

# Enjoy Sustainability Weekend in South Canterbury, a Festival of Adult Learning!

Organised by Sustainable South Canterbury Trust, the not-for-profit team who run the Crow's Nest reuse shop in Timaru and are planning an EcoCentre alongside. Events arranged with help from ACE Aotearoa Adult Learners Week, Timaru District Council, and Future Living Skills. Timed to coincide with 350.org Climate Action weekend.



## Guided tour of Timaru District Council's recycling facilities at Redruth.

### Event 1. Friday 7 Sept, afternoon.

- Visit the public drop-off facility, hear about a current re-design project, then go behind the scenes to see:
- the Materials Recovery Facility (what happens to the TDC yellow-lid wheelie bin contents);
- wood, going to the pyrolysis plant, which makes charcoal;
- the composting site for bulk garden prunings and green-lid bin contents;
- the managed landfill cells (contents of red-lid bin and on-street bins);
- site preparation work and building designs for EcoCentre Timaru (SSCT);
- then find bargains at the Crow's Nest reuse shop (which is managed by Sustainable South Canterbury Trust).

Tour guides will be Briony Woodnorth from TDC, Brian Gallagher and other trustees from SSCT.

Our chartered Ritchie's Coach departs railway station in central Timaru 1pm, and will stop in Shaw Street 1.15pm (where on-street parking is available. No car parking or pedestrian access on site), then take in the tour group. Information about the Sustainable South Canterbury Trust will be available on the coach. \$10 to meet expenses.

**Please pre-book at EventFinda.** <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/tour-timaru-district-councils-recycling-facilities/south-canterbury> Limited places!

Closed-in footwear is essential, warm clothing & coat recommended and high-visibility safety tops will be supplied. Post-tour coach is due back into town by 3.45pm. As you'll tell friends - definitely not 'a waste of an afternoon'!



## Controlling pests in an urban setting

Event 2, **Saturday 8 Sept, 10.30am**, at Geraldine Academy of Performance & Arts

Marie Gray and Jeremy Agar of 'Predator Free Port Hills' will visit Geraldine to speak about how to reduce pests such as possums and rats, which damage garden crops, native bush and nesting bird life. Organised for the Festival by the volunteers of *Talbot Forest Working Group*. Admission by gold coin at door, towards venue and refreshment costs.

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## Warm homes for Geraldine

Event 3, **Saturday 8 Sept, 1.30pm**



Learn how your home could be better heated and insulated, what financial help and advice is available and what health and environmental gains this brings. Make plans this Spring to have next Winter warm and dry indoors!

**Rowena McLintock** from Energy Smart Timaru (pictured) and **Mark Bourassa** from Environment Canterbury together will run this free session, held at Geraldine Academy of Performance & Arts, 79 Talbot Street (next to St. Mary's church, opposite Cinema). Refreshments. **No fee, but it helps if you reserve your place**, either by EventFinda

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/warm-homes-for-geraldine/geraldine>

website free ticketing, or by texting the event title and your name to 021462260



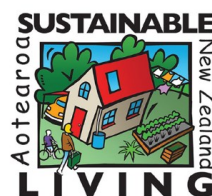
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## Future Living Skills

Event 4, **Sunday 9 Sept 11am** at Geraldine Academy of Performance & Arts, 79 Talbot Street



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Sunday 9 Sept, 11am 'brunch' workshop with refreshments, introducing a fun evening class series to be offered soon in Geraldine. Learn about sustainability at home: practical skills in food growing, energy efficiency, minimising waste, lower-carbon travel options, water conservation and eco-building. The local course is backed-up by high quality learning guides from [www.sustainableliving.org.nz](http://www.sustainableliving.org.nz)

Session led by Rhys Taylor, Geraldine resident and National Coordinator of Sustainable Living Education Trust. Enquiries by email to [rhys@sustainableliving.org.nz](mailto:rhys@sustainableliving.org.nz) \$10. **Pre-Book at EventFinda.** (credit card charge applies)

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/future-living-skills-an-introduction/geraldine>

