

## 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 – 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
<b>January</b>		<b>BSFG/Local Feature/s:</b>	
	Month long	Veganuary (UK) <a href="https://veganuary.com">https://veganuary.com</a> 1 – 31 January - encourages people to try vegan for January.	2022
<b>February</b>		<b>BSFG/Local Feature/s:</b>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BSFG Climate Change Talks 2021</b></li> </ul>	
2	Biodiversity	<a href="#">World Wetlands day</a>	Social Media
10	Food & Ag	<a href="#">World Pulses Day</a>	Social Media
25	Waste	<a href="#">Business Clean Up Day</a>	
26	Climate Change	<b>BSFG hosted Climate Change Talks – Benalla Town Hall</b>	BSFG Forum Event
28	Waste	<a href="#">Youth and Schools Clean Up Day</a>	
<b>March</b>		<b>BSFG/Local Feature/s:</b>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Clean Up Australia Day</b></li> <li>• <b>Benalla Local Food Network Meeting</b></li> <li>• <b>BSFG General Meeting– Film 'Forest Defenders' &amp; guest Bert Lobert from 'Our Strathbogie Forests'</b></li> <li>• <b>Benalla Permaculture – Seed Saving Workshop</b></li> </ul>	
1 to wkend 6 and 7th	Waste	<a href="#">Clean Up Australia Day</a> - 1 <sup>st</sup> 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	<a href="#">World Wildlife Day</a> - 3rd	Social media
7-15	Biodiversity	<a href="#">World Parks Week</a> - 7th to 15th	Social Media
7 to 13	Food/ Agriculture	<a href="#">National Ground Water Awareness Week</a> – March 7 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> 2021 (Note issue of fracking and groundwater – eg. <a href="https://www.greenpeace.org/usa/global-warming/issues/fracking/environmental-impacts-water/">https://www.greenpeace.org/usa/global-warming/issues/fracking/environmental-impacts-water/</a> )	Website News & Social Media posts w <a href="#">links to DWELP info</a>
13	Transport	<a href="#">National Ride2School Day</a> - 13th	
17	Food/Ag Localisation	<b>Benalla Local Food Network meeting 4 – 5pm @ Benalla Health</b>	<b>Action Group Meeting</b>

21	Biodiversity	<a href="#">International Day of Forests</a> - 21st	
22	Food/Agric Biodiversity	<a href="#">World Water Day</a> - 22nd	
23	Climate	<a href="#">World Meteorological Day</a> - 23rd	
24	Climate	<b>Peter Holmes Presentation of Petition calling on Benalla Rural City Council to Declare a Climate Emergency</b>	<b>Presentation/ Advocacy</b>
25	Bio-diversity Climate	<b>BSFG General Meeting</b> 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, <a href="https://youtu.be/VvCvgT6Epo0">https://youtu.be/VvCvgT6Epo0</a> Bert Lobert update on <a href="#">Our Strathbogrie Forest</a> news.	<b>General Meeting</b>
28	Food/Ag	<b>Benalla Permaculture Seed-saving Workshop Lima East</b>	Local/Regional
28	Energy	<a href="#">Earth Hour</a> - 28th	
<b>April</b>		<b>BSFG/Local Feature/s:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Off the Grid Festival</b></li> <li>• <b>REB Community Energy Project – installation of solar panels at local Kindergarten</b></li> <li>• <b>Goulburn &amp; North East Artists Alliance - 'Elemental' environmentally themed exhibition &amp; Across the Arts festival</b></li> </ul>	
1 April to 3 May	Advocacy	GANEAA'S environment focused ' <a href="#">Elemental</a> ' exhibition, Bainz Gallery, foyer of Wangaratta Library.	Local/Regional
9 April	Energy	<b>REB's Community Energy Project – installation of solar panels on local Kindergarten</b>	<b>REB Action Group</b>
10-11	Energy, Sustainability	<a href="#">Off the Grid Festival</a> – Centennial Park, Eldorado	Local/Regional
20	Climate	Global Youth Climate Summit--an Earth Day related activity	
20-22	Sustainability /Waste	<a href="#">Victorian Clean Tech Expo</a> – 3 day online event org by <a href="#">Victorian Clean Tech Cluster</a> & 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	<b>Earth Day</b> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> – World-wide - activities spread from 20 to 21 <sup>st</sup> and include Joe Biden's Climate Summit on 22 <sup>nd</sup> April.	
