

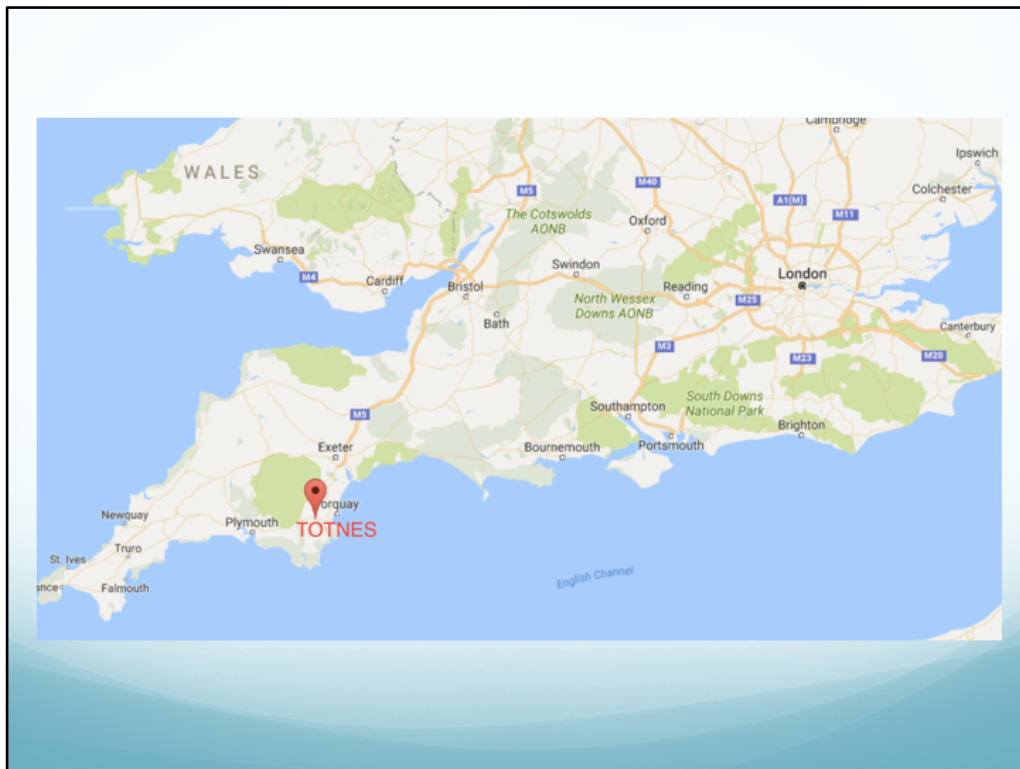
The Great Transition Town Tale



Hello, my name is Barbara Jackson and I'm delighted to be sharing the story of 'Transition Towns' with you today. I have been involved with the Transition Town movement for **7 years** and I'm here today to tell you how transition has taken shape



in the municipality of Banyule where I live.



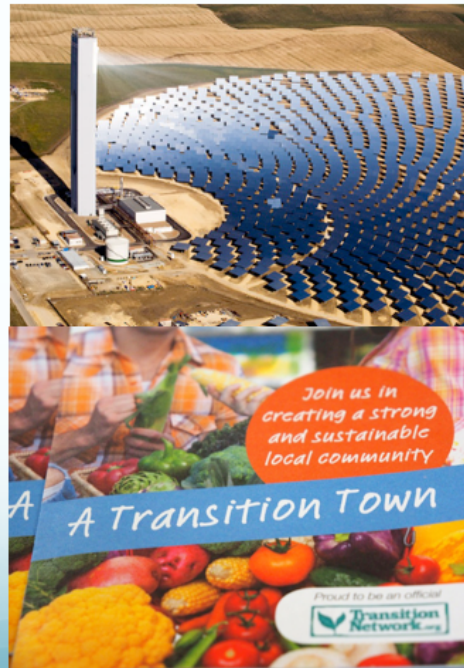
The idea of a 'Transition Town' first started out in Totnes, in south-west England around 10 years ago ... with the aim of creating a more sustainable, connected and resilient local community. The initiative has since evolved into a worldwide movement.

What is Transition?

