

Saturday 2nd May 2009

Blue Mountains ECOhomes Tour (subject to amendment)

TIME	PLACE		NOTE
Meet 8.45am	SPRINGWOOD: Macquarie Road bus stop		Register, we leave 9am from Macquarie Road bus-stop near the Springwood Railway Station. If late – call Michael on 0410 910 538
9.15 – 10.00	Brett & Janine's future home, Warrimoo		A wonderfully ambitious Owner-Builder project with Architect's design and construction assistance. Curved 'Formblock' (earth) construction, warped roof plane, crafted timber interiors, poured earth floors. Fascinating home in a bushfire zone that's getting close to being finished. Come and check it out – you'll love it.
10.15 – 10.40	Blaxland	Coffee and toilet stop 20 minutes	
10.50 – 11.35	Sarah and Allan's alterations and additions, East Blaxland		Take a two storey rectangular house, add an octagon, give termites a good feed – and what do you then do? Sarah & Allan decided to renovate, rebuilding the termite infested area, flipping the house plan around, waterproofing and re-roofing yet with awkward angles. Listen and learn why not to live in the home whilst it's being renovated!
11.45 – 12.30	Andrew & Felicity's home, East Blaxland		A new passive-solar 'Timbercrete' home with multiple roofs, designed and built for special needs. Through the hottest days of summer, this home performed exceptionally well in keeping the householders cool. There's always a warmer or cooler nook when required. Find out how it was done from the owners and builder.
12.45 – 1.30 pm	Springwood	LUNCH stop 45 minutes	Bring or buy as you prefer in central downtown Springwood. There's a sunny park nearby.
1.45 – 2.30 pm	Marilyn & Lewis's home, Linden		A favorite ECOhome! Earth-integrated (meaning earth roof), mud-brick, upside-down tree-trunk holding up the roof, upgraded solar hot water system, solar sunspace etc – and enthusiastic owners who love to share their knowledge. A unique home full of remarkable objects that you won't easily forget! And don't forget to look at the roof garden and Marilyn's food crops.
2.45 – 3.30	Georgina and Gerard's new home, plus Gabrielle's adjacent, Woodford		Adjacent homes of earth steel and straw - under construction. Will the straw-bales be in by the time of our visit? Will they be rendering? Will the roof be on? This is a good opportunity to understand construction systems and innovation from those designing and building it. This includes windows made by the owners from recycled Blackbutt, cob walls and earth floors!
4 pm	SPRINGWOOD		Return to SPRINGWOOD Railway Station (Drop-offs are possible along the way)

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 and some rough, short, walking.

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. **Your signature is required to this agreement before commencing the Tour.**