – More than Meets the Eye - is based on the UN International Year of Glass. It will celebrate the many roles that glass plays in our lives – from phone screens to optical fibre to glassware in labs – plus investigating glass as a part of our sustainable future.	
15 - 21	Waste	Keep Australia Beautiful Week – 15 th to 21st August 2022. Keep Australia Beautiful Week is in August each year to raise awareness about the simple things we can all do in our daily lives to reduce our impact on the environment and encourage action.	
23 August – 1 Sept	Food & Ag Biodiversity	The United Nations’ World Water Week 2022 theme is ‘ Seeing the Unseen – the Value of Water ’. Activities will	

		be held online and in Stockholm from 23 rd August to 1 st September 2022, alongside local activities worldwide.	
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 – Thursday 1 September to Friday 30 th September 2022	
<i>Month</i>	Waste/Single Use Plastics	September - a campaign of the Boomerang Alliance to reduce single use plastics.	
2	Transport Energy	National Walk to Work Day – Friday 2 September 2020 TBC	
7	Waste Transport	International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies – Wednesday 7 September 2022	
7	Biodiversity	National Threatened Species Day is held each year on 7 September (Wednesday 7 September 2022) to raise awareness of plants and animals at risk of extinction. “Join the annual #Threatened Species Bake Off to raise the profile of your local threatened species”	
16	Air Quality/ BioDiversity/ Waste	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer Friday 16 th September 2022	
22	Emissions reduction/ Transport/ Carbon Footprint	World Car Free Day – Thursday 22 September 2022 – Also see World Car Free Day 22 September	
22	TBA	BSFG General Meeting – Thursday 22 September 2022 - Guest Speaker –	BSFG GM
26	Biodiversity/ Water Quality/ Ecosystem Restoration	World Rivers Day –Sunday 25 th September 2022. “Events can range from stream cleanups & fish enhancement projects to educational outings & community riverside celebrations.”	
27	Biodiversity	The Guardian/BirdLife Australia Bird of the Year 2022 poll begins around 27 September – date/details TBC.	
29	Climate Emergency	First Anniversary of Presentation by Peter Holmes of the Climate Emergency Petition to the Benalla Rural City Planning and Development Committee Meeting.	
29	Food & Ag Waste	International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste Reduction – Thursday 29 September 2022	
29	Emissions reduction, etc.	World Maritime Day - Thursday 29 September 2022. See also article on 2022 World Maritime Day Theme ‘New Technologies for Greener Shipping’	
October		BSFG/Local Feature/s to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable House Day – Sunday 11 October 2022 • 	

3 - 9	Biodiversity	Australian Wildlife Week – Monday 3 to Sunday 9 October 2022 (<i>info on Aust. Wildlife Society website to be checked nearer date</i>)	
3	Biodiversity	World Habitat Day – Monday 3 October 2022 - The UN designated the first Monday of October as World Habitat Day to reflect on human habitat - the state of our towns and cities, and on the basic right of all to adequate shelter. It is also intended to remind the world of its collective responsibility for the future of the human habitat - for instance, in 2021 the theme was ‘urban action for a carbon-free world’	
8	Biodiversity	World Migratory Bird Day #2 – Saturday 8 October 2022	
13		International Day for Disaster Reduction –Thursday 13 th October 2022	
16	Food/Ag	World Food Day – Sunday 16 th October 2022 - The theme for 2022 is ‘Safe food today for a healthy tomorrow’ which stresses that production and consumption of safe food have “immediate and long-term benefits for people, the planet, and the economy.”	
9 or 16?	Building/ Energy	Sustainable House Day –Sunday 9 or 16 October 2022? - TBC	
17 – 23 TBC	Biodiversity	National Bird Week – 17 to 23 October 2022. Birdlife Australia organizes Bird Week to inspire Australians to get involved in bird conservation efforts. Alongside the Aussie Backyard Bird Count , activities including bird walks, birdbreakfasts, exhibitions, photography classes and more are held by BirdLife Australia’s local branches, reserves, observatories and partners during Bird Week.	
17 - 23	Biodiversity	Aussie Backyard Bird Count – ‘Make every bird count’ 17 to 23 October 2022 – “You can count as many times as you like over the week – we just ask that each count is completed over a 20-minute period”. #AussieBirdCount	
17 – 23 TBC	Food/Ag	National Water Week – Monday 17 to Sunday 23 October – 2022 program still to be confirmed	
20	Transport	National Ride2Work Day – Wednesday 19 October or Thursday 20 October 2022 - TBC	
Novemb er		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 	
6 (TBC)	Advocacy/M ultiple	Benalla Festival – Saturday 29 October to Sunday 6 November 2022 (To Be Confirmed) ‘A Day in the Gardens’ Stall at the Benalla Festival – Sunday 6 November (TBC)	
12 - 20	Food & Ag	Australian Pollinator Week – Saturday 12 to Sunday 20 November 2022	
8 – 11 TBC	Waste	National Recycling Week –Mon 8 to Sun 11 November 2022 - TBC	
21	Food & Ag Biodiversity	World Fisheries Day – Monday 21 November 2022 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.	

24		BSFG General Meeting – Thursday 24 November 2022 - Guest Speaker –	
December		BSFG/Local Feature/s to date:	
5		<u>International Volunteer Day</u> – Monday 5 th December 2022	
5	Food & Ag Biodiversity	<u>World Soil Day</u> – Monday 5 th December 2022	
11	Ecosystems/ Biodiversity	<u>International Mountain Day</u> – Sunday 11 th December 2022 – Theme for 2022 to be confirmed.	
	Waste	Planet Ark/other Campaigns re Christmas waste.	

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