



THE ARID LANDS ENVIRONMENT CENTRE
PRESENTS

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ECOFAIR

2021 PROGRAM

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AUGUST
6 - 8



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A desert science and sustainability festival

Since 2009, the Ecofair has connected thousands of people in Mparntwe Alice Springs around the themes of desert science and sustainability.

The Ecofair is hosted by the Arid Lands Environment Centre and presents a line-up of national and local thinkers, change-makers and innovators to help spark local action toward a healthy future in the desert.

The EcoFair is held across multiple outdoor venues in Alice Springs. Talks will also be broadcast live online. See the program for registration details.

Be part of the action - connect with the community at the Ecofair for a weekend of workshops, talks, mini-markets, outdoor cinema and entertainment.

Friday, August 6

EcoFair launch with ABC Alice Springs

4-6 PM @ Olive Pink Botanic Garden

Join us at the Bean Tree Café Courtyard with ABC Alice Springs and guest speakers, music and prizes up for grabs in the Great Science Quiz . A family-friendly EcoFair staple!



Ella wins a prize during the Great Science Quiz, 2020

Future X

6-7 PM @ Olive Pink Botanic Garden



Dr Amanda Cahill, CEO of The Next Economy

Local and national change-makers and entrepreneurs share their vision for the future, how they're making a difference and what opportunities that exist for Central Australia.

Outdoor cinema: 2040

7-9 PM @ Olive Pink Botanic Garden

Award-winning director Damon Gameau embarks on a journey to explore what the future could look like by the year 2040. A feature documentary that looks to the future, but is vitally important NOW! Rug up for a movie under the stars. Enjoy a meal from the Bean Tree Cafe.

Cost: \$5.

Booking: www.alec.org.au/events



Saturday, August 7

Olive Pink Landcare Buffel Bust

8-9:30 AM @ Olive Pink Botanic Garden

Come along, meet a great bunch of people, get fit, and help protect River Red Gums in the Todd River! Meet at the garden entrance at 8 AM

Food for Alice

9 - 11 AM @ East Side Community Garden

Food for Alice is a farmers market with locally grown produce. Local honey, preserves, bread, dates and vegetables available. Enjoy a hot cup of coffee and home made cakes.



It's a Science: Growing Fruit and Vegetables in the arid zone

11AM - 12 PM @ East Side Garden

Join local gardener gurus sharing tips for growing food in arid Central Australia as part of a guided tour of the thriving community garden.

Bookings essential:
alec.org.au/events



Central Australian Plant Sale

12 - 3 PM @ Olive Pink Botanic Garden

Create your own water-wise desert garden paradise. Uncommon and stunning Central Australian Plants for sale. Native plant and gardening advice available.



Cuppa with Dave Sweeney

11 AM - 12 PM @ East Side Garden

Dave Sweeney has been active in mining issues for three decades and leads the Australian Conservation Foundation's nuclear-free campaign. Learn more about what Dave has been up to over a cuppa.



Bush food & bush medicine workshop

1 - 2:30 PM @ Olive Pink Botanic Garden

Join Traditional Owners from Akeyulerre Healing Centre to learn about bush remedies and traditional healing.

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Powering the future: what a renewable energy future looks like

3 - 5 PM

@ Olive Pink Botanic Garden

Join this important conversation with local and national energy experts as they explore what a renewable energy future could look like in Central Australia.

Hosted by the ALEC Community Solutions team from Alice Springs Future Grid.

Budding botanists tour

5-6 PM @ Olive Pink Botanic Garden

Entry level tour of the botanic gardens sharing insights on the adaptations of desert plants.

Sunday, August 8

Panel: Heat horizons - exploring the future of housing, health and water

11 AM - 12:30 PM @ Town Council lawns

Our climate is changing and desert communities are responding. Local leaders discuss the impacts of climate change on health, housing and water and what we can do to create climate-resilient communities.



Climate change panel, Ecofair 2020

Music by Stuart Nuggett

12:30 - 1 PM @ Town Council lawns

A Jingili man from Elliott, Stuart is passionate about the plight of his people and hopes that through his songs he can capture audiences from all walks of life.



Thanks to our sponsors:



Composting Workshop

2-4 PM @ Westside Community Garden

Composting Workshop covering compost bins, bokashi and worm farm option.

Cost: \$20.00 waged attendees
\$10.00 unwaged attendees

Bookings essential: alec.org.au/events



EcoFair wrap-up BBQ

4-6 PM @ Westside Community Garden

That's a wrap! Wind down your weekend with sunset BBQ. Vego, vegan and meat options available, as well as herb tea, cakes and biscuits. Organised by wonderful Westside Garden volunteers.