Transition – a Definition

- A movement that creates a vision of a post-carbon world
- Connects us so we can work together to create that vision
- Does it all at the local level through a shared love for the place where we live

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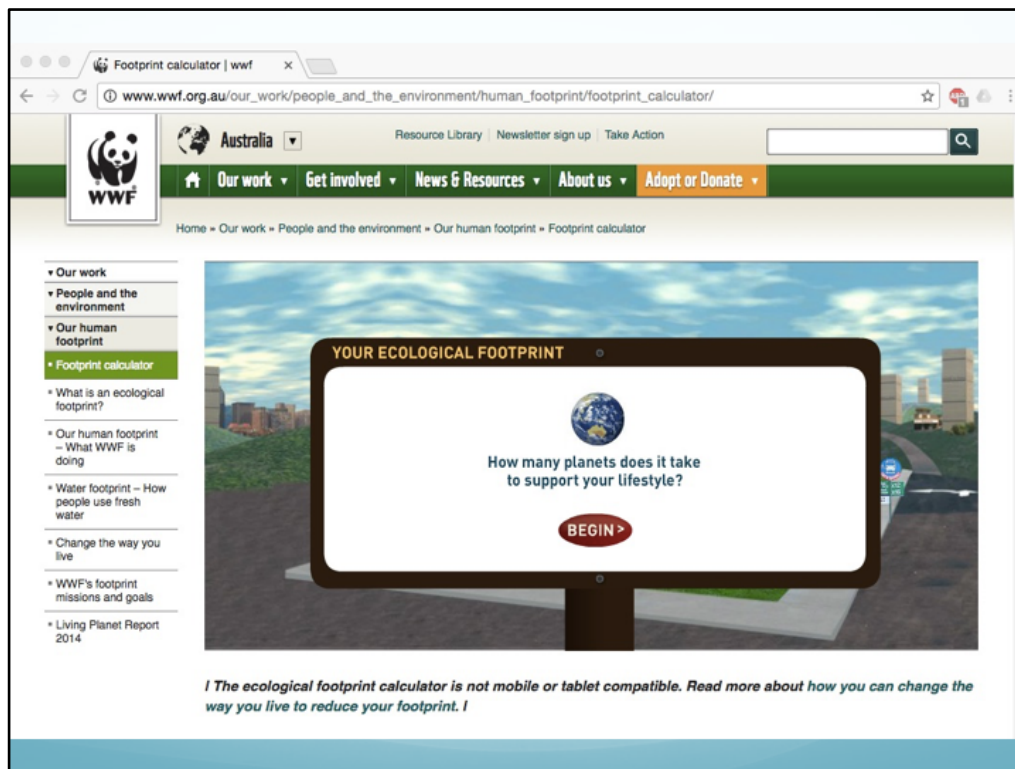


Transition is a movement that creates a vision of a post-carbon world, connects us so we can work together to create that vision, and does it all at the local level through a shared love for the place where we live.”

And, most importantly, we enthuse others to start on their Transition journey towards that future with us.

I would like to start this story a step before I joined the Transition Movement.

Way back in 2006, when I first consciously heard about climate change



I completed an online eco footprint calculator (*screenshot of WWF website*). I was totally shocked to find that, if everybody lived like I did, we would need 7 planet earths to provide our resources. In fact it shocked me into reducing consumption and waste, so that now, we only need



TWO earths. But we still only have one planet last time I looked, so still more work to do.

Initially I joined a Climate Action Now group. But in 2009, when I heard about Transition Towns, I joined the movement. It resonated with me, the local level, the vision of a post-carbon future and people working together.



Transition towns were formed because of climate change. The lack of federal government leadership was painful and the Transition Towns gave us, and are still giving us, the opportunity to

