



IT IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME... Thank You For Your Ongoing Support!



Your renewal is important to us. We are busier than ever before and we know that we are doing valuable work, but our ongoing funding is in flux (a not unfamiliar, but still concerning situation!).

We have project funding, but our core funding that pays for rent, utilities and administration is unsure for the new financial year. Please consider making a donation with your renewal this year. The contributions made by members, in the form of financial support and volunteer labour, is what allows us to continue our valuable work.

If there is a coloured dot in the top right-hand corner of this box, it means that you need to renew your membership. Please complete the renewal form on page 5 and return it to SLT as soon as possible.

CAN WE MAKE TASMANIA A SUSTAINABLE ISLAND?



Training for Transition Workshop Saturday and Sunday, 27-28 June @ Friends' Meeting House

Transition Towns is a very exciting initiative that began in the UK, in response to the dual threats of climate change and peak oil, and is quickly spreading worldwide. It is basically uniting with others in our community to relocalise, build resilience and chart a course to a sustainable future. It is very similar to the things that communities around Tasmania have been doing already, but involves creating a clear common vision for the future and creating a fairly detailed plan for how to get there. There are two trainers coming down from the mainland to facilitate the workshop and there will be a session on Sunday for us to discuss how we can progress Transition Initiatives in Tasmania. Margaret and Lissa, from Sustainable Living Tasmania, as well as 3 people from NW Tasmania, recently attended a Transition Training Session in Victoria with about 40 other SE Australians eager to learn more and start implementing Transition in their towns.

More details and registration forms are available from our website - www.sustainablelivingtasmania.org.au. We are also trying to organise billeting in the Hobart area for those who will be attending from other parts of the State. If you would be willing to billet someone, please contact Lissa on 6234 5566 or by email lissa@sustainablelivingtasmania.org.au.

Spaces are limited, so please send in your registration form as soon as possible.

SLT is very excited about supporting Tasmanian Transition Communities and we look forward to sharing and learning together over the weekend!

FOR YOUR DIARY

Power Assisted Bicycle

Briefing – Tues, 2 June
Greg Clausen will present information about the recent review of Power-Assisted Pedal Cycles at the New Sydney Hotel at 5:30pm.

ANZSES World Environment Day Lecture

Friday, 5 June 6:30-9pm
Several speakers will look at renewal energy technology in Tassie and Antarctica. Held at the Baha'i Centre. \$3 donation.

Treadlightly Envirofest Sunday, 7 June – 10am

The second annual festival at the Botanic Gardens will introduce the community to the full diversity of sustainability issues and solutions through interactive and engaging activities and displays. More info from: www.rtbq.tas.gov.au/events.html

Climate Emergency Rally Saturday, 13 June – 12noon

Meet at Parliament Lawns to show Canberra that we need to take urgent action on climate change.

Melaleuca Film Night Thursday, 23 July 7:30pm

Friends of Melaleuca will be showing a selection of movie footage from the 1950s to present at Lansdown Crescent Primary School. \$10 donation.

Transition Workshop Sat & Sun, 27-28 June

If you want to help Tasmania make the transition to a sustainable island, register now. More info on our website

Michael Shuman Lecture Monday, 29 June – 7pm

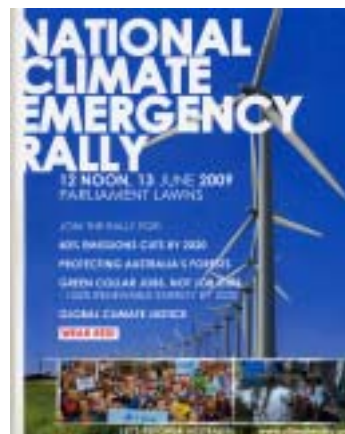
In the face of global economic crisis and climate change, Tasmania can not only survive but build strong local businesses and resilient communities.

CLIMATE EMERGENCY RALLY

We Want More!

