

Ecoportal Site Guiding Principles

Overview

Ecoportal is a collaborative, information sharing project driven by representatives from community sustainability groups in and around Albury-Wodonga, North East Victoria and Southern New South Wales.

We embrace a broad definition of sustainability, encompassing efforts across environmental, social and economic areas that contribute to building our community's resilience and awareness of sustainability issues.

This overview and guidelines for content may sound a bit serious, but we're really just trying to clarify what the site is about and set out what is (and isn't!) appropriate for inclusion.

This website seeks to:

- Advertise upcoming sustainability events;
- Provide links, information and contact details of local sustainability groups;
- Encourage the sharing of skills, knowledge and resources locally; and
- Add to opportunities to network with others.

We may extend the scope of this website if or when there is the interest and traffic to support this.

Guidelines for listings of community groups on the site:

- Listed community groups should have a focus on sustainability. We are particularly keen to profile those with an environmental or nature focus. This also includes groups focused on social and/or economic sustainability, for example, opportunities for volunteering;
- Groups must be Not-for-Profit;
- Political parties are not eligible to be listed as groups on this site; and
- Listed groups should have a base and/or conduct events in North East Victoria or Southern New South Wales.

Guidelines for listings of events on the site:

- Events should be of interest to the wider community, not exclusive to members of a particular group;
- Events may be fund-raisers for causes consistent with the theme of *Ecoportal*, that is, related to sustainability;
- Event listings must not contain swearing, aggression, personal attacks or innuendo;
- No offensive images;
- Distinguishable images of people must have the subject's permission;
- The person or group that adds an event is responsible for its content, accuracy and for ensuring compliance with these guidelines; and
- The Ecoportal site maintainers (see below) reserve the right to edit, amend or remove content from the site.

Management of the Ecoportal website

- The site is overseen by a sub-committee comprising of at least three volunteers.
- These volunteers must be active members of a recognised community group with an Ecoportal group listing.
- The positions will be approved at an advertised Ecoportal meeting, conducted at least annually.
- Volunteer site maintainers will have moderator rights and be able to edit all site entries.

All registered users of the Ecoportal website will receive an email notification should these guiding principles be amended or updated.

Any queries about the site should be emailed to ecoportalnetau@gmail.com