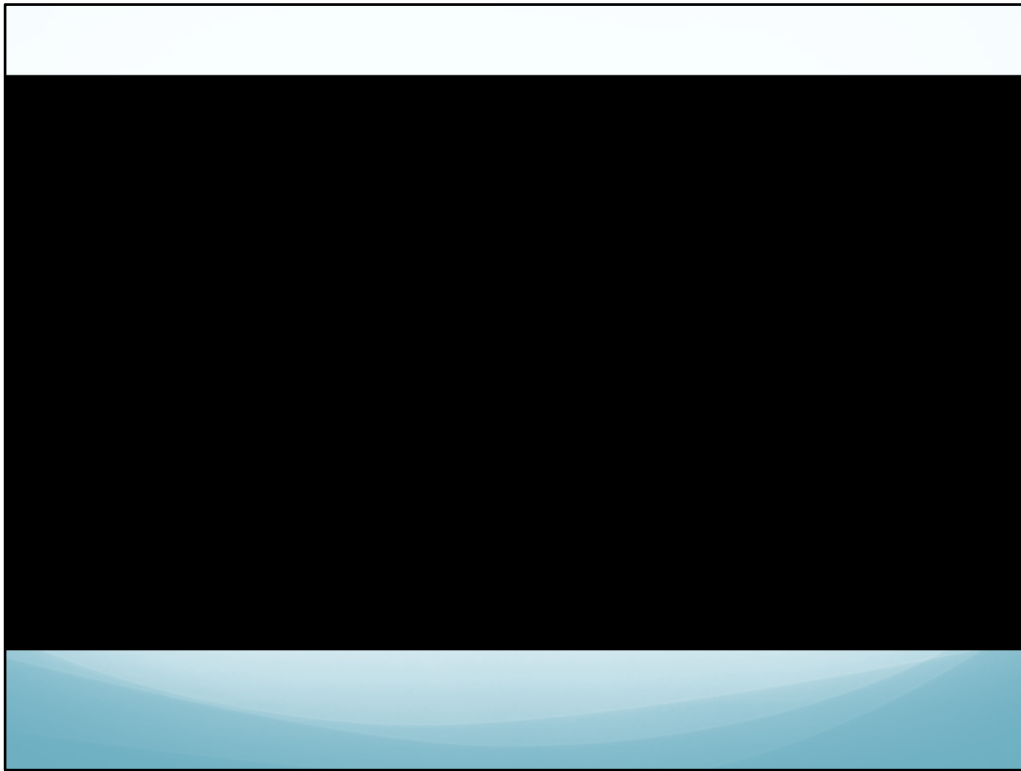
**Be the change you wish
to see in the world.**

- Mahatma Gandhi



Be The Change we want to happen on our planet as we transition to a fossil fuel free future.

In Montmorency, nearly 60 people came to a Transition information night and the Montmorency Community Group – A Transition Town was formed.



We are now going to watch a short video about the Montmorency Community Group.



The Group is still going strong today!
For me, as well as becoming a part of the solution to climate change, it is tremendously satisfying to be actively involved in my community of Montmorency.

I moved to Monty, as we call it, in 2005.



I will never forget walking to the train station for the first time. I used the pathway alongside the railway line which is quite high and I was overlooking the houses in my neighbouring streets. I had empty, scared feeling in the pit of my stomach as I thought to myself,

“I don’t know a single person here or anything about the place, and I’ve just bought a home to live in for the rest of my life.”

I felt quite overcome with loneliness.



Today when I go to the shops in Were Street, it's rare that I don't say hello to someone I know. I feel incredibly well connected and supported.



I 'belong' to my community at Monty. It has become like a village to me where people look out for each other and we love where we live.

Share...

- Your name
- Where you live
- One thing you love about where you live

2 minutes - I would like to invite you to turn to a person near you, exchange your names, and tell each other one thing you love about where you live.

My feeling of connection doesn't stop at Monty. It now extends throughout Banyule.

There are five transition groups altogether in Banyule.



Transition Banyule, our umbrella group, which started at around the same time as the Montmorency Community Group. There is also Transition 3081, Sustainable Macleod and Transition Warringal.

Transition Banyule provides resources and training to support all the local groups. It has held and encouraged dozens of get-togethers and events across all the suburbs. How many people we are connected to is pretty amazing,



around 1,500 people have signed up to our combined e-lists and



each of our groups has hundreds of Facebook likes.


Having locally based Transitions Towns is a great strength of Transition Banyule. The groups in the suburbs keep us locally connected but we are also part of the bigger picture.

The Big Picture of Transition is a fantastic story.



