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NARARA
Eco Living Network Inc.

Dear Despatch email,

25 September 2018.

Affordable eco-flats, earthship construction, enlightened farmers...

Join us for another exciting Village Open Day this Saturday (29 September), it's full steam ahead for more activities to involve members and visitors.

10.30 to 11.30. Andy Lemann's talk: "Greeny Flat": an affordable housing solution.

Andy is a Sustainable Building Consultant with a degree in architecture and many year of building experience. He is passionate about helping people reach decisions about affordable housing that is low-maintenance, water-conserving, fire resistant, elderly friendly, healthy, recyclable, with a small footprint.

After the talk, Andy hopes to be around most of the day to absorb the Village Day happenings and is happy to chat. More information at <http://greenyflat.com.au>.



11.30. What Narara Ecovillage is All About: a short presentation for all to find out, all questions answered, by Stephanie Yank and Lyndall Parris (founder). For more information, see “A Message from the Founder (Lyndall) ” below.



12.15. Bodhi Farm, 'Farmers of Enlightenment'. Talk by Lee Stickells, Associate Professor in Architecture at the University of Sydney. Lee will share his research & interest in the potential for architecture to shape other ways of living.

NB Light snacks available or bring your own lunch.

13.00 House plan Showcase: A couple who have begun construction & another member who has plans ready to go, will be sharing their design ideas & plans.

Photo below: On Saturday you will also be able to see the construction of NSW's second Earthship construction in progress (photo last week). The home will include a huge range of natural and recycled materials, including rammed earth and strawbale construction. Based on an American concept, the design has been adapted to local conditions. Come along and find out what the big pipes are for, and what the tyres do!



14.15 Site Tours: Our popular and knowledgeable tour guides will be in demand as usual. (Bring enclosed shoes as there is a bit of walking, and a hat and water if the sun is out, or a raincoat!).

Photo below: the Mohr family have started earthworks on their new home, while in the background the Farrell's house looks like being the first new home at the Narara Ecovillage.



15.00 Food Justice Presentation: Permaculture Designer & Environmental Activist, Emet Degirmenci - empowerment through food sovereignty & social-ecological principles for community building.

Also: **Market Stall:** 1pm – 4pm. Fancy some local raw honey, plants from the on-site nursery, or perhaps some hand-made pottery made by one of our members? Have a browse at the market stall and take home some quality local produce.

And..**Construction Workshop@** the Camp Kitchen. Construction - all day from 11.

Photo below: On Saturday you will be able to enjoy the Spring blossom at the Ecovillage.



2. Practical Information.

The location is the Narara Ecovillage, 25 Research Road, Narara. You do not need to register to attend. Cost to attend any part of the Village Open Day is \$10 (individual), \$20 (family), and free to members of the Network (NELN) and the Village (NEV).

Membership of the Network (NELN) allows you to attend all Open Days and Monthly NELN Talk for 12 months, and provides discounts on special workshops and Please visit our facebook page for updates on our activities:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2432637463416768/>

3. A message from the Founder (Lyndall Parris).

Narara Ecovillage: opportunities NOW!

Are you interested in: joining our growing community, at a very special place, on the journey to develop Narara Ecovillage? If so, there are two significant opportunities *right now*:

Opportunities: Stage 1.

There is a one-bedroom apartment in the centre of the ecovillage; and a two-bedroom apartment has recently become available; don't delay!

Opportunities: Stage 2.

By become a member now, you secure your place in the Stage 2 priority list, and get to know your neighbours *before* you actually move in.

Stage 2 planning update.

Photo below: the Stage 2 planning group.



Planning for the development of the Stage 2 has begun. The Masterplanning working group is working with Urban and Town Planners and a Landscape Architect to holistically design an integrated Stage 2, to the west of our entrance, just inside our front gate. (One of these consultants was so excited to be part of this extraordinary project, that he commented: *"Sometimes I can't believe I actually get paid for doing this work!"*). You will be able to see some of the first preliminary concept plans on Saturday.

As well as a variety of lots (from 450-700 square metres), we hope to be able to offer smaller, lower cost land parcels, by increasing the density on some lots. One of the ways we can do this is by offering all residents access to common outdoor spaces and a Common House. The layout of such a building will be planned with the guidance from the people who are living nearby and could include a larger kitchen and dining room, shared laundry, children's play area, entertainment room, ... so that if you wish to keep your costs and environmental footprint down, you need not include these features in your own home.

Our aim has always been to reduce the housing footprint in the ecovillage, so that we can leave as much land as possible open for food production, conservation and recreation.

Timeframes at this stage are tentative, with a DA to prepare and submit, infrastructure to be designed and built, and lot layouts to be finalized, but a best guess is sometime during 2020.

This is a small, niche project, you are welcome to become part of the village now, enjoying the community, the land and getting to know your future neighbours

If you are interested in the current Stage 1 opportunity or would like to be involved in the conversations around the exciting second stage, please give us a call me anytime on 02 4328 1588 or email: info@nararaecovillage.com. And, as well, come and visit us when next we welcome visitors to our property: Saturday 29 September (From 10.30 to 4 pm) or Sunday 28 October (from 1-4 pm). Also, please call me anytime on 0419 279 711. I delight in talking about our beloved project either on the phone or over a coffee.

Bye for now, Lyndall Parris. Founder, Narara Ecovillage

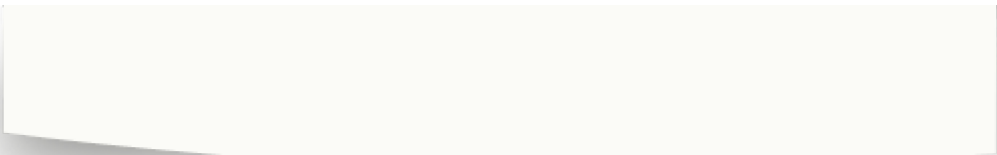
4. Contacts and More Information.

The Narara Ecovillage project currently comprises two entities.

The Network (the Narara Eco Living Network Inc.) is a not-for profit incorporated association that promotes sustainable living. It serves as a "Friends of the Narara Ecovillage". Its brief is both local and global. Membership is open to all, and costs \$20 an individual or \$40 a family for 12 months. Membership gives free admission to all Narara Ecovillage Open Day tours and talks, and provides discounts on special workshops and tours. You can join at any Open Day, or on-line anytime at: <http://neln.org.au/join-us/>. Narara Eco Living Network Inc. <http://neln.org.au> and Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/nararaEcoliving>, or phone 02 4328 1588.

The Village (the Narara Ecovillage Cooperative Ltd.) is a Co-operative formed to develop the Narara Ecovillage. Membership costs \$30,000, and requires the intent to purchase a lot at the ecovillage and to contribute a minimum number of working hours. Contacts: Narara Ecovillage Co-operative Ltd. <http://nararaecovillage.com>, and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/43471726786>, or phone 02 4328 1588.

Photo below: It's Spring! A male Figbird, in breeding colours, resting in a White Cedar Tree in Research Road last week, digesting berries and wondering whether the photographer was dangerous.



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