

# desertSMART Ecofair 2018 Program

desertSMART EcoFair is in its tenth year and is organised by the Arid Lands Environment Centre, as part of National Science Week. desertSMART EcoFair aims to educate, inspire and activate the community around science and sustainability, and features high profile speakers, presentations, workshops, and in 2018 a special event screening from the Transitions Film Festival.

In 2018 special guests include Amanda McKenzie (CEO, The Climate Council), Professor Jenny Davis (Charles Darwin University), Dr Karen Barry (University of Tasmania) and EcoFair Ambassador Costa Georgiadis (Gardening Australia).

## Friday 10th August:

**9am-2pm: Day 2 EcoScience Schools Day @ Olive Pink Botanic Garden** Local school groups participate in hands on workshops on the issues of energy, water, land management, climate, health, science and technology. With Engineers Without Borders Australia, Australian American Fullbright Commission, Ekistica, Museum and Art Gallery NT, Alice Springs Desert Park, Central Australian Aboriginal Congress, NT Parks & Wildlife, Land for Wildlife, Olive Pink Botanic Garden and National Rural Health Students Network

**4pm-6pm: 783 ABC Outside Broadcast & Great Science Quiz @ Olive Pink Botanic Garden** (Tunck's Rd) Join us at the Bean Tree Café Courtyard for the ABC 783 Drive Outside Broadcast. Guest speakers include Amanda McKenzie (The Climate Council), plus great prizes are up for grabs in the Great Science Quiz. A free family event.

**6pm Transitions Film Festival @ Olive Pink Botanic Garden** (Tunck's Rd) Join us for a special event screening of two films from the Transitions Film Festival, Living in the Future's Past and Operation Jeedara. Doors open at 6pm with films, food, drinks and warm fires under a star filled sky. Chairs provided, bring a swag if you wish! **Tickets \$10 + BF. \$15 on the door.** Purchase tickets at <https://events.humanitix.com.au/transitions-film-festival-alice-springs> Children entry by gold coin donation at the door.

About the films:

### Living in the Future's Past

Academy Award Winner, Jeff Bridges presents this beautifully photographed tour de force of original thinking alongside prominent scientists and authors on who we are and the environmental challenges we face. (PG)

### Operation Jeedara

Narrated by Bob Brown and featuring the CEO of Sea Shepherd, Operation Jeedara paints a portrait of a movement locked into one of the greatest environmental battles of all time – the fight to protect the Great Australian Bight from the devastating impacts of oil pollution. This film is the story of the campaign. (PG)



## Saturday 11th August:

**2pm-5pm: Garden To Plate @ Alice Springs Community Garden** (Frances Smith Memorial Park, Burke St Eastside) Exploring Bush Foods with Rayleen Brown (Kungka's Can Cook), The Science of Gardening with Costa Georgiadis (Gardening Australia), Growing Healthy & Disease Free Plants with Dr Karen Barry (University of Tasmania). Chai & cake available. **Cost \$15 + BF. \$20 on the door.** Purchase tickets at <https://events.humanitix.com.au/garden-to-plate> Followed by the August Garden Social 5-7pm (Free) - Join us for pizza, warm fires, and good conversations in the beautiful community garden.

## Sunday 12th August:

**9am-1pm: EcoFair Hub at the Todd Mall Markets @ Todd Mall** (Alice Springs CBD) Come and see the EcoFair Hub at the Todd Mall Markets on the Uniting Church Lawns. With kids activities and special guest Costa the Garden Gnome.

**10am-12pm: Future Energy Forum @ Andy McNeill Room** (Alice Springs Town Council, 93 Todd St, Alice Springs CBD) Supported by Intyalheme Centre for Future Energy Opened by Hon Dale Wakefield MLA Minister for Renewables & Essential Services

Spark some ideas and charge up your inspiration with

- Sonya Williams (Cities Power Partnership - The Climate Council)
- Sara Johnston (Intyalheme Centre for Future Energy)
- Harshini Bartlett (RePower Alice Springs)

Participate in an electrifying discussion on our energy future!

This event is free but places are limited so **please RSVP at** [https://www.alec.org.au/future\\_energy\\_forum](https://www.alec.org.au/future_energy_forum)

**2.30pm-5pm: Women Changing The World @ Alice Springs Cinema** (11 Todd St, Alice Springs CBD)

Sponsored by DoubleTree By Hilton Alice Springs Feature Presentation by Amanda McKenzie (CEO, The Climate Council). Expert Panel featuring:

- Professor Jenny Davis (Charles Darwin University)
- Dr Karen Barry (University of Tasmania)
- Deepika Mathur (Charles Darwin University)
- Roxanne Highfold (Researcher)

Followed by Afternoon Tea.

This event is free but places are limited so **please RSVP at** [https://www.alec.org.au/women\\_changing\\_the\\_world](https://www.alec.org.au/women_changing_the_world)

desertSMART EcoFair would appreciate your feedback. Please fill out feedback forms available at EcoFair events or online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EcoFair2018> to go into the draw to win an EcoFair Book Pack.

desertSMART EcoFair strongly encourages community members to ride their bicycles or walk to EcoFair events where possible.

