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Environmental talk

How interested are we in our natural surroundings? How can you be energy-efficient at home and work? You’ll find out at a breakfast seminar on climate change organised by the Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra, which aims to present environmental issues from an everyday perspective. Speakers — farmer and conservationist MairiAnne McKenzie, Dr Anne Sibbel from RMIT University and Mike O’Connell of the Alternative Technology Association — will discuss the impact of climate change on families and how to manage it at an individual level. The club is part of Zonta International, a not-for-profit global service organisation. October 27, 8.15am-11.45am, Glen Eira Council Theatre, cnr Glen Eira and Hawthorn roads, \$30, including buffet breakfast. Bookings: Caroline Weber 0408 030 065 or email cweber@connexus.net.au. More details on <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~zontamoy>

Timely reminder

The average shower at home takes eight minutes. The average shower in Australian hotel rooms could soon take four minutes, thanks to a little device called the ShowerWatch, which targets environmentally conscious travellers. Designed by Half a Teaspoon — the comparison being that if one litre represents all the world’s water, only half a teaspoon of fresh water is available for use — the device will sound a gentle tone after four minutes, without cutting the water off. It’s the star in the Half a Teaspoon water-awareness program to be launched next month at the Accor hotel group’s Hotel Ibis in Melbourne and three hotels in Sydney. Guests can choose to turn off the shower at the tone or continue with their wayward washes. A finalist in the sustainability design award category in the 2006

Premier’s Design Awards in Victoria, the design is shaped after river stones. Visit halfateaspoon.com

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