



January 2012

Dear Sandy Bay Residents...

Our Sandy Bay Transition Town is new. It is aimed at all of us who feel a need for change. Very few of us can influence state, national or even global events around sustainability, limits of growth and climate change but we can do something locally, right here where we live.

It all starts with the decision to do one or more actions to lighten our footprint, become a bit more resilient in our home, in our business and take some small steps in making our street a more supportive and linked up local community.

We had our first meeting of some 28 people in November 2011. It was fun and lively and we formed a number of interest groups and our first weekly local market.

Our next meeting is on Monday 13th February at Waimea Primary School from 07:00 to 9:00 Primary School in Sandy Bay. Do join us. It makes a world of difference locally.



Urban Sprawl- the challenge to make it clusters of Sustainable Towns



Waimea Community Market

Make a Note!

Every Wed 2:30 pm Waimea Heights School

1. **You grow your own vegetables and you have fruit trees.** That's great! But everybody has got the same problem: when the crop is ripe, there is food in excess. While you can't eat any tomato, beans or salad any more, your neighbours may be happy to BUY them. This means extra revenue with little effort.

Join our new initiative: come every Wednesday at 2:30 pm at Waimea Heights School and sell your extra veggies and fruit. It's free!

The only condition is to offer a price LOWER than the supermarket!

2. **You are looking for fresh fruit and organic veggies at an affordable price.**

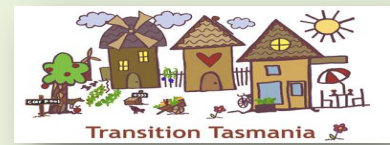
You want to know where your food is coming from and to have a chat with the grower.

Join our new initiative: come every Wednesday at 2:30 pm at Waimea Heights School and buy the veggies and fruit from your neighbours.

You're always sure to have a good deal: the price will be LOWER than the supermarket!

The Waimea Community Market: A WIN-WIN initiative

Sandy Bay Transition Town



- * Quality food from local producers (your neighbours!)
- * A good deal for the grower AND the customer: price lower than the supermarket
- * Gain time: shop and pick-up your kids at the same time

Sandy Bay Interest Groups

Food Group - growing own food, Urban Permaculture.



Energy Group - energy efficiency, solar and wind power; we plan on bulk buys of solar heating to achieve bulk purchase synergies

Water Group - water tanks, reticulation, irrigation

Local Business Group - volunteers needed.

If you are interested in joining one or more of these groups please do so at our meeting on 13th February.



Fun with Food at Waimea Primary School

AGENDA FOR OUR NEXT MEETING

13th February 2012 - 7:00- 9:00pm

Welcome

The Wednesday Community Market Update

Solar Energy Bulk Buy for Sandy Bay - Discussion on Kingsborough Project

The Sandy Bay Survey

Election of a Steering Group
DVD & Discussion - "The Economics of Happiness"

Gold coin donation would be welcome.

News from the Network

Did you know Tasmania has a number of Transition Towns, some of which are very active? You can go to [Transition Tasmania](#) (although this list is out of date, we and some other TT are not yet linked) to see what is happening.

Losing the Capacity to Feed Ourselves...

Here's a story of the challenges of maintaining peri urban food production in Sydney, the type of food production that is worth sustaining so as to provide some degree of food security in times of rising oil prices.

<http://theconversation.edu.au/paving-our-market-gardens-choosing-suburbs-over-food-4419>

We face similar challenges in many Tasmanian towns and cities, where the administrative and elected leadership are hooked on growth. It will be worth taking the opportunity at any appropriate public forum to put food security onto the agenda and

to emphasise the links between food (in) security and Peak Oil.

From Nick Towle, Tasmania

Following the successful Waterworks / South Hobart bulk purchases the Kingston based sustainable community has initiated its bulk purchase scheme. They have now closed the scheme off at 93 purchases of solar hot water systems. Tremendously successful.

[Web link is here.](#)

From Chris Harries, Water Works Transition Town (informative and up-to-date website)

Here's an event that may inspire you.

Visiting British activist, Adrian Porter, is to give a talk about how his home town of Totnes became the world's first Transition Town.

7pm, Wed 8th February
Twin Ovals Function Centre,
Lightwood Dr (off Kingston View Dr),
Kingston

It's great to see so much Transition activity around Hobart. At Council level, Ald Eva Ruzicka and myself attended a "Resilient Communities" conference organised by the Municipal Association of Victoria. Rob Hopkins spoke by video link, and introduced his new 'how to' guide, the Transition Companion. I have asked the State Library to purchase several copies. Your additional requests could help them decide. Our Report of the conference will be on the Agenda for



the Strategic Governance Committee on 7 Feb. From there, we will ask Council Officers to identify areas where HCC can take a lead. In the meantime, keep at it, and let us know how we can help. If you would like a copy of the Report, email leofoley@netspace.net.au

From Alderman Leo Foley

The Centre for Transition

This is a new initiative started off at the Transition Town Strategy Session at the Nubeena EcoVillage in December 2011.

We will keep you updated as the group works through its planning phase. If you would like to be kept in the loop of developments please contact us via the email address below.

Your Comments, Ideas and Observations are welcome,

Please email us at transitiontownsandbybay@gmail.com

CALENDER OF OUR MEETINGS

Monday 13th February

Monday 5th March

Monday 2nd April

Monday 7th May

Monday 4th June

Venue: Waimea Heights Primary School,
Sandy Bay. 07:00 - 09:00pm