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LOCAL SERVICES GUIDE

This local services guide lists products, services and links for building, renovating and retrofitting to help keep your home warm in winter and cool in summer and keep your energy costs down. Your bank balance will love the difference! And your family will feel the comforts of home. The products and services listed are not endorsed by MASG and have been provided by our members. Please contact us if you would like to be included or to make changes.

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BUILDING AND RENOVATING

House & Commercial Building Energy Ratings	Thermal Performance Assessments for new buildings and alterations and additions to existing buildings. Consulting & advice on design necessary to meet the required 6 Star ratings. Information on future mandatory ratings disclosure.	Mick Lewin, Lewin Consulting Pty Ltd Thermal Performance & Home Sustainability Assessments PO Box 76 Castlemaine 3450 Ph: 0414 988596 mlewin@iname.com
Building Surveyors	Commercial & Residential Projects, Building Advice & Permits, 137B Reports, Owner Builder Reports, Pre-Purchase Inspections, Building Inspections, Essential Safety Measures & Inspections, Plan Printing & Laminating, Modifications, Consent & Reports, Building Reports, Performance Assessments, Preliminary Reports, Condition Reports & BAL fire ratings	EGBP Building Surveyors – Alan King & Neil Boehm Cnr Urquhart & Forest Sts, Castlemaine E: castlemaine@egbp.com.au T: 5143 1882 W: www.egbp.com.au
Eco-sustainable building & design	Eco Sustainable Homes are builders and designers of sustainable, solar passive homes and specialist builders of Rammed Earth Walls. Services range from Rammed Earth Wall construction to building sustainable homes utilising your plans or custom designed for you.	EcoSustainableHomes & Rammed Earth Enterprises P/L, PO Box 550, Castlemaine E: lyn@ecosustainablehomes.com.au T: 5470 6579
Registered Green Living Builders	Vic Restorations are happy to work with you to move your home into the 21 st century. We also build new environmentally sustainable buildings, domestic and commercial. We'd love to help you do the same.	Vic Restorations Building Services PO Box 351, Castlemaine 3450 W: www.vicrestorations.com.au E: ross@vicrestorations.com.au P: 0409 858 881
Architects Group	Sustainability is a vital component of everything we do. Every site or project has characteristics which informs us about the appropriate design response. Sensitivity for existing land forms and environmental impacts are a core belief, which then creates liveable structures in spirit with context and occupants.	Toon architects group Bendigo T: 5442 6722 E s.disler@toonarch.biz W: http://www.toonarch.biz/

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Architects	Lifehouse Design seeks to promote the environmental, social and cost benefits of energy-efficient passive-solar design, ensuring the appropriateness of each design to its natural, social and built environments.	Lifehouse Design PO Box 965, Castlemaine T: 5470 5584 E: info@lifehousedesign.com.au W: www.lifehousedesign.com.au
Design & building works	Specialists in sustainable construction using reclaimed materials and earth building techniques	Pumphouse Design Matthew Boyle & Anna Winneke T: 5473 4328 M: 0418 311 375 E: us@pumphousedesign.com.au W: www.pumphousedesign.com.au
Sustainable Building Design	Focuses on ecologically sustainable design utilizing passive solar principles. Aims to participate in humanity's reconnection with the earth with buildings that strive to be ecologically sustainable in their water, energy and material use.	Sol Architecture Andrew McLeod T: 5470 5203 M: 0400 059 189 W: www.solarchitecture.com.au E: andy_mcleod@bigpond.com.au
Sustainable Architects	Creating sustainable architecture requires careful thought about these complex times. My goal is to contribute enthusiastic examples of 21st century architecture. Ultimately, we will all be judged by those in the future."	Eric A. Zehrung, Architect Green Point Design 320 Neill St, Ballarat VIC 3350 T: 5338 8260 W: www.greenpointdesign.com.au
Architect	Architectural design that incorporates the principals of social, cultural and environmental sustainability, and how these interact with a specific site and local climate in the evolution of passive solar design solutions.	Stephen Lumb Architect PO Box 608 Castlemaine VIC T: 03 5470 6780 M: 0419 182 460 email: sjlumb@bigpond.net.au
Architecture	The Living Architecture Centre offers open house sessions, courses, workshops and a consultancy service. Visit www.livingarchitecturecentre.com for further details.	Peter Cowman Living Architecture Centre P.O. Box 929, Castlemaine T: 9005 5833 E: sheltermaker@gmail.com
Architects	Dedicated to minimising energy consumption and life cycle costs through an integrated approach to architectural and engineering design and the innovative use of materials and technology.	Crosby Architects PO Box 1015, Castlemaine T: 03 5472 3100 M: 0425 750 363 E: geoff@crosbyarchitects.com.au W: www.crosbyarchitects.com.au

