

## Guardians of Mother Earth

Our Guardians, are presenters, volunteers, environmental groups, stallholders, or festival sponsors, who consider it their job to help create a sustainable future for our environment.

Past speakers and organisations who have appeared at Envirofest include:

### Peter Andrews

A racehorse breeder and farmer, Peter Andrews has been ignored, laughed at and ridiculed for 30 years. Now Peter is being credited with extraordinary success in converting degraded and salt ravaged farms into fertile, drought resistant properties.

Supporters of Peter claim he has done what science has failed to do- he has restored creeks and wetlands to their natural processes and relationships, delivering economic and environmental sustainability to Australian landscapes.

He is now widely described as a man who reads and understands our natural landscape better than most scientists and the remarkable results of what has been termed "Natural Sequence Farming"; techniques can be achieved cheaply, simply and quickly.

Peter was the subject of an episode ABC's Australian Story that was voted as the most popular ever. He is also the subject of a new book on

his remarkable life, heartbreaking challenges and extraordinary achievements. This book, &ldquo; Back form the Brink&rdquo; will b published by ABC books on October 13th.

Make sure you do not miss the opportunity to hear what can bring us back form environmental catastrophe to future sustainability.

John Archer

Local resident John Archer is a well known author on a wide variety of subjects from mudbrick building to the future of water in Australia. In his latest book, &ldquo;Twenty Thirst Century&rdquo; John discusses the future of our water supply and the controversial topics of desalination, water recycling, groundwater and privatisation.

John is returning to Envirofest this year and this engaging and worldly speaker should not be missed.

AGNIHOTRA: Heal the Environment & She heals us.

&ldquo;Agnihotra is a super science from Ayurveda, involving fire, pyramid power & resonance. It is healing entire environments & restoring the mental, emotional & physical health of people all over the world.&rdquo;

A life changing, simple to apply, process:

Lee and Fritz will be presenting a talk on Agnihotra; Heal the Environment & She heals us. Along with two workshops in the tipi:

• Workshop 1 -Create peaceful, healthy biospheres for your farm or neighbourhood with Agnihotra.

• Workshop 2- Bring peace to the mind, health to the body with Agnihotra

There will also be a 24-hour Agnihotra healing fire ceremony being performed in the tipi from sunrise on Saturday to Sunrise on Sunday. The presence of such an healing and balancing ongoing energetic event will be a great aid for the festival.

For further information please see: [www.agnihotra.org/homatherapy.htm](http://www.agnihotra.org/homatherapy.htm)

or [www.terapiahoma.com](http://www.terapiahoma.com)

### Ocean and Coastal Care Initiatives (OCCI)

Ocean and Coastal Care Initiatives (OCCI) was formed by the community in 1999 as a response to concerns about the degradation of local marine environment.

The coastal environments of the Central Coast, including our rocky foreshores, lagoons, rivers and lakes are sensitive and special places. They are also under threat from a variety of sources and need special conservation attention by the community so that future generations can enjoy their beauty and biodiversity.

### The Community Environment Network (CEN)

The Community Environment Network (CEN) was formed in 1997 as an overarching body to support individuals and groups in Lake Macquarie, Wyong and Gosford who are working for the environment. Membership of the CEN is open to both individuals and other groups across the region. CEN is a community based non-profit organisation that meets monthly (except December). The CEN employs a number of part time staff however, most of

our activities are carried out by volunteers.

## The Australian Greens

Australian Greens is part of the Global Greens network, with around 70 Greens parties established world-wide. In 23 nations Greens have been elected to public office, and in European countries such as Germany, Latvia and France, Greens parties are part of governing coalitions. Find out more about the Global Greens at [www.globalgreens.info](http://www.globalgreens.info)

Local Green's councillor Terri Latella will also be speaking on the environment and local and global issues of concern to us all.

## Brian Woodward

Brian Woodward is an architect and ex university lecturer and with over 30 years experience in sustainable building technologies specialising in in mudbrick building and solar technologies. He has presented and demonstrated at numerous festivals and field days over the years including the Tocal Small farm Field Days and in recent times at the Peats Ridge Festivals. Fo more info go to [www.webpoint.com.au/earthways](http://www.webpoint.com.au/earthways)

## Saving Tasmania's Southern Forests

Tasmania's Southern Forests; still Wild, still Threatened We are a network of Greens politicians, students, grass roots environmental organisations and individual forest activists. We have come together to raise awareness about the dire threats facing Southern Tasmania's unprotected forests.

A number of dedicated people have created films, art, music, workshops and information packages, to communicate the seriousness of Tasmania's current situation to the World. These materials have the potential to influence the fate of these forests and will require widespread distribution and passionate advocacy. This project is part of a broader campaign strategy to mobilise the 85% of Australians that have stated that the Federal Government should intervene and protect Tasmania's old growth forests. It is in this spirit that we seek your attention and support at this time. We will be able to provide films that have been created;

Campaign &ndash;  
Tasmania's Southern Forests` Tasmania's Southern Forests still wild,  
still threatened and still needing your help!

Tasmania's Southern Forests are still wild and still threatened. Wilderness, old growth and ancient rainforest are still being destroyed at the hands of the woodchip industry.

Tasmania's Southern Forests are still wild and still threatened. At their heart lie the World Heritage value forests of the Weld, Styx and the Upper Florentine valleys. In these valleys and other areas of high conservation value, ancient rainforest and tall old growth Eucalypt forest are still being clearfelled and woodchipped at an alarming rate. Prime Minister Howard failed to protect Tassie's old growth forests and they are now faced with an increased threat. There are proposals to build a massive pulp mill in the north, a woodfired power station in the south and increase export woodchip volumes. The ancient ecosystems that are Tasmania's Southern Forests will not be able to sustain this assault, threatened plants and animals are faced with the real threat of extinction. To stand by and do nothing is to be complicit in the destruction.

## Wildlife Arc

The Wildlife Animal Rescue and Care Society Inc. is an organisation dedicated to the rescue and care of injured or orphaned Australian native animals, with the intention of returning them to the wild. They also relocate reptiles and other animals that are found in inappropriate places.

The ARC is a registered charity, which means that all money raised must go to the welfare of the animals. ARC are a local organisation and their range covers the coastal area from the Sydney Harbour Bridge to Belmont, west to the Dividing Range. Wildlife ARC has approximately 300 members. A newsletter, which includes the minutes of the previous meeting, is sent monthly.

## BUTTsOUT

A Butt Free CostFest!

ButtsOut.net are glad to support CoastFest in achieving a butt free festival - look out for bluey and his butt free canisters! Preventing Cigarette Butt Litter Globally.

For more information, or if you would like to become a Guardian contact [guardians@coastfest.org.au](mailto:guardians@coastfest.org.au)