Come together, ahead of global negotiations in Copenhagen, to send a strong message to the Government that we want them to push for tough global commitments. The aims of the rally are:

- 40% emissions cuts by 2020
- Protecting Australia's Forests
- More Green Collar jobs
- 100% renewable energy by 2020
- Global Climate Justice



Please **WEAR RED** to highlight the urgency of action on climate change. On Saturday June 13, Australians will be coming together in every capital city and rallying for safe climate. Climate Action Hobart is inviting all Tasmanians and Tasmanian families to join with us at 12 noon at Parliament Lawns as we send a clear message to our Prime Minister and Government that they need to take immediate action to reduce Australia's greenhouse gas emissions and ensure a safe climate for us, our kids and future generations.

Speakers on the day include:

- James Risbey - Climatologist and Contributing Author, IPCC Third Assessment Report
- John Todd - Director, Eco-Energy Options
- Christine Milne - Deputy Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator for Tasmania and Spokesperson for Climate Change, Energy and Transport

Plus more exciting speakers, community and sustainability stalls. If your group would like to have a stall at this event, please contact

climateactionhobart@gmail.com

If you can volunteer on the day please arrive at Parliament Lawns at 11am.

This event is also supported by Environment Tasmania, Sustainable Living Tasmania and The Wilderness Society Tasmania.

2009 Expo Volunteers

Though it's not until **7-8 November** we are looking for people who are interested in helping to organise our Sustainable Living Expo. If you are interested in developing a talks and workshop program, kids activities, music, art, films or general logistics, please let us know. Contact Lissa on 6234 5566 or email lissa@sustainablelivingtasmania.org.au



sustainable living expo

SUSTAINABLE BUSINESSES AND LOCAL LIVING ECONOMIES

Michael Shuman Visits Tassie

Michael is widely recognised for his research into the economic advantages of small-scale businesses in an era of globalisation as well as the often over-looked benefits of building local economies.

He will be presenting at the Baha'i Centre on Monday, 29 June. Government and Business Seminar from 9:30am – 12noon. Public Lecture from 7-9pm. On Tues 30 there will also be a Community Workshop 9:30-12noon

SUSTAINABLE GREEN RENOVATION IN NORTHERN TASMANIA

Website Details the Transformation of a House in Westbury

Like many other people, Mandy and Sean Manners and Tessa their Mini Fox Terrier have despaired at the ever growing proliferation of overlarge, cheaply built, black roofed MacMansions that are sprouting like weeds in Australia's cities, towns and suburbs.

“As we travelled Australia over the last 16 years these feelings grew, and so we started to research our options so that if the time came to stop our nomadic ways we would know what we wanted to do. Our research led us to two conclusions; we could build our own home on a block of our choice or we could buy a pre-existing house and renovate it in a sustainable, sympathetic manner.

It had been our observation that more and more people are renovating their houses in a sympathetic manner using solar hot water, insulation, double-glazing, non-toxic coatings, solar passive building techniques etc. There is also a bewildering and confusing amount of information available on the internet scattered everywhere, not easy to gather together and not always accurate. So the idea was born that we would buy a house that needed renovating or buy a block of land and build our own home and put our journey onto the web with our ideas, dreams, information found and all the twists and turns that the journey takes us on.

So this is the start of the journey and who knows where it will end but hopefully with a house renovated on a realistic budget that is warm, well insulated, powered by the sun, does not give off harmful chemicals and suits our needs for the future.

We decided that a renovation was our path at this moment in time. Please explore the pages as they become available to look for information whether it be on hot water, roofing, insulation or progress on the house and grounds. Happy searching...” -Sean Manners.

www.greentasreno.wordpress.com

VOLLIE OF THE MONTH

Sabine Borgis

• **How long have you been involved with SLT and what do you do as a volunteer?**

Not for very long, though I was involved in the Environment Centre many years ago. At the moment, I am restacking the library and organising the poster collection.

• **What is the best thing about Tassie?** The variety of landscapes.

• **Where is one most likely to find you on a Sunday afternoon?**

Probably pottering around at home or taking a stroll around Natone Hill or Geilston Bay.