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Aged care & dementia-specific design, retirement living, health care, commercial & hospitality	Design to promote independence in the frail-aged and persons with disabilities, consideration to the analysis and resolution of access design issues relating to mobility, dexterity, hearing ability, visual ability, and cognition.	Tim Burke, Wayfinder Design PO Box 7282, Leura NSW 2780 T: (02) 4757 4999 E: tburke@wayfinderdesign.com.au W: www.wayfinderdesign.com.au
Building work	Local building and carpentry jobs, info on recycled & local materials	Ian Flavell M: 0407 806 835 E: itflavell@gmail.com
RAL Homes	Australian made, 5 Star Energy Rating - Building Thermal Assessment can apply to all RAL Homes. Additional RAL Modules can be added at any time to create a larger Family Home.	Ararat, Victoria T: 5352 2352 E: info@ralhomes.com.au W: www.ralhomes.com.au
Budget home relocating	Experience in the relocation and retro-fitting of a house and a school classroom on a very tight budget.	Abbie Heathcote T: 5470 6595 E: abbieheathcote@gmail.com
Sustainable Design Services	House, garden and lifestyle sustainability	Ian Lillington, Castlemaine M: 0488 724 176
Owner builder	Due to location had limited options to connect with the grid, discovered ways to not only keep energy usage down to manage stand alone power, hydronic heating and hot water, but also the added value of comfort, natural light and style. Design influenced by use of recycled and reclaimed materials from a demolished factory site.	Brett Murley Castlemaine M: 0429 963 180
Owner-renovators	Extension onto an old granite home. Huge number of double-glazed Argon-filled PVC-framed windows, currently without window dressings. Passive solar orientation, only using wood heating, but very warm.	Rebecca Edwards & Jarrod Coote 12 High St, Harcourt M: 0427 722 286
Owner-builders-renovators	A conscious extension of a small, very low energy efficient cottage built in 1860, marrying the complexity of high-energy solar-passive design. Bringing together 19 th and 21 st Century living – 2 Star meets 7 Star!	Darren Rose & Nicki Wragg 55 Bowden St, Castlemaine T: 5470 5740
Environmentally sustainable building & design	Builders & designers of environmentally sustainable homes – extensions, renovations, also specialist builders of rammed earth walls.	EcoSustainableHomes & Rammed Earth Enterprises P/L PO Box 550, Castlemaine 3450 W: www.ecosustainablehomes.com.au T: 5470 6579

