

Transition Communities

NORTH MT LOFTY RANGES

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IMPORTANT DATES

OOOOBY at Sevenhill Market	last Saturday monthly
Sustainable House Day	Sunday September 11 th
"Our First Birthday", Meeting, Discussion & Film evening ...	Wednesday September 14
Workshop ... "Mapping Community Concerns About Climate Change"	Monday September 19 (see pg 4 for details)

WELCOME

to our newsletter.

It has been nearly three months since the first issue, and from the feedback obtained, it has been received well. Remember ... pass the newsletter on to anyone who you think may be interested in what is happening in our region about transition activities.

Our purpose is to inform, to take action, and to encourage as many people as possible to transition to a low impact lifestyle.

The newsletter will be sent out every three months (not every two months as previously advised), so if you have any articles or comments you would like to add, please forward these in the 2 month period following this newsletter.

What's happening

Our First Birthday! Meeting & Discussion on 14th September

To celebrate being one and the opportunity to bring together the supporters and those interested in following what we've been doing since getting together last year and moving on from the Film & Discussion evenings we had last October & November.

We'll be letting you in on the progress of our Action Agenda, that's the groups doing all the real work like OOOOBY, Permablitz, Sustainable House Day and more, as well as looking forward to what you'd like to do or bring to the table for Action in the next year of Transition Initiatives in our communities.

We're also having a movie showing of the BBC documentary from last year, "A Farm for the Future" ([info here](#)) for the end of the evenings events.

OOOOBY - Out Of Our Own Backyard

See us at the Sevenhill Markets, last Saturday of the month, and especially spread the word to those home gardeners or farmers with excess produce to share, we're selling at the OOOOBY stall to promote local food production & sharing.

OOOOBY contacts ...

Colin Endean, Joey Duncan, Jane Holland

Sustainable House Day

11 September

Go to ... <http://www.sustainablehouseday.com/>

The day is fast approaching and the skates are now on with organising the event.

A range of houses displaying different techniques, retrofitting for sustainability, and food production, have been identified in Clare, Armagh, Penwortham, Mintaro, and Watervale, and will be available for the public to visit.

SHD visitors will receive a booklet detailing each site. The booklet will also contain information about OOOOBY, local farmers' markets, and use of treated water on gardens.

TCNMLR members will be given a free digital copy of the booklet, but as a fundraiser for future projects, there will be a charge of \$5 to cover part of the cost of production.



SHD contacts : Daryl McIntyre
Des Menz

Revegetation & Landscape

This year is [UN International Year of Forests](#) and the objective is to provide greater involvement in [National Tree Day](#) in our region. With a focus on cleared rural landscapes, our NTD project this year was the defunct railway corridor between Hilltown and Andrews to support the work of Hill River- Hilltown Landcare. This railway corridor still has kilometres of length for future tree/ shrub plantings.

On Sunday July 31, 12 volunteers consisting of Clare-ites and several locals joined in to plant 350 native seedlings.

A very enjoyable time it was ... the weather was great, and it was all over in about an hour and a half.

A free BBQ followed at Hilltown tennis courts ... including a tour of the old "school" by local resident Vicki Crouch.



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Permablitz One

'Permablitz # One in Clare - A wonderful day had by a very enthusiastic group of community based organic gardeners on Sun 8th May, Mother's Day; working, sweating, laughing singing and co-operating together to create a new front garden for Deb & Tony and to inaugurate Clare's and TCNMLR's first Permablitz.

Eighteen people including kids were there, including John Monten's guitar and songs accompanied by other Tumbadrum players. They serenaded the enthusiasts with Leonard Cohen classics and groovy organic gardening rhythms. Many thanks to our hosts, the Permablitz Team, John Monten & Tumbadrum for the musical accompaniment on the day and all the jolly TCNMLR people who participated.

Transition Communities North Mount Lofty Ranges hopes to complement its OOOBY strategy - Out Of Our Own Back Yards - by supporting the establishment of further community based food suppliers and we can't wait to start drafting the plan for Permablitz #2 at Nan Berret's family home in Armagh.

Just to remind folks that eligibility for a "blitz" at your place requires:

- Volunteer attendance at 3 previous Permablitzes
- Preparedness to join in at whatever level of contribution you can make - Garden construction, planting, coffee, tea and refreshment making, performing/singing/epic-poetry reciting.
- A good, positive and happy ability to enjoy yourself.

Any plants, seeds or good organic gardening resources gladly welcomed.

Look Out For Upcoming Details on Permablitz #2

[See Short Video of the Permablitz One](#)

Transition Communities Nth Mt Lofty Ranges presents Permablitz in Clare

[Permablitz One, the short cut](#)



[View Movie](#)



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Transition Moves

WASTE MANAGEMENT

The transition from “waste” to resources recovery and re-use is what every community should be doing. Following the article in the May issue, Trevor Ware is now considering extending a service to collect waste oils, in addition to the service he already offers in collection of e-waste.

Trevor Ware ... 85285359 Call Trevor - he will collect all your e-waste and defunct appliances.

In our district, Clare Recycling Centre is continually extending its range of services. Metals and car bodies can now be left there at no cost. There is potential to extend further into waste oil collection and it is hoped that various parties can collaborate on a service.

MAPPING COMMUNITY CONCERNS ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

Are you interested in how climate change might affect our region?

A community mapping project is being held in **Clare Town Hall, 6-9pm, Sep 19.**

The project will capture ideas and concerns about possible climate change impacts in the Clare region, and your input could help to produce some maps and ideas that will work towards adapting to and responding to a changing climate.

A Flinders University project, it is part of a larger initiative funded through the Premier's Science and Research Fund (PSRF) 'Human Dimensions of Climate Change Transect'. The aim of this project is to generate shared understanding about vulnerability to climate change impacts within local communities along two 'Transects' that run East-West (between Wallaroo and Renmark) and North-South (between Hawker and Goolwa). Clare is situated along the latter transect.

Light supper and refreshments will be provided.

For catering purposes, please register your interest in the workshop by emailing Simon.Benger@flinders.edu.au or calling Simon Benger on 8201 5994.

Useful Links

Transition Network ... www.TransitionNetwork.org

Sustainable Communities SA ...

www.sustainablecommuniessa.wordpress.com

OOOBY ... www.ooooby.ning.com

Sustainable House Day ... www.sustainablehouseday.com

National Tree Day ... <http://treeday.planetark.org/>

International Year of Forests ... <http://www.internationalyearofforests.com.au/>

Greening Australia ... <http://www.greeningaustralia.org.au/community/sa>

End Words

There's always something happening in our communities and we know how busy people's lives can be. But if you want to make a difference in another way - no matter if it's a day for a “Permablitz” or a day for National Tree Day, or if you have a passion for OOOBY, or if you'd like to be involved in SHD - and if you'd like more information about other Transition happenings in our region, contact one of us.

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