22	Creative Economy for a Sustainable Future	Celebrate both Earth Day and the United Nations Year of Creative Economy for a Sustainable Future! <i>GANEAA's Earth Day and ELEMENTAL Exhibition Celebration</i> Thursday 22 April 5.30 – 7pm, Bainz Gallery, foyer Wangaratta Library	
25	Advocacy	<b>Deadline for next edition of BSFG Newsletter</b>	
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"	
<b>May</b>		<b>BSFG/Local Feature/s:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Benalla Permaculture – 'Permies Picnic'</b></li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>10<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Benalla Food Cooperative</b></li> <li>• <b>Renewable Energy Benalla and Benalla Local Food Network Action Group Meetings</b></li> <li>• <b>Launch of Renewable Energy Benalla's Community Energy Behind the Meter Project</b></li> <li>• <b>School Strike4 Climate Event – Ceramic Mural</b></li> <li>• <b>BSFG AGM Meeting with Guest Speaker</b></li> </ul>	
2	Food/Agriculture	<a href="#">International Permaculture Day</a> – ‘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	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Benalla Food Cooperative!</b>	Ensign Article
3 - 9	Food/Agriculture	<a href="#">International Composting Awareness Week</a> - 3rd to 9th	
4 - 6	Food/Agriculture	<a href="#">Ozwater 2021 – Reimagining our Water Future - 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021</a> conference in Adelaide, online or combination	
4	Energy	<b>Renewable Energy Benalla Action Group Meeting</b> – 5pm Uniting Church Meeting Room	REB Action Group Meet
5	Food/Localisation	<b>Benalla Local Food Network Action Group Meeting</b> – 4 to 5pm – Benalla Central Community Garden (Uniting Church)	BLFN Action Group Meet
6	Energy	<b>Renewable Energy Benalla Action Group – Launch of Community Energy Project Behind the Meter Project – solar panels on Kindergarten</b>	REB Action Group Celebration
8	Biodiversity	<a href="#">World Migratory Bird Day</a> – ‘Sing, Fly, Soar Like a Bird’ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday May & October <a href="#">#WorldMigratoryBirdDay</a> --a global awareness-raising campaign to conserve <a href="#">#MigratoryBirds</a>	
11	Biodiversity	<a href="#">Hairy-Nosed Day (Wombat)</a> –site has lots of engaging activities for Primary aged children (Q’land focus)	
13 & 14	Food & Ag/Localisation	<a href="#">Exploring Social Enterprise Models for Local Food Systems</a> in NE Victoria (in Benalla) Fully Funded 2-day Workshop at Old Beechworth Gaol, 9.15 – 4.00 13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2021.	Regional Activity
17-23		<a href="#">National Volunteer Week</a> - 17th to 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021 ‘Recognise, Reconnect, Reimagine’	
20	Biodiversity	<a href="#">World Bee Day</a> – also check out World Bee Day events in Australia on 20 May at <a href="https://www.worldbeeday.org.au/">https://www.worldbeeday.org.au/</a>	
21	Climate	<a href="#">School Strike4Climate</a> – 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	<a href="#">International Day for Biological Diversity</a> – Held every year on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> May The theme for 2021 is “ <a href="#">We’re part of the solution #For Nature</a> ” (ref customizable logo re publicising)	
23	Biodiversity	<a href="#">World Turtle Day</a> – Held each year on 23 May. For information about the Benalla Turtle conservation group contact Helen Repacholi 0439 623 990	
27	Restoring Ecosystems/Biodiversity	<b>BSFG Annual General Meeting – Guest Speaker – <a href="#">Dr Lisa Farnsworth, Winton Wetlands Restoration Ecologist.</a></b> 7:30 pm Thursday 27th May in the Benalla Uniting Church Fellowship Room. Supper will be served at the conclusion of the	BSFG AGM/ Guest Speaker

		evening. <a href="#">Nomination forms</a> can be scanned and emailed to <a href="mailto:bsfginc@gmail.com">bsfginc@gmail.com</a> , or contact Peter & bring hard copy to AGM.	