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HOME ENERGY ASSESSMENTS		
Home energy audits	Increase home comfort, save on energy bills, reduce greenhouse gases, renewable energy options, government rebate advice	Goldfields Home Energy Assessment Service M: 0439 500 050 E: mireeves@gcom.net.au
Energy audits for Council Community Care services	Trained Home & Community Care workers providing home audits for registered home service recipients in the Mount Alexander Shire	Marg Ridgeway Mount Alexander Shire Council T: 5471 1700
Central Victoria Solar City	Home energy assessment, interpreting your energy bills, cooling, shading, heating, windows, draught proofing, insulation, lighting & appliances. Program includes optional packages such as rebates on retrofitting, solar hot water and solar electricity.	Central Victoria Solar City Ross Egleton, Assessor 3 Johnstone Street Castlemaine, VIC, 3450 T: 5479 1900 E: mountalexander@centralvictoriasolarcity.com.au
Home and Business Energy Assessment	The Central Victoria Solar City aims to help the Central Victorian community rethink the way it uses energy. The project has developed a number of products and services that help householders, businesses, community centres, schools and hospitals reduce their energy use and/or transition towards more renewable energy sources. All of these products and services are monitored through research.	Sonny Neale - Central Victoria Solar City Project E: sonny.neale@centralvictoriasolarcity.com.au 3 Johnstone St Castlemaine Victoria 3450 M: 0467 519 008 T: 03 5479 1900 www.centralvictoriasolarcity.com.au

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SOLAR ELECTRICITY & SOLAR HOT WATER		
Ballarat Renewable Energy And (BREAZE)	A non-profit grassroots organisation, which has come about because members of the Ballarat community want to demonstrate that individual and community-based actions can make a difference in our response to climate change. BREAZE will provide information on Evacuated Tube solar hot water systems and the Refit 'n' Save Initiatives.	BREAZE, PO Box 319 W, Ballarat West, Victoria 3350 T: (03) 5329 1730 W: http://breaze.org.au
Bulk-buy of solar PV	A joint initiative between MASG and Bendigo Sustainability Group. 1000 PV systems, quality solar panels at a great price, support throughout the installation process and be part of a virtual solar power station.	Goldfields Solar Hub T: 5470 6978 E: info@goldfieldssolarhub.org.au W: www.goldfieldssolarhub.org.au
Solar PV		
The Solar Bloke	Solar energy equipment, remote area off the grid and PV power systems.	Stuart Jamieson Rear 27 Lyttleton St, Castlemaine, VIC 3450 T: 5470 5890
Solar PV	Grid connect solar design & installation. Information on Government rebates. Split system air conditioning.	Stephen Breheny Electrical Contractor 3/2 Murphy St, Castlemaine M: 0415 507 777 E: sbreheny@tpg.com.au
Solar hot water	Systems and info on available government rebates	Robinsons (See above) Printz Plumbing (See above)
Solar hot water	Agents for AAE Solar Hot Water Services. Advice on government rebates.	Maine Design & Construction Pty Ltd 18 Elizabeth Street, Castlemaine Phone: 5472 4144
Solar	Solar electricity & hot water, renewable energy design & installation, your own little power stations.	Oliver Growder Saltwater Solar Newstead
Solar Hot Water rebates - Federal	Information on Australian Government Solar Hot Water rebates, list of participating suppliers (including Castlemaine & Bendigo) & list of Solar hot water manufacturers.	www.climatechange.gov.au/government/programs-and-rebates/solar-hot-water
Solar Hot Water rebates - State	Information on Victorian Government Solar Hot Water rebates, list of participating suppliers (including Castlemaine & Bendigo) & list of Solar hot water manufacturers.	www.resourcesmart.vic.gov.au/for_households_3096.html

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ALTERNATIVE ENERGY HEATING AND COOLING		
Solar thermal heating and cooling	Supplementary heating units that use the sun's free energy to ventilate, warm and even cool your home. They include roof space solar collector systems that circulate air from roof cavity and solar air collectors which are a glass fronted panel to heat the air.	Search online for: HRV, Solectair, Smart Roof, SolaMate, Solar Breeze, Sun Lizard, Solar Venti
Hydronic panel radiators	Hydronic Panel Radiators, Underfloor Slab Heating, Heated Towel Rails, Solar Collector & Hot Water Systems. Complete Hydronic Heating & Solar Hot Water solutions. New homes or retro fits. Supply & install both stand alone systems or systems that work in combination with traditional heating and hot water systems	Solar Hydronics PO Box 65, Blackburn M: 0408 419 703 W: www.solarhydronics.com.au

