

**Blue Mountains ECOhomes Tour 2017**

(subject to amendment)

TIME	PLACE		NOTE
Meet <b>8.45am</b> for 9am	<b>Springwood</b> bus stop opposite the railway station	Running late? Ring Nigel, 0413 109 098	<b>Macquarie St bus stop opposite the railway station, heading east. Register. We leave 9 am, return around 4.15pm.</b>
9.15-10.00 am	<b>WINMALEE</b>		A <b>bushfire re-building house</b> following the 2013 fires. The house is twisted on a tricky sloping site for better solar design over two levels – BAL-Flame Zone. Materials were selected for minimal eco-cost with maximum eco credentials plus bushfire performance. Approvals weren't easy but it's close to completion. Hear the rebuilding story from the owners, builder and architect as you explore something special.
10.20 – 10.40	<b>LAWSON</b>	Coffee & toilet stop 20 minutes	Stretch your legs around this rebuilt shopping area and visit the 'Lawson Opera House'
11.00 - 11.45	<b>WENTWORTH FALLS</b>		For a modest new home on a strict budget, have a look at what a <b>warped plane roof</b> can do for internal spatial qualities (and more). Add energy efficiency, in-slab heating, uPVC double-glazed windows plus 'super-insulation' and you've got household comfort on a budget. Meet the owners, building designer, builder and more as we explore the virtues of simplicity with style and budget. Wouldn't you like to move in?
12.00 – 12.45 pm	<b>KATOOMBA</b>		How do you do <b>alterations and additions</b> to this kind of kit-home from 14 years ago? How to make it more comfortable as an extended family home? Jann and Harry wanted to downsize, but still needed quality space on one level, human comfort plus good connection to the garden – and occasional family space. So natural light, privacy and layout are the things to look for here – plus the 'pavilion' form as old meets new, along with material selection and garden.
12.55 – 1.40 pm	<b>KATOOMBA</b>	<b>LUNCH</b> stop 45 minutes	Bring or buy as you prefer... We stop outside <i>The Carrington</i> and gardens.
2.00 - 2.40 pm	<b>BLACKHEATH</b>		A new house on a <b>bushland block – with BAL – Flame Zone</b> raising costs significantly. Past the splash of bright colours and front door, you'll find a well planned and built home (Owner-Builder) plus fine landscaping. The family demolished the old house and lived in the shed as they got on with the new. Now with clever design, passive solar orientation and sustainable technology, comfort and homeliness is assured.
2.50 – 3.30 pm	<b>BLACKHEATH</b>		Miranda wanted to design and build something extra <b>sustainable</b> . Being inspired by strawbale buildings, 'Earthship' tyre walls, cob & lime render - that was the way to go! And with help from Jason and trades, the house and the process inspired her to become a building designer. So hear her story and learn about organic materials, energy-neutral construction, plywood kitchens, Rockcote, truth windows and much more.....
<b>4:15 pm</b>	<b>SPRINGWOOD</b> station bus stop		We return to where we started, with highway drop-offs along the way if required.

**NOTE:** We are able to visit these homes purely through the generosity of the home-owners concerned. We require everyone to respect home-owners property and privacy at all times. All monies raised goes towards the community program of *Cittaslow Katoomba and Slow Food Blue Mountains*. h

**AGREEMENT to be signed:** By partaking in this ECOhomes Tour I acknowledge that I will hold all property owners, the organisers, and all persons associated with this tour blameless in all regards for any accident or misadventure caused by any means whatsoever associated with this tour.

