

**Blue Mountains ECOhomes Tour 2018**

(subject to amendment)

TIME	PLACE		NOTE
Meet 8.45am for 9am	Springwood bus stop opposite the railway station	Running late? Ring Nigel, 0413 109 098	<b>Macquarie St bus stop opposite the railway station, heading east. Register. We leave 9 am, return around 4.15pm.</b>
9.20-10.00 am	<b>WINMALEE</b>		Seeing that Joe has just won the BB HIA 'GreenSmart Professional' 2018 award (amongst other accolades), it's timely to see where BlueEco Homes started. We'll visit Joe and Merylese's own home to see material selection, environmental management, onsite effluent disposal, sustainable energy systems and more, all in a most-livable home package! Plus hear something of how the house survived the 2013 bushfires ...
10.40 – 11.00	<b>LAWSON</b>	Coffee & toilet stop 20 minutes	Stretch your legs around this rebuilt shopping area and visit the 'Lawson Opera House'
11.15 - 11.50	<b>WENTWORTH FALLS</b>		Take a tiny heritage house on narrow lot over a century old – how can you make it more livable for today? The architect, builder and home-owners will explain! It involves working with the old – but using imagination, sunlight and natural ventilation to enhance the extended home. It's also built well, with maximised insulation, double-glazing to the new, and opens up to the sunny rear garden. Built to a budget, this tiny home shows what's possible with the right teamwork.
12.00 – 12.45 pm	<b>LEURA 39 Northcote Road</b>		With perfect northern orientation, this new home has a 1.5m roof overhang to control the summer sun. With an interesting range of quality materials and construction, the home reuses the ironstone from the excavation as part of the landscaping solution. In-slab hydronic heating is located wherever there is concrete, with radiators in other rooms. Water harvesting and reuse is via a 20,000 litre water tank.
1.00 – 1.45 pm	<b>KATOOMBA</b>	<b>LUNCH</b> stop 45 minutes	Bring or buy as you prefer... We stop outside <i>The Carrington</i> gardens.
2.00 - 2.40 pm	<b>KATOOMBA</b>		At last tour this project was only partially built due to 'last-minute' delays. But with the owners explanation and excitement, attendees wanted the tour to return. Now finished, you can see how good design combines with an interesting form and materials. The old log-home connects through to the new, becoming the 'secondary dwelling' when the kids and family come to visit. Hear the story of being owner-builders with skilled trade assistance.
2.50 – 3.30 pm	<b>KATOOMBA</b>		One of those rare finds – a north facing vacant block close to town ready for a new home. See how a new graduate in architecture uses his design nous plus trade skills (carpenter) to construct a fascinating new home for his parents – and much more. Building it as distinct 'pavilions' has many advantages, including not over-shadowing the neighbor. Here contemporary style meets low(er) cost materials, with a sweep of open spaces and sunny front garden.... Pleasing style.
<b>4.00 - 4:15 pm</b>	<b>SPRINGWOOD station bus stop</b>		We return to where we started, with highway drop-offs along the way if required.

**NOTE:** We are able to visit these homes purely through the generosity of the home-owners concerned. We require everyone to respect home-owners property and privacy at all times. All monies raised goes towards the community program of *Cittaslow Katoomba and Slow Food Blue Mountains*.

**AGREEMENT to be signed:** By partaking in this *ECOhomes Tour* I acknowledge that I will hold all property owners, the organisers, and all persons associated with this tour blameless in all regards for any accident or misadventure caused by any means whatsoever associated with this tour.