<b>June</b>		<b>BSFG/Local Feature/s:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Swanpool Environmental Film Festival</b></li> <li>•</li> </ul>	
3	Transport	<a href="#">World Bicycle Day</a> 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	<a href="#">World Environment Day</a> - Held every year on the 5 <sup>th</sup> June – the <a href="#">UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration</a> will be launched on World Environment Day 2021 <a href="#">#GenerationRestoration</a>	
8	Biodiversity Food & Ag	<a href="#">World Oceans Day</a> – theme for 2021 ‘Life and Livelihoods’; see also <a href="https://oceanic.global/projects/united-nations-world-oceans-day-2021/">https://oceanic.global/projects/united-nations-world-oceans-day-2021/</a>	
15	Energy	<a href="#">Global Wind Day</a> – 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	<a href="#">World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought</a> – Held every year on 17 <sup>th</sup> June, in 2021 the theme focusses on restoring degraded land. For more information about the 2021 celebration, go to <a href="https://www.unccd.int/actions17-june-desertification-and-drought-day/2021-desertification-and-drought-day">https://www.unccd.int/actions17-june-desertification-and-drought-day/2021-desertification-and-drought-day</a>	
<b>19</b>	Multiple	<b>Postponed re Covid Restrictions – to be updated - <a href="#">Swanpool Environmental Film Festival 2021</a>, Swanpool Cinema, 2386 Midland Highway. Saturday 19 June 1 to 9pm</b> Coming out of COVID, will we return to ‘business as usual’ or will Australia embark upon a linear path towards zero emissions? Three sessions with films and guest speakers with breaks for afternoon tea and a light evening meal catered for by the fabulous Swanpool Catering Team.. Click these links to download <a href="#">Flier (pdf)</a> and <a href="#">Program (pdf)</a> . Tickets \$30. Bookings through <a href="#">Try Booking from June 1</a> . Phone 0498 007 988 for enquiries.	<b>Film Festival – to be postponed to spring, possibly October. (Inf available late June/early July)</b>
20	Transport; Food & Ag	<a href="#">World Localisation Day</a> – held each year on June 20; follow activities on Twitter at <a href="https://twitter.com/localfutures">https://twitter.com/localfutures</a>	
<b>July</b>		<b>BSFG/Local Feature/s:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BSFG General Meeting with Speaker</b></li> <li>• <b>SCRAP Recycled Art Exhibition</b></li> </ul>	
1 - 31	Waste	<a href="#">Plastic Free July</a> – resources/ideas to help reduce single use plastic waste at home, work, school, local café’s and more.	
11	All	<a href="#">World Population Day</a> - 11 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>22</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>BSFG General Meeting – Guest Speaker – Topic TBA</b>	<b>BSFG GM</b>
26	Biodiversity	<a href="#">Intern'l Day for Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem</a>	
30	Biodiversity	<a href="#">Schools Tree Day 2021</a> - Friday 30 July	
31	Waste	<a href="#">SCRAP Recycled Art Exhibition</a> commences – Swanpool Hall	

		Naidoc Week (usually in July though in Nov in 2020)	
<b>August</b>		<b>BSFG/Local Feature/s to date:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Swanpool – SCRAP Art Exhibition</b></li> </ul>	
1-15	Waste	<a href="#">SCRAP Art Exhibition Swanpool (Reduce, Recycle, Reuse)</a>	Local/Regional
1	Biodiversity	<a href="#">National Tree Day 2021</a> - Sunday 1 August	
2 - 8	Food & Ag Biodiversity	<a href="#">Landcare Week</a> - In 2021 will be held from 2 to 8 August - includes National Conference in Sydney from 4 to 6 August	
9	Biodiversity	<a href="#">International Day for World Indigenous Peoples</a> - 9 <sup>th</sup> - 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	<a href="#">National Student Volunteer Week</a> – 9 - 15 Aug 2021 (TBC)	
14 - 22	Multiple	<a href="#">National Science Week</a> – 14 – 22 August 2021- The theme for schools this year is <a href="#">Food – Different by Design</a> ( <i>links to teacher resource book</i> ) in recognition of the UN's Year of Fruit and Vegetables and the International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development.	
16 - 22	Waste	<a href="#">Keep Australia Beautiful Week</a> - 16 to 22 <sup>nd</sup> August (Theme to be confirmed)	
23 - 27	Food & Ag Biodiversity	<a href="#">World Water Week</a> (United Nations) <a href="#">World Water Week 2021 - Building Resilience Faster</a> , 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.	