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ELECTRICAL / LIGHTING		
Ecosmart Electricians	For a list of locally trained electricians. The National Electrical and Communications Association (NECA), the peak body for Electrical Contractors across Australia has developed a program to train licensed electricians nationally in energy efficient and environmentally friendly products, technology and installations.	www.ecosmartelectricians.com.au
EcoSmart Electrician	Advice on best energy efficient technologies including lighting, heating, air conditioning and solar, electrical installation & options.	C & G Marshall Electrician PO Box 753, Castlemaine T: 5472 1105 M: 0407 844 068
Energy efficient electrical	Electrical Wholesaler, can source over a million items including LED downlights, lamps, fittings, solar pathlights and alternative, energy-efficient products.	Lawrence & Hanson Shed 1, 2-4 Railway Ave, Castlemaine T: 5472 2553 W: www.lawrenceandhanson.com.au
Electrician	Grid connect solar design & installation. Information on government rebates. Spit system air conditioning. LED lights and installation,	Stephen Breheny Electrical Contractor 3/2 Murphy St, Castlemaine M: 0415 507 777 E: sbreheny@tpg.com.au
LED Lights replacing Dichroic Lights	A 7watt LED replaces a 50Watt Dichroic down light and lasts 20 times as long. No lead or mercury, low heat and very low carbon production. They can be dimmed and remain as bright as the first day they are installed. Orders, supplies, information and installation.	Stephen Breheny Electrical Contractor 3/2 Murphy St, Castlemaine M: 0415 507 777 E: sbreheny@tpg.com.au Contact Steve to see LEDs in action at his home
Energy efficient electrical	Electrical Wholesaler, can source over a million items including LED downlights, lamps, fittings, solar pathlights and alternative, energy-efficient products.	Lawrence & Hanson Shed 1, 2-4 Railway Ave, Castlemaine T: 5472 2553 W: www.lawrenceandhanson.com.au

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WINDOWS AND GLAZING, SHADES AND BLINDS		
Double glazing style film	ClearComfort insulation is a tough, transparent membrane that attaches to your window frame to enclose an insulating layer of air. Keeps warmth inside your house in winter, and outside your house in summer.	www.clearcomfort.com.au to search for your nearest distribution agent Available locally at Green Goes The Grocer Templeton St, Castlemaine
Double Glazing	Double glazing panels made to order, any size (gas filled)	Peter Gow Castlemaine M: 0407 532 678
Energy rated windows & doors, double & triple glazing windows, skylights	Latest energy savings technologies that achieve energy savings of up to 65% and 80-90% noise reduction.	Paahammer Pty Ltd 11 Smallmans Rd, PO Box 26, Ballan T: 5368 1999 E: mail@paahammer.com.au W: www.paahammer.com.au
Duette window shades	Energy efficient window shades for hot & cold weather. Also external sunscreens, canvas awnings, shutters, heating, etc	Robinsons 26 Hargraves St, Castlemaine T: 5472 4748 E: ashley@terryrobinson.com.au
Quilt blinds	Locally made blinds and other home furnishings from natural materials	Louise Moysey & Daughters, Castlemaine T: 5472 1212 rmoysey@bigpond.net.au
Renshade	Double-sided aluminum foil laminate on kraft paper – perforated to let light in, but not radiant heat. Reduces up to 85% summer heat.	Maldon Timber & Hardware High Street, Maldon T: 5475 2465 Tonks Bros Timber & Hardware (See above)
Secondary glazing	Secondary glazing (www.ecoGlaze.com.au) which will convert single glazing to double glazing for about 1/3 of the price of double glazing. This is a relatively new product that we have spent 5 years developing.	ecoMaster Macedon Ranges T: 1300 326 627 E: lyn.beinat@ecoMaster.com.au W: www.ecoMaster.com.au
Double glazing	Information and service	Tonks Bros Timber & Hardware Castlemaine