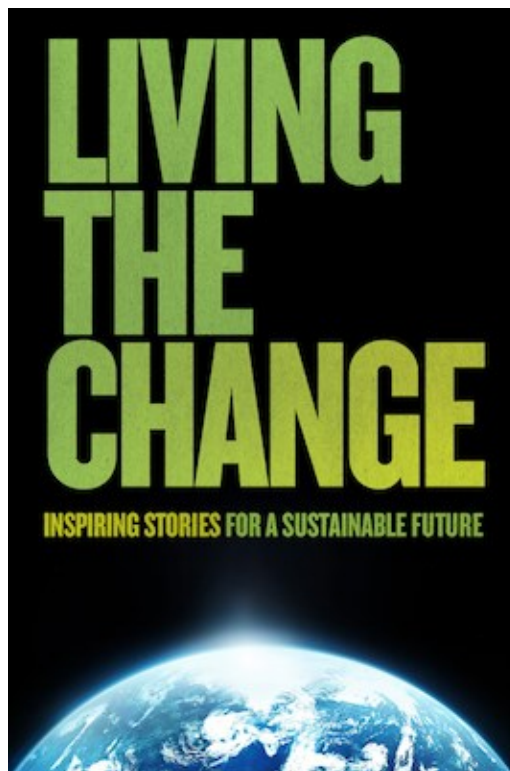
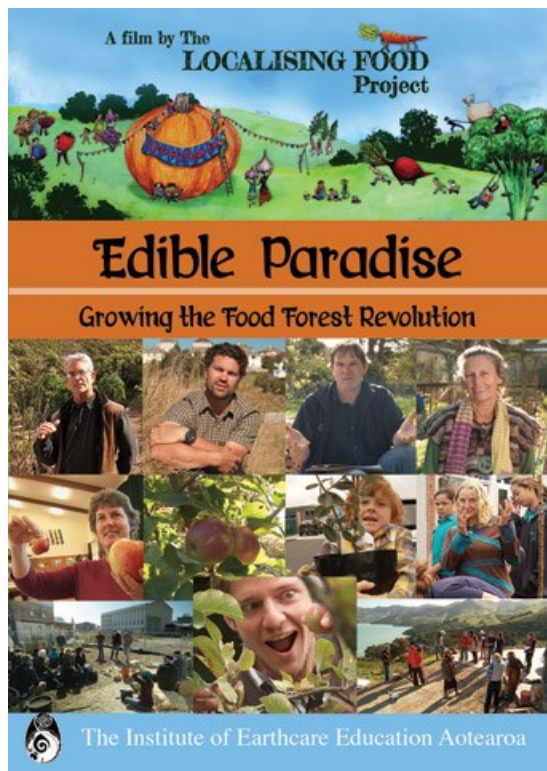


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## Double bill – Two sustainability documentary films, on the big screen

Event 5, **Sunday 9 Sept, 1pm, Edible Paradise**, Geraldine Cinema, Talbot Street

NZ-made documentary from the Localising Food Project, features Canterbury examples of food forests and community gardens. Shares their enthusiasm! See trailer at <https://vimeo.com/255853190>



Followed by **Sunday 2.15pm, Living the Change**, Geraldine Cinema.

Another NZ documentary, Living the Change explores solutions to the global crises we face today – through the inspiring stories of people pioneering change towards sustainability in their own lives and communities. Solutions any one of us can be part of... See the trailer at <https://livingthechangefilm.com/>

**\$10 at door – no pre booking required, but be early if you want a couch!** Also listed at:

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/edible-paradise-living-the-change-documentaries/geraldine>

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## Pimp that Jacket.

Event 6, **Sunday 9 Sept, 2.15pm** at Geraldine Academy of Performance & Arts.

A sewing workshop with Maryclare Wood (teaches at Opihi College) on upcycling clothes such as jackets, skirts and frocks using fabric scraps and spare items, to make original fashion statements.

Tee shirts can be converted to shopping bags, too. *Bring your own sewing machine, extension lead, garments to work on (which already fit you) and be ready to share fabric and haberdashery items* – your unwanted colours, buttons, applique, patchwork or trim could be another's great find. Your tutor will bring in some items to share, too.

Limited numbers. \$10. **Must pre-book at Eventfinda.** (credit card charge applies)

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/pimp-that-jacket/geraldine>



Materials & Equipment list below for those who book. Enquiries: [rhys@sustainableliving.org.nz](mailto:rhys@sustainableliving.org.nz)





### Materials and equipment list suggestions from the tutor -

- An older or 'new but boring' jacket, skirt or sweatshirt that needs jazzing up – it must already fit, as we do not have time to do shape alterations. If shopping for used clothes locally, try Red Cross Geraldine in Talbot Street, Rosie's in Peel Street Geraldine or The Crow's Nest - off Shaw Street, Timaru (open Thurs-Sun).
- Sewing machine and /or an overlocker, plus power extension cord
- Dressmaking Scissors (sharp), optional rotary cutter and cutting board
- Assortment of good quality sewing threads
- Assortment of trimmings, buttons, pieces of leftover fabrics – maybe share some?
- Ensure you have a fresh needle in your machine and a spare. Depending on the thickness of fabric you may require #80's or #90's; Also hand-sewing needles, and pins
- Tailor's chalk or dressmaking fabric marker; any other sewing tools you love, to bring along and use
- *Creative ideas and questions*

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## Come to Geraldine for the whole weekend... or longer?

Video about the many attractions of the town, featuring Exponents singer Jordan Luck:

<https://www.facebook.com/totallylocallygeraldine/videos/1069403459882128/>

We have several motels, B&Bs and homestays plus caravan/camping parks, who would make you welcome.

Visitor info at <http://geraldine.nz/business/geraldine-visitor-information-centre/>

Geraldine News website: <http://www.geraldinenews.co.nz/category/the-geraldine-news-archives/>

Plan travel routes and times by motorcycle or car (preferably shared with friends) <https://www.aa.co.nz/travel/time-and-distance-calculator/> Travel by InterCity Coach <https://www.intercity.co.nz/> or come by bike!

Geraldine has a fast-charger for electric cars, located near the cinema at 5 Cox Street. <https://charge.net.nz>