

Blue Mountains ECOhomes Tour 2019

(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	Macquarie St bus stop opposite the railway station, heading east. Register. We leave 9 am, return around 4.15pm.
9.15-10.00 am	FAULCONBRIDGE Passive House		This brand new 'Passivhaus' demonstrates the latest rigorous environmental building techniques from Germany. Learn how controlled environments work for energy, ventilation, construction & building costs through a technological approach to livability. It's BAL-FZ (extreme bushfire risk) too, so there's something to learn here about building for bushfire resistance too. Could this be the way of our building future – or is the wish to throw open windows & doors more important?
10.20 – 10.40	LAWSON	Coffee & toilet stop 20 minutes	Stretch your legs around this rebuilt shopping area and visit the 'Lawson Opera House' loo!
10.55 - 11.35	LEURA home		A recent home that was designed and built for sun, light and comfort in a pleasant Leura street. Built from (insulating) Zego blocks that's then concrete filled before rendering, this gives thermal mass and insulation (plus quietness) all in one product. Naturally, there's double-glazing, super-insulation plus in-floor hydronic (water-based) heating. Roof rainwater is captured and used throughout the home, as well as for the garden. Simple delight.
11.50 – 12.30 pm	BLACKHEATH home		Possibly the most unusual house you're ever likely to see in the Mountains. And it's likely to be your only chance to ever see a brick parabolic-arch living room over 7 metres high. Designed by a renowned architect and built by a local builder, it's still under construction but there's much to see and discuss. 'Night-sky' has that telescope observation hole strategically placed. Plus recycled & glazed bricks, concrete arches, still-water feature and more. Not to be missed or forgotten!
12.45 – 1.35 pm	KATOOMBA	LUNCH stop 50 minutes	Bring or buy as you prefer... We stop outside <i>The Carrington</i> gardens, Katoomba Street.
1.50 - 2.30 pm	KATOOMBA Artists studio		Aaaaaaargh, a cosy spacious artist's studio in the snow! Its what dreams are made of – but here the dream became a built reality! Located behind an old home overlooking a gully (bushfire risk), this studio is locally designed and built by people who you'll meet. There's a story to be told behind every aspect, so listen and learn as we explore this space and setting. But do be aware that there's lots of steps from the road to studio - so caution is required.
2.45 – 3.25 pm	LEURA home		How can you design and build to a budget on a BAL-FZ triangular lot, squeezed between a stream, a sewer-main and the road? Well' here's the answer! Japanese inspired at 100m ² , you'll meet the architect and owners to discuss minimalism, modernism, expressing materials in the raw, plus compact living. Whilst the lot is huge, only this tiny portion was deemed 'useable'. With two levels and a connecting void, there's a story behind all materials selected plus livability.
4.00 – 4:15 pm	SPRINGWOOD station bus stop		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 – 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.*