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PLUMBING		
Green Plumbers	For a list of locally registered plumbers. GreenPlumbers is an innovative initiative developed by the Master Plumbers and mechanical Services Association of Australia (MPMSAA)	www.greenplumbers.com.au
Water Smart Gardens & Homes Rebate Scheme	Info on government rebates. Eligible products include water efficient showerheads, upgrading to eligible dual flush toilets, garden products, rainwater tanks and systems for reusing household waste water.	Our Water Our Future W: www.ourwater.vic.gov.au/saving/home/rebates
Natural plumbing	Water saving, solar hot water, grey water recycling, roofing, stormwater, sanitary, water supply & drainage. Black and grey water treatments, Wet Innovations, information on worm treatment systems, green plumbing, heating, rainwater, roof plumbing, sewer drainage, general maintenance, backflow prevention, residential plumbing.	Plumbing Naturally Servicing Kyneton, Castlemaine & Bendigo communities M: 0402 802 455 E: plumbingnaturally@bigpond.com

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DRAUGHT STOPPING		
Draught stoppers & excluders	Range of self-adhesive strip seals & door extensions to stop draughts in windows and doors	Tonks Bros Pty Ltd 224 Barker St, Castlemaine T: 5470 5100 Maldon Timber & Hardware 26 High Street, Maldon T: 5475 2465
Draught stoppers installation, service & advice	Advice on keeping your house free from draughts, insects, dirt & noise. Installation of screen doors, roof ventilators, blinds, plastic double glazing etc, advice on keeping your house warm in winter, cool in summer.	The Draught Proofing Service PO Box 6, Harcourt 3453 M: 0467 444 300 T: 5474 3156 E: thedraughtproofingservice@gmail.com
DraftStoppa ceiling casing	Self-seal casing for ceiling exhaust fans for use with units venting directly into the roof cavity (for details see www.draftstoppa.com.au) - \$30 each, \$27 for MASG members, (normally \$33-\$42)	Colin Vincent - CV Insulation M: 0434 191 714 E: cvinsulation@gmail.com
Draught proofing products	High quality draught proofing products for windows and doors; we manufacture these products ourselves to be long lasting and don't make it difficult to close doors / windows - great for elderly or infirmed.	ecoMaster Macedon Ranges T: 1300 326 627 E: lyn.beinat@ecoMaster.com.au W: www.ecoMaster.com.au
Spinaway	Ventilation of roof cavities of domestic dwellings, replaces summer heat and winter damp with fresh air, reduces energy costs, creates dry, more effective insulation. Powered by the wind.	Maldon Timber & Hardware High Street, Maldon T: 5475 2465

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INSULATION		
Discount insulation	200 bags of insulation - \$40 per bag (\$5 per square metre of material). Also R3.5 Glasswool, 8 square metres of material per bag; labelled to comply with Aust standards. Limited amounts of formaldehyde-free Guardian from the USA and formaldehyde-free Earthwool.	Colin Vincent - CV Insulation M: 0434 191 714 E: cvinsulation@gmail.com
Spray foam insulation	Insulation products designed for the indoor environment. Each product is tailored to accommodate different Perform as a continuous insulation and air barrier material. Create an energy-efficient, comfortable environment, provide a protective barrier to the entry of outdoor allergens and pollutants.	Icynene W: www.icynene.com
Spray foam insulation	A spray-applied polyurethane foam insulation system which is made up of millions of microscopic cells that simultaneously insulates and provides an air-seal in wall, floor and ceiling cavities. See video demonstration on website.	Insulfoam solutions 68 Pakington Street Geelong West, VIC, 3218 T: 1300 793 853 W: www.insulfoamsolutions.com.au
Underfloor insulation	2 in 1: Insulation and moisture management system. Designed for suspended floor applications. Fibre-free, non-allergenic, non-itchy. Advanced thermal performance.	Air-Cell Permifloor W: www.air-cell.com.au Available Tonks Bros Pty Ltd 224 Barker St, Castlemaine T: 5470 5100
Underfloor insulation	Flame-retardant polystyrene insulation panels with concertina cuts for placing snugly between your floor joists. A 20mm air gap is provided by ribs on the insulation panels. See website video insulation demonstration.	Expol Insulation T: 9720 4200 W: www.expol.com.au Available Tonks Bros Pty Ltd 224 Barker St, Castlemaine T: 5470 5100
High quality insulation	High quality insulation products; Autex polyester for ceilings and underfloor as well as Air-cell products for underfloor insulation.	ecoMaster Macedon Ranges T: 1300 326 627 E: lyn.beinat@ecoMaster.com.au W: www.ecoMaster.com.au

