

EVENTS IN OCTOBER AT THE SMSA

** PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO EVENT
DATES DUE TO OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND

CONVERSATION

The Climate Change Diet

Wednesday 1 October 2008 12.30 - 1.30pm

A recent SMH article stated "The western world's obesity epidemic and global warming might not seem to have much in common. But public health experts suggest people can attack them both by cutting calories and carbon dioxide at the same time." What changes can we make to our diets to be more climate friendly? A conversation looking at the diet and health impacts of climate change.

Cameron Eren, Total Environment Centre

CONVERSATION

Is Organic Food Healthier?

Wednesday 08 October 2008 12.30 - 1.30pm

Organic products have become big business. Australians spend approximately \$400 million on organic produce and the organic industry is growing at a rate of 25 to 40 per cent every year. But on average organic food products cost 20 - 50% more than non-organic options. So is it worth it? Join the organic food debate.

Catriona Macmillan, Sydney Food Fairness Alliance & Organic Traders' and Consumer Network



** SATURDAYS AT SMSA

Tour of Michael Mobbs' Sustainable House & Chippendale Food for the Future Fair

Saturday 11 October 2008 11.00 - 12.00 midday

SMSA members are invited to tour Michael Mobbs' Sustainable House and view his latest initiative -

street gardens providing food for everyone. A working bee to plant additional fruit trees in Myrtle Street will also be underway, as will the Chippendale Food for the Future Fair in nearby Peace Park with entertainment, fresh fruit and vegetables from the Hawkesbury region for sale and activities for children.

58 Myrtle Street, Chippendale.

Visit www.foodforthefuturefair.org for directions

Sustainable House tour - free for SMSA members, bookings essential 9262 7300.

Food for the Future Fair - free entrance, all welcome

** Global Affairs Dialogues

Mondays 13 & 20 October 2008 7.00 - 9.30pm

Global Affairs Dialogues explore the environmental impact of climate change, war and social strife, and the wide range of political and religious influences that shape our attitudes, values, and subsequently our actions. DVDs, in conjunction with group conversations, are shown at most meetings

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Poetry at the SMSA

Tuesday 14 October 2008 6.00 - 8.00pm

Poetry at the SMSA meetings provide an opportunity for lovers of poetry to meet and read; listen to; discuss and write poetry. Meetings are themed and some may have a guest reader or speaker. For more information on this new event contact the coordinator **Thomas Thorpe** at tjthorpe@westnet.com.au

CONVERSATION

Turning the Tide

Wednesday 15 October 2008 12.30 - 1.30pm

Reports by the Australian Marine Conservation Society say the 2005 global fishing fleet was 2.5 times larger than what our oceans can sustainably produce and maintain and as a result the future of millions of people who depend on fish in their diet is in the balance. This discussion

will focus on turning the tide on overfishing and how to make sustainable seafood choices.

Duncan Leadbitter, Regional Director, Asia Pacific Region, Marine Stewardship Council

SMSA Reading Group

Saturday 18 October 2008 10.00-11.30am

The SMSA Reading Group meets every 3 weeks to discuss Mystery and Crime novels. Each meeting is based on a set theme rather than a set text, so members are free to read a book of their choice. The theme for this Saturday is Member's Recommendation.

All welcome. Some refreshments provided, feel free to bring a plate

CONVERSATION

The Slow Food Movement

Wednesday 22 October 2008 12.30 - 1.30pm

Slow Food is much more than the opposite of fast food. It's about using local seasonal produce and restoring time-honoured methods of food production and preparation. A discussion about the demise of local food traditions around the world and the disconnection between the food we eat and where it comes from.

Alison Drover, Slow Food Sydney

SPECIAL CONVERSATION

DNA & The Bible Lecture

Wednesday 29 October 2008 12.30 - 1.30pm

Dr Lionel Hovey believes that there is a section of the Bible which demonstrates that the author of this section was familiar with the structure and function of the DNA molecule. Dr Hovey states that human chromosome content is also described in the Bible and other physical structures noted.

Dr Lionel Hovey is a retired medical practitioner who has made a study of the Bible for many years, concentrating on what he believes are its relationships to the physical world.

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

The SMSA presents a program of events throughout the year on a range of engaging topics. Most SMSA events are free and open to the public. Others have a small entry fee, with discounts for SMSA members.

Conversations are small, informal discussions led by one or two speakers on a topic relating to the theme of the month. Conversations last for one hour, including 30 minutes of audience question and discussion time. Conversations are held every Wednesday lunchtime from 12.30 - 1.30pm in the SMSA Library.

Saturdays at SMSA events allow audiences to explore the theme of the month in a slightly different format. Talks, films, discussions, lectures, debates...Always different and always interesting, Saturdays at SMSA events are a great way to spend the first Saturday of the month. Times variable.

Global Affairs Dialogues meetings aim to raise awareness and stimulate positive, creative and feasible responses to ecological and global issues. Held on the first and third Monday evenings of the month, from 7.00pm.

Poetry at the SMSA is held on the second Tuesday of the month from 6.00 - 8.00pm. This is an interactive, participatory group where all lovers of poetry can read, recite, listen to and discuss poems in an informal, friendly atmosphere.

SMSA Reading Group meets every third Saturday to discuss Mystery and Crime novels from 10.00 - 11.30am. The discussion is based on themes rather than set books.

Remaining dates for this year are: October 18 Member's Recommendation; November 08 Historical Mystery; November 29 Dark Mystery. Refreshments provided.



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SMSA EVENT THEMES FOR 2008

February Diversity
March Heritage
April Digital media
May Books & writing
June Health and wellbeing
July NO EVENTS IN JULY
August Creativity & science
September Education
October Good food month
November Social change
(No events are held in January, July or December)

For more information on any SMSA events please contact us or visit the Library on Level 2.

* Check event listing for location details

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GOOD FOOD MONTH