Rob Hopkins

It all started in 2006 in Totnes in England by a chap called Rob Hopkins, whose aim was to



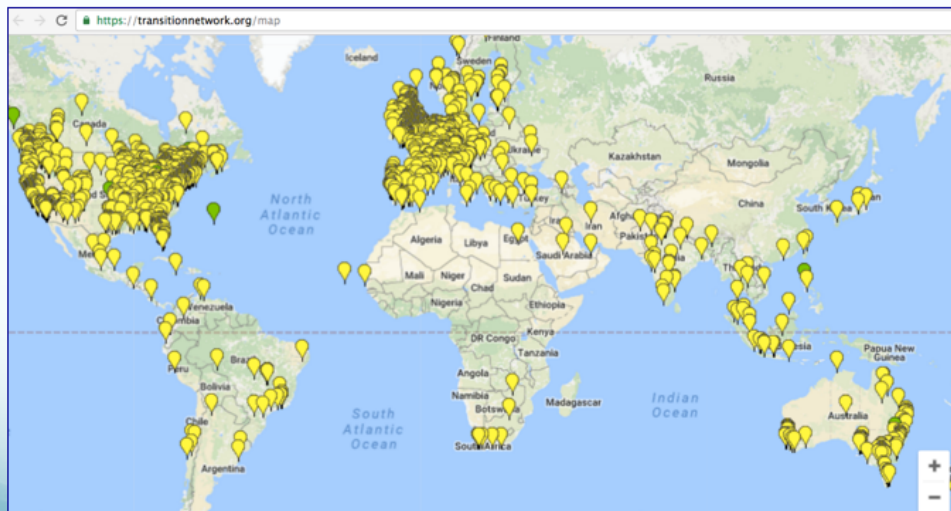
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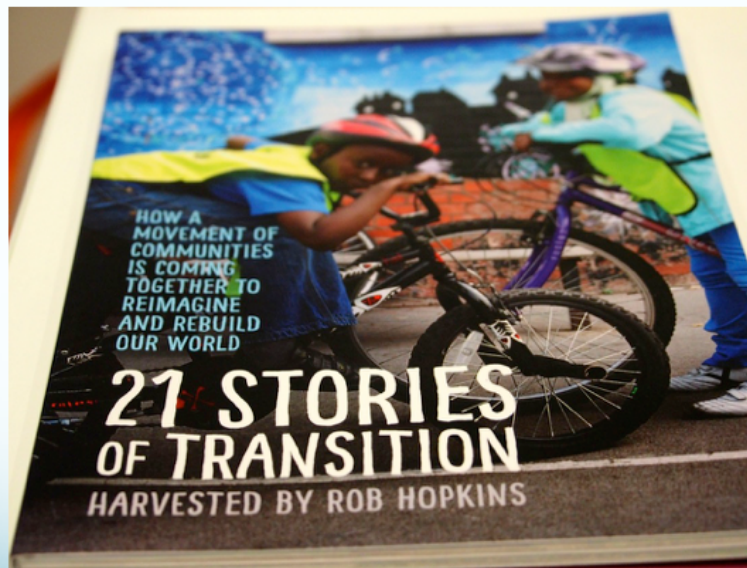


From the Totnes acorn, a Transition Oak Tree is branching out across the world.

Global Transition Initiatives



There are many hundreds of Transition Initiatives across dozens of countries. Transition has become globally influential, to the point where



a Transition Initiative book of 21 case studies was officially launched by Rob Hopkins at the Paris climate talks last year. The only Australian case study in the book, is the story of Transitions Streets in Newcastle NSW and Banyule.

Transition Brings Together...