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PAINT		
Plant based paint finishes	Painting & decorating, all conventional & plant based paint finishes, wallpaper & plaster finishes	Jim Copland Natural Finishes M: 0458 374 579 T: 5472 2854
Insulated paint/coating	INSULTEC is a solar heat re-radiating coating which by its application to the exterior surface of a building will re-radiate 95% of solar infra-red rays, and 85% ultra violet rays back into the atmosphere. Thus keeping inside cooler by 6-10 degC. As a result it either eliminates the need for air conditioning altogether or greatly reduces its running costs.	Google for further information and retail outlets.
Nippon Solar Efect exterior paint	Resists colour fading from UV light and the build up of dirt, mould and algae, reduces surface temperatures by 5-15°C. Available in Low Sheen and Gloss for use on dressed and rough sawn timber, bricks, concrete, fibre cement board, masonry, Zinalume and galvanised iron.	Available only from Bunnings Stores 263-265 High St Kangaroo Flat T: 5444 8555 Other reflector paint advice: Tonks Bros (see above)
Thermilate paint	A revolutionary, durable paint additive that makes paint insulate, which was originally developed by NASA – and cuts energy consumption by up to 40%	Biotech Australasia Pty Ltd Unit 33/13 Swaffham Rd, Minto NSW T: 1300 669 646 W: www.thermilate.com.au
Energy efficient and retrofit products	Compact lightbulbs including halogen, draft stoppers, insulation, etc	Castlemaine Home Timber & Hardware 185 Barker St, Castlemaine T: 5472 1922
Energy efficient and retrofit products	Local hardware outlet	Beards Hardware 125 Main Road, Campbells Creek T: 5472 1270

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BUILDING MATERIALS, TIMBER		
Environmentally friendly bricks	50-90% less greenhouse gas levels than traditional kiln fired bricks, saves 4-6 tonnes of CO2 emissions per average house lot, stabilised, not kilned, use no oxides for artificial colour.	Geo Brick Pty. Ltd. Puzzle Flat Reef, Bealiba, Central Victoria E: info@geobrick.com.au W: www.geobrick.com.au M: 1300 855 098 F: (03) 5469 1349
Straw bale building information	Information on strawbale design, construction, rendering, building requirements	Mark Mitchell Mitchell Plastering – Solid Plastering Specialist T: 5473 4300
Straw bale building workshops	Theory, do's & don't's, project design, footing construction, bale tying, laying, windows, problem solving, compression, trusses etc.	Dean Lamb Pipers Creek Farm, Kyneton dean@piperscreekfarm.com.au M: 0412 000 437
Recycled plastic building	We convert industrial and domestic waste into high quality recycled plastic products. Is low maintenance and long lasting. Has a high resistance to vandalism. Is termite resistant. Never needs painting. Will not split or rot unlike timber. Provides protection from graffiti.	Peter Patterson Business Development Manager Repeat Products trading as Replas p: 03 9770 8390 m: 0419581023 w: www.replas.com.au e: Peter.Patterson@replas.com.au
Radial Timber	Radial sawing maximises the recovery of sawn timber from smaller logs. It has a range of both environmental and technical benefits from helping to make indigenous hardwood plantations more viable to maximising the yield of high value timber products from a log.	Radialcorporation Traralgon T: 5174 2538 W: www.radialtimber.com Radial Timber Sales Pty Ltd 12 Park Drive Dandenong South T: 9768 2100 E: sales@radialtimber.com
Sustainable forest timber	Provides an assurance that the timber based product purchased, stocked and sold has been sourced from a sustainably managed forest.	Australian Forest Certification Scheme (AFCS) W: www.foreststandard.org.au E: info@foreststandard.org.au T: (02) 6122 9000
Recycled timber	Supplier of flooring, remilled, reclaimed decking, post & beam floorboards, natural feature grade bridge & wharf timbers, recycled hardwoods	Timberzoo 385 Portarlington Road, Moolap 3221 T: 5248 1223 E: sales@timberzoo.com.au W: timberzoo.com.au

