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ECO-CALENDAR

September

LANDCARE WEEK

September 6-13

In a bid to give Australians the chance to help reduce climate change, Landcare and ClimateWatch are encouraging us to register to become a Landcare citizen scientist and help provide data about our local environments. The results will be used by scientists to gain a deeper understanding of the effects of climate change. www.landcareonline.com.au

ENVIROWEEK

September 12-18

Following the success of last year's first annual Enviroweek, organisers Cool Australia have gone all out this year. The week aims to raise awareness and change behaviour regarding the environment with the slogan: "It's easy being green". Sign up for a green challenge, fundraise for your favourite environmental organisation or sponsor a friend at www.enviroweek.org.

WORLD CARFREE DAY

September 22

Go carfree and don't stop! This year marks the 10th anniversary of World Carfree Day, and people the world over will be ditching their keys for clogs. Wouldn't it be nice to enjoy just one day without the stress, noise and pollution of gas-guzzling cars? What if every day could be so serene? Get involved at www.worldcarfree.net/wcfd.

October

350.ORG GLOBAL WORK PARTY

October 10

'Work party' is US-speak for 'working bee'. Global grassroots movement 350.org invites you to mark 10/10/10 in your diary, roll up your sleeves and join people across the world in a day of practical action to cut carbon. Projects planned around Australia include installing wind turbines, setting up a community permaculture garden and a protest to call for the closure of Hazelwood coal power station. Check out the map at www.350.org/map to find an event near you, or register one.

RIDE TO WORK DAY

October 13

Join the commuter revolution! Ride to work is an initiative that encourages people to feel good and have fun by travelling to work by bicycle. Become an ambassador, volunteer to host a community breakfast or download the new iPhone App to keep track of your progress at www.bv.com.au/ride-to-work.

NATIONAL WATER WEEK

October 17-23

Less than two per cent of the Earth's water is fresh water. The Australian Water Association aims to protect that, by raising public awareness and understanding of Australia's most precious resource. To become a National Water Week ambassador and get your school or community group involved in spreading the word, visit www.nationalwaterweek.org.au. 