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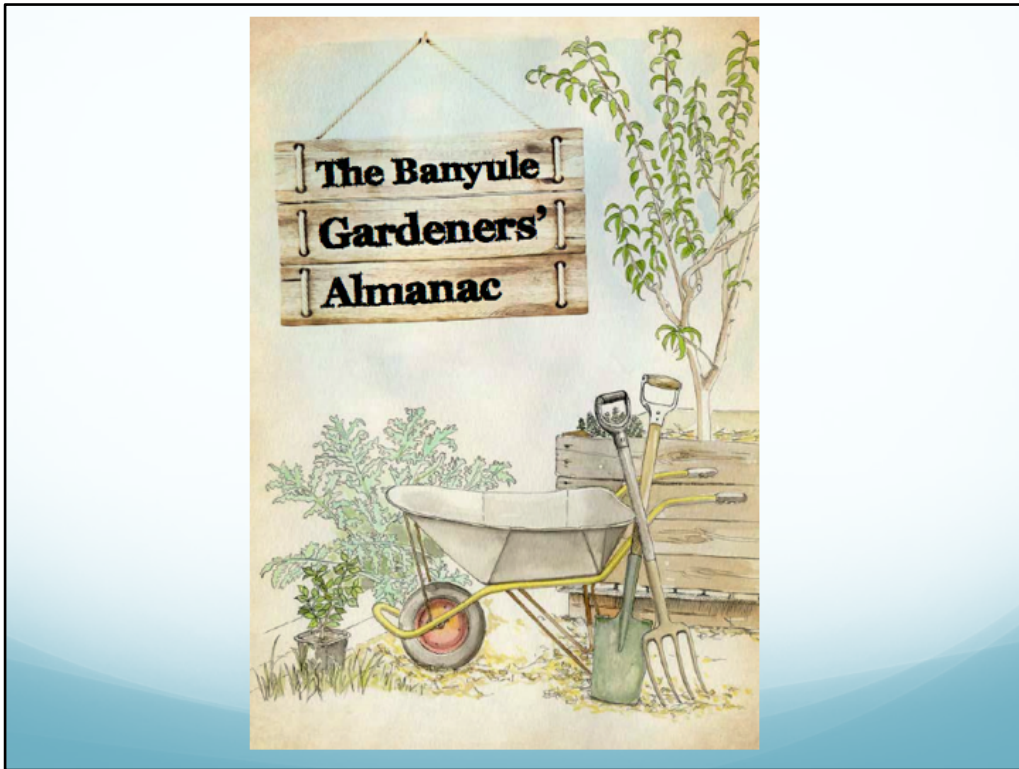
Heart



Hands



The Transition movement strives for a balance between 'head, heart and hands'. With our heads we know the scientific, dismal and frightening facts of climate change and the task ahead; With our hearts we seek an 'inner transition' to live a gentler way of life on our planet; and our most successful events and projects are 'hands on'. That's what really draws people in.



A great hands-on project is the Banyule Gardeners Almanac.



Over 12 months, local transition gardeners collected and recorded what people were

The dirt on soils

Think of your soil as the foundation of your gardens. If you build a garden without healthy soil, your plants will fail, as will a house without strong foundations.

Soil is vital to healthy plant growth, as it:

- supports the plant roots, supplies the majority of nutrients needed by the plant and the water needed to carry them throughout the plant
- provides oxygen to the plant
- is home to countless symbiotic organisms that the plant depends on for survival such as worms, fungi and bacteria.

Ideal soils:

- are high in organic matter
- have good drainage
- have good aeration
- hold nutrients
- have healthy soil biology – fungi, bacteria and worms
- are friable or easily crumbled.



Soils fall into 3 main types:

Sandy soils have poor water-holding ability, may be hydrophobic (water runs off) and nutrients can easily be leached. They have excellent drainage, and are easy to cultivate.

Loams are a combination of fine and coarse particles. They have good water-holding ability and nutrient retention, good drainage and are easy to cultivate.

Clay soils have good water-holding ability and good nutrient retention, however they may have poor drainage, low aeration and be difficult to cultivate.

See p. 18 for how to deal with typical clay soils found in Banyule

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All soils can be improved by adding organic matter:

- compost can be made at home (see p. 20) or is readily available commercially
- aged animal manures and worm compost are rich in nutrients
- mulch layers will break down over time and add nutrients
- compost teas make excellent garden fertilisers (see p. 28).



Mulch is beneficial because it:

- keeps the soil temperature cool in hot conditions and helps retain water, thereby assisting root development and growth
- prevents weeds from germinating by blocking light from dormant seeds
- bark chips, leaf litter, shredded paper, lucerne and straw are all examples of organic mulches.

Soil biology

Millions of microorganisms make up the living component of soils and break down organic matter, thus releasing nutrients back into the soil. They thrive in clay soils and soils rich in organic matter. Three quarters of soil microorganisms live in the top 50mm of the soil.

To maintain healthy populations of soil fauna:

- reduce any unnecessary soil cultivation
- continually top up organic matter on soil surface
- improve drainage in heavy clay soils
- protect soil from harsh temperatures and moisture loss
- reduce or stop the use of garden chemicals e.g. herbicides
- stop the use