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<p>Aboutist</p>	<p>Advice on how shade trees can bring about big savings on energy bills by keeping your house cool in summer with shade and letting in the light and warmth from the winter sun by losing their leaves in the cooler months. Exotic trees can be less flammable than native trees and of course fruit bearing trees or vines are a bonus!</p>	<p>Wesley Martin WMEEnvironmental E: wes@wmenvironmental.com.au</p>

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LOW INCOME LOANS, BUYING SERVICES & GREEN HOME LOANS		
Generation Green™ Home Loan	With special interest rates and no annual fees, building or buying an energy efficient 'green' home is more affordable with a Generation Green™ Home Loan.	Bendigo Bank W: www.bendigobank.com.au T: 1300 236 344
goGreen® Home Loan	Save money and the environment with a premium quality goGreen® Home Loan designed for new buildings with 6 Star energy ratings.	mecu W: www.mecu.com.au E: mail@mecu.com.au T: 132 888
NILS – No Interest Loans Scheme, Mount Alexander	No interest, no charges, loans that provide people with low incomes with an opportunity to purchase essential goods, with a commitment to energy efficient and environmentally sustainable items.	Julie Whatman Mt Alexander No Interest Loan Scheme Castlemaine Community House School of Mines, 27 Lyttleton St, Castlemaine T: 5472 4842 E: nils@cch.org.au
NAB Community Microfinance StepUP Loan	A safe low interest loan for personal, domestic or household purposes. Designed for people who cannot access bank credit.	Karen Wall Family & Financial Services 8 Myer St, Bendigo T: 5441 5277 E: wall.k@impulse.net.au (See NILS, Castlemaine Community House, above)
Ring & Save Good Shepherd Buying Service	Greater buying power & lower prices for concession card holders & community organizations. General information on brands to buy, energy efficiency & warranties.	Good Shepherd Buying Service Mon-Fri 10am – 3pm T: 9417 4666 (See NILS, Castlemaine Community House, above)
Sustainability Victoria Whitegood Appliance Rebate	\$100 rebate on energy and water efficient washing machines & energy efficient fridges to households with a concession card. (purchase must be made through the No Interest Loan Scheme)	NILS & Good Shepherd Buying Service W: www.goodshepvic.org.au Brotherhood of St Laurence Progress Loans W: www.bsl.org.au (See NILS, Castlemaine Community House, above)
DHS Home Renovation & Modification Loan	For homeowners aged 60 or over, or have a disability, or are permanently caring for someone with a disability, designed to help you remain living independently in your home, help you assess how your home can be maintained and modified to make your life easier and safer. Limited loan for private renters.	T: 9096 9821 or 1800 134 872 (freecall) W: www.housing.vic.gov.au/home E: housing@dhs.vic.gov.au (See NILS, Castlemaine Community House, above)