• **If you could get the Australian government to pass and enforce one law – what would it be?**

A national container deposit legislation – if South Australia can do it, why can't all the other States?

• **If you had the time and money, what hobby would you like to take up?**

I would immerse myself more deeply into patchwork quilting and exploring fabric dyeing with plant material, maybe even papermaking.

• **What do you think Tasmania needs?**

A government that does not play into the hands of 'rip-em-up, get-rich-quick' industries.

• **What is your favourite recipe?**

That's a hard one. Anything with chocolate or coconut cream in it.



GROWING THE FUTURE

Source Community Wholefoods & Sustainability Centre

Located on the Sandy Bay University Campus, Source is a community project responding to the increasing need for affordable, ethical and nutritious food. Source also aims to increase Hobart's resilience to issues such as climate change and rising oil costs. We are in the final stages of completing the passive solar building for an organic food co-operative and are now in the process of building a community garden and orchard as a demonstration as to how people can grow their own food and live more sustainably.

We're now inviting people to **sponsor a fruit tree** to support the orchard being planted this winter. Each fruit tree (including its' infrastructure) is \$50. We will be inviting all sponsors to the planting session which will be a full day of gardening, food and fun.

You can send a cheque or money order to:
Source Community Wholefoods
Po Box 259,
South Hobart
7004



Or do a direct deposit:
Mystate Bank, Hobart Branch
Account name: TUU Environment Collective
Sustainability Centre Working Fund
BSB: 807 009
Account number: 514 189 75

Please make sure your deposit is clearly labelled with 'fruit tree' and your full name next to it.

For more information contact Hannah Moloney
bikemeup@gmail.com, 0418 307 294

TRADESPEOPLE WANTED

Do you know a good...

We are often asked for local tradespeople who are knowledgeable about sustainability issues and alternative technology.

We would like to compile a list of reliable "Green" tradespeople to make available to the public. If you have had work done by a **plumber, electrician, builder or painter** that you would recommend to others, please let us know.

Call 6234 5566 or email
lissa@sustainablelivingtasmania.org.au

SOLAR HOT WATER BULK PURCHASE

SHSC Offer Now Open

The South Hobart Sustainable Community is coordinating a bulk purchase of solar hot water and heat pump hot water systems. If you live within 10kms of the South Hobart Post Office and are interested in more information, visit the website:

www.southhobart.org/bulkpurchase

HAVE YOUR SAY...

An Opportunity for Members to Speak Out About Issues They are Passionate About

POWER-ASSISTED PEDAL CYCLES – REGULATORY REVIEW by Greg Clausen

The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority have issued a discussion paper for comment, setting out proposed regulatory framework for power-assisted pedal cycles (PAPCs) nationwide. The proposed regulations are bad news for Tasmania. To illustrate the shortcomings, I have coined a term; "Sustainable Cycling Principle" being:

"Pedal if possible – power-assist if practical"

This 'Sustainable Cycling Principle' yields:

The optimum environmental outcomes (greenhouse & oil) & the optimum personal health and fitness outcomes.

A sustainable living definition for a Power-assisted Pedal Cycle would be where:

The rider can pedal if possible. Such a vehicle is fully operable as a pedal cycle: light weight with modern cycle transmission; and power-assist is adequate to enable the rider to optimise its utility.

The RTA paper fails to address the fact that bicycles can be used for utility purposes. I will be preparing a submission and invite Hobart and Tasmanian people to provide as much support as possible. I will be regularly updating information on my website www.hybriped.com and I have set up an information service by email on papc50@gmail.com. Submissions are due by 30 June 2009.

