






Saturday 15th October 2011

## Blue Mountains ECOhomes Tour (subject to amendment)

| TIME            | PLACE   |   | NOTE  |
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| Meet<br>8.45am  | <b>WENTWORTH FALLS</b> railway station bus stop                                 | Problems?<br>Ring Nigel, 0413 109 098   | <b>Register, we leave 9 am from Station Street bus-stop outside the Wentworth Falls Railway Station.</b>  |
| 9.20-10.00 am   | <b>BLACKHEATH</b><br>Bec and Marshall's new home – under construction.          |    | So you've got the tiny fibro cottage on some lovely land. How to improve it? Call in Jamie and Jason to weave some design & construction magic using earth and timber. But not just any old plan, try passive solar, split levels with massive Ironbark & Mountain Ash, traditional mortice & tenon joints by Matt, plus radially-cut timbers & earth. Wow!   |
| 10.10 – 10.30   | <b>BLACKHEATH</b>   | Coffee & toilet stop  |   |
| 10.50 - 11.30   | <b>LITTLE HARTLEY</b><br>Hartley Green Power<br><br>2355 Great Western Highway. |    | This is your chance to see what solar and wind power can offer – be it bikes, trikes, scooters, cars and even buildings! Charles & Carol will be on hand to explain and demonstrate Photo-Voltaics (PV – solar cells), wind power and more, both for vehicles and houses. Here's your chance to ask the experts what's possible, the benefits, the costs and the subsidies.   |
| 11.40 – 12.20   | <b>LITTLE HARTLEY</b><br>Margaret, Rebecca & Matthew's new home                 |   | Some years ago this family got inspired by an earlier ECOhomes Tour, following their dream into rural Hartley Valley. Now with their sustainable home built from hardwoods, earth and straw plus self-sufficiency for water and power (PV) achieved, they're onto the garden! Hear their story and share the joy of their achievement. Learn about sustainability processes from those involved.                                      |
| 12.40 – 1.30 pm | <b>LITHGOW</b>  | <b>LUNCH</b> stop<br>45 minutes   | Bring or buy as you prefer in downtown Lithgow.   |
| 1.40 – 2.20 pm  | <b>LITHGOW</b><br>Ian's home and business                                       |  | Moving to Lithgow two decades ago, Ian restored a heritage home (c.1878, architect Edward Gell) and set up his planning business. The house and contents echoes the history and industrial past of Lithgow, especially the famous Lithgow Pottery which this house was once part of. See the solar additions and adjacent studio office using reclaimed materials plus fabulous productive garden, all making for lifestyle pleasure. |
| 2.50 – 3.30 pm  | <b>MT VICTORIA</b><br>Gavin's home - under construction                         |  | Whilst balancing work as an adventure guide, rock climber and teacher, Gavin's also become an Owner-Builder. With rammed earth walls, poured earth floor, recycled materials, he's used a simple cost-effective built form. Amongst other qualities, this project illustrates how 'sweat equity' can maximize your house when you're budget is tight. Will the roof be on by the time we visit?                                       |
| 4 pm            | <b>WENTWORTH FALLS</b> bus stop   |   | Return to Wentworth Falls Railway Station, drop-offs along the way are possible.  |

**PLEASE NOTE:** We are able to visit these homes purely through the generosity of the home-owners concerned. They are helping us all by sharing their homes and stories – and young people through the environmental programs of Katoomba High School P&C. Thus we require everyone to respect home-owners property and privacy at all times.

**Sturdy shoes are required for this tour with houses under construction, plus shoe removal for some properties.**

**AGREEMENT to be signed before commencing the Tour:** *'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.'*