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SUSTAINABLE LIVING TOURS		
Tours of "Melliodora", Hepburn 1st Sunday of the month from September to May	The passive solar house, mixed food gardens, orchards, dams and livestock, and creek revegetation show how permaculture design can help to restore and improve land, provide for residents' needs and enjoyment in a cool inland climate. Bookings essential.	David Holmgren & Su Dennett Holmgren Design Services T: 53483636 E: info@holmgren.com.au W: www.holmgren.com.au Melliodora (Hepburn Permaculture Gardens) 16 Fourteenth St, Hepburn, 3461
Ecoliving Centre	Sustainable House Tours, green directory.	PepperGreen Farm 40-44 Thunder Street, Bendigo AllansWalk, Bendigo T: 5441 6585 E: info@bendigoecoliving.com.au W: www.bendigoecoliving.com.au
Workplace retrofit	Installation of 2kw solar PV system, double glazing, roof insulation, water tanks, window shade screening & planting, split air conditioning, promotion of GreenPower products.	Newstead Rural Transaction Centre (RTC) 45 Lyons St, Newstead T: 5476 2360 E: newsteadrtc@bigpond.com
Energy Efficient office block	Passive solar design, roof insulation, thermal painted roof, double glazed atrium windows, energy efficient lighting, 100% GreenPower purchase, tank water, locally-sourced recycled building materials, low-toxic, demonstration food garden.	The Hub 233 Barker street, Castlemaine W: www.thehubcastlemaine.com

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HOME FURNISHINGS AND HOME-MADE		
Reuse, restyle	Advice on how to get the 'look' without the consumption of more stuff	Debbie Taylor, Tim Preston usethings M: 0414 814 993 T: 5472 3010 debbietaylor@usethings.com.au
Sewn draught stoppers & hot water bottle covers	Recycled fabric turned into many things such as door snakes and other Nanna-technologies	Castlemaine CWA First & Last Saturday each month 1.30-4.30pm, Ray Bradfield Room Castlemaine
Locally made arts & crafts	Local designers, pillows, footstools, unique recycled-clothing re-makes, hand-made knits, jewelry and more	Castlemaine Artists' Market Theatre Royal, 1 st Sunday of month Sep-Jun Ann Baxter E: market@theatroyal.info
Hanging clothes dryer	Locally-made suspended pulley system for drying clothes and bedding.	Debbie Taylor, Tim Preston usethings M: 0414 814 993 T: 5472 3010 debbietaylor@usethings.com.au
Castlemaine Artists' Market	Monthly, 10-4 (closed July to August), locally hand-made clothes, art & craft from recycled or reclaimed materials	Theatre Royal Hargraves St, Castlemaine T: 5472 1196

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OTHER USEFUL LINKS		
Renew Magazine	Technology for a sustainable future, including brick veneer retrofit, DIY double glazing, easy light retrofits etc.	Alternative Technology Association (ATA) W: www.ata.org.au
Sustainable Living Foundation	Online consumer guide, greenpages business directory, shopping with a conscience, buying guides, event planning, festivals & sustainability (how do you do it?) Produced in partnership with the Ethical Consumer Group	W: www.slf.org.au W: www.ethical.org.au
Directories for sustainable services & products	<p>www.ecospecifier.org</p> <p>www.makeyourhomegreen.vic.gov.au</p> <p>www.thegreendirectory.com.au</p> <p>www.ecodirectory.com.au</p> <p>www.thegreenpages.com.au</p> <p>www.begreen.com.au</p> <p>www.giy.com.au</p>	
Other useful websites	A sustainability resource guide featuring info, news and updates for households, educators, businesses and government.	www.resourcesmart.vic.gov.au
	Accredited GreenPower for your home and work, including green gas options.	www.greenpower.gov.au
	Department of Sustainability and Environment	www.dse.vic.gov.au
	Energy efficient home electronics	www.energystar.gov.au
	Energy ratings of appliances	www.energyrating.gov.au
	Water ratings of appliances/Water Efficiency Labeling and Standards (WELS scheme)	www.waterrating.gov.au
	Planet Ark and Sensis 'Recycling Near You' website. You can search for local recycling information either by Council area or product	www.recyclingnearyou.com.au

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Green-It-Yourself	GIYers are the new DIYers. GIYers are doing green jobs for themselves - they are draft-proofing, shading windows, setting up worm farms and fixing drip drip drip dripping taps. This website suggests that GIY is not about reading. It is about watching. It is mostly video, with some bits of casual text.	http://greenityyourself.com.au/