Membership Renewal Form 2009-2010

Tasmanian Environment Centre trading as **Sustainable Living Tasmania**

Please ensure that your membership is renewed by the end of June

- Yes I want to renew my membership
 I want to make a tax deductible donation
(donations of over \$2 to the Public Fund are tax deductible)
 I want to become a monthly supporter of SLT
- Please send me the newsletter by:
 email
 post (\$5.00 surcharge to cover postage)
 do not send me the newsletter

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Membership Fees - please circle your selection (all fees include GST)

Concession	1yr	\$11.00	3yrs	\$30
Single	1yr	\$25.00	3yrs	\$65
Family/household	1yr	\$30.00	3yrs	\$75
Organisation	1yr	\$50.00	3yrs	\$130
Newsletter Surcharge	1yr	\$5.00	3yrs	\$15
Once off Donation		\$.....		
Ongoing Support	(complete additional information below)			

Total Payment \$

- I enclose a cheque/money order payable to Sustainable Living Tasmania.
 Please charge my credit card (details below).
 Please send me a receipt so that I can claim a tax deduction for my donation.

We need your help to continue our vital work and help make Tasmania a sustainable island!

Please consider becoming a monthly supporter of Sustainable Living Tasmania.

- I would like to make a regular monthly donation on the (insert date) of each month for the amount of \$..... by direct bank deposit into your bank account. (Sustainable Living Tasmania Public Fund bank account details are BSB 067 000, Account No. 28066455)
- I would like to make a regular monthly donation of \$..... by credit card.
Please debit my: Visa Mastercard (complete details below)

Please note – monthly payments will be charged to your credit card on the last Monday of each month. This authority may be cancelled at anytime by notifying us in writing.

Name on card

Card number: _____ Expiry date ---/---

Signature:

Please send completed forms to:

Sustainable Living Tasmania - 1st floor, 71 Murray St, Hobart, TAS 7000
Fax (03) 6234 5543

Thank you for your ongoing support!

THE END OF FINANCIAL YEAR IS NEARING...

Please Consider Making a TAX-DEDUCTIBLE Donation to SLT

Make checks payable to: *Sustainable Living Tasmania Public Trust* or donate by cash or credit card in person.

SUSTAINABLE LIVING TIP # 6

Get savvy about how much electricity your appliances are using. That new television may be using a lot more electricity than you realise. A 430w plasma screen TV, used for 5 hours will consume 2.15kWh a day and a 2400w heater used for 8 hrs will use an astounding 19.2kWh a day! If you are in the market for a new appliance be sure to compare the kilowatt hours used rather than just look at the star rating. If you want to test your appliances, SLT has a Power Mate available for hire.

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY & BOOKSHOP – CHECK THEM OUT!

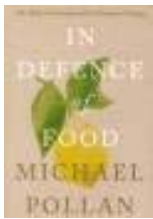
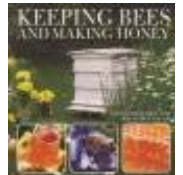


Small Fry Outdoors by Susie Cameron et al

Encourage the kids away from the TV and out into the garden, this book helps find the magic in everyday outdoor activities. Inspire your child's imagination and ensure they are getting the physical activity they require by enjoying the natural world. Easy ideas, planting and recipes for all to enjoy.

Keeping Bees and Making Honey by Alison Bengamin & Brian McCallum

This is a comprehensive and attractive lifestyle guide to beekeeping - from finding your bees, housing them, collecting honey and using their produce. Whether you live in the middle of a city or in the countryside surrounded by flowers, this book caters for every situation



In Defence of Food by Michael Pollan

This could be the most powerfully important book you read all year. It's a jolt to be reminded just how totally overtaken by the food industry our family diets have become. Plain old eating has been replaced by an obsession with nutrition, and giant food companies are only too happy to synthesise our desired nutrient, market it as a special gift, then process the hell out of simple foods like tomatoes, apples or fish.

Quarry Vision– Coal, Climate Change and the Resources Boom by Guy Pearse

In this powerful essay about the national interest, Guy Pearse discusses the future of the coal industry and argues with the economic pragmatists. He exposes the shadowy world of greenhouse lobbyists; how they think, operate and skin cats. Quarry vision, he argues, is a trap and a blind faith and a mentality we can no longer afford.



Building with Awareness by Tom Owens

If you are building your own home then this set is perfect for you. The DVD will show you how to build a "hybrid" home that will leave the environment and the dollars in your bank account smiling! The guidebook will help you along the way if you are stuck or have any concerns.

And this is just the beginning....

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