

Eco-Neighbourhoods

Overview

Thanks for your interest in our Eco-Neighbourhoods project. This is an initiative of the Albert-Eden Local Board to encourage groups of neighbours to form Eco-Neighbourhoods and plan actions that will reduce their ecological footprint.

It all starts when you, and 5 or more of your close neighbours (living within 5 minutes walk) register your interest at <http://goo.gl/7qfRVZ>.

Dont worry if you don't know anybody. Just register anyway and we will do our best to help you connect with others close by.

Once the group has formed, the Eco-Neighbourhoods Facilitator will contact you and you will all complete a simple questionnaire to measure your baseline ecological footprint. After this you attend a workshop to establish the goals and action plan for your Eco-Neighbourhood i.e. what you will do to reduce your ecological footprint.

From February to June 2015, in addition to mentoring from the Eco-Neighbourhoods Facilitator, each Eco-Neighbourhood will receive support to achieve these goals, examples include:

- Bike workshops
- Waste/composting, water, and energy, workshops
- Eco design advice at participants' homes
- Local organic food production
- Chicken keeping
- Beekeeping
- Resilience (civil defence and emergency management)

There is also (limited) funding for Eco-Neighbourhoods to purchase approved items that will assist them achieve their goals.

Along the way Eco-Neighbourhoods will record and share their successes, challenges and learnings with other Eco-Neighbourhoods and the wider community, online and at local events.

At the end of the project, each household in your Eco-Neighbourhood will again measure their ecological footprint. This will show how successful the actions were in achieving the initial goals.

Then it's time to celebrate your Eco-Neighbourhood's successes, your participation, the connections made and the learnings gained!

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