<b>Septemb er</b>		<b>BSFG/Local Feature/s to date:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BSFG General Meeting with Guest Speaker</b></li> </ul>	
<i>Month</i>	Biodiversity	<a href="#">National Biodiversity Month</a>	
<i>Month</i>	Waste/Single Use Plastics	<a href="#">Suptember</a> - a campaign of the <a href="#">Boomerang Alliance</a> 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	<a href="#">National Walk to Work Day</a> – Friday 3 September 2021	
7	Waste Transport	<a href="#">International Day of Clean Air for blue skies</a> – 7 September 2021	
7	Biodiversity	<a href="#">National Threatened Species Day</a> 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. <a href="#">#ThreatenedSpeciesDay</a>	
16		<a href="#">International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer</a>	
22	Transport Energy	<a href="#">World Car-Free Day</a>	
<b>23</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>BSFG General Meeting – Guest Speaker – Topic TBA</b>	<b>BSFG GM</b>
26		<a href="#">World Rivers Day</a> – 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	Food & Ag Waste	<a href="#">International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste Reduction</a> – 29 September	
30		<a href="#">World Maritime Day</a> 2021- Theme ‘Seafarers – at the core of shipping’s future’ (this day falls within broad campaign); includes a sustainable shipping component.	
<b>October</b>		<b>BSFG/Local Feature/s to date:</b>	
4 - 8	Biodiversity	<a href="#">Australian Wildlife Week</a> – 4 to 8 October	
4	Biodiversity	<a href="#">World Habitat Day</a> –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	<a href="#">World Migratory Bird Day</a> – 9 October, part 2	
13		<a href="#">International Day for Disaster Reduction</a> – Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	
16	Food/Ag	<a href="#">World Food Day</a> – Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	
<b>17</b>	<b>Building/ Energy</b>	<b><a href="#">Sustainable House Day</a> –Sunday 17 October 2021 - mixed open homes/virtual event - Howard’s sleepouts? Other?</b>	<b>Sustainable House Day – Publicity etc</b>
18 - 24	Biodiversity	<a href="#">National Bird Week</a> - 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 <a href="#">Aussie Backyard Bird Count</a> from 18 to 24 Oct.	
18 - 24		<a href="#">National Water Week</a> - 18 to 25 October – 2021 program still to be confirmed	
20	Transport	<a href="#">National Ride2Work Day</a> – Wednesday 20 October	
21 – 27*	Multiple	<a href="#">Enviroweek</a> –* Dates and Program To Be Confirmed	
<b>Novemb er</b>		<b>BSFG/Local Feature/s to date:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BSFG stall at ‘A Day in the Gardens’ market</b></li> <li>• <b>BSFG General Meeting with Guest Speaker</b></li> </ul>	
<b>1 – 12</b>	Climate	<a href="#">UN Climate Change Conference COP 26</a> – 2021 – 1 to 12 <sup>th</sup> November, Glasgow	
<b>TBA</b>	<b>Advocacy/M ultiple</b>	<b>‘A Day in the Gardens’ – Benalla Festival – stall/information</b>	<b>BSFG Stall</b>
6 - 14	Food & Ag	<a href="#">Australian Pollinator Week</a> – Saturday 6 to Sunday 14 November	
8 - 14	Waste	<a href="#">National Recycling Week</a> –Mon 8 to Sun 14 November.	
17	Land use/ other	<a href="#">International GIS Day</a> - 17 <sup>th</sup> (Geographic Information Service/citizen science community activities re mapping geographic features; related to GPS, Geocaching, etc)	
21	Food & Ag Biodiversity	<a href="#">World Fisheries Day</a> – 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.	
<b>25</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>BSFG General Meeting – Guest Speaker – Topic TBA</b>	<b>BSFG GM</b>
<b>Decemb er</b>		<b>BSFG/Local Feature/s to date:</b>	

5		<a href="#">International Volunteer Day</a> - 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	
5	Food & Ag Biodiversity	<a href="#">World Soil Day</a> - 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	
11	Ecosystems/ Biodiversity	<a href="#">International Mountain Day</a> - 11 <sup>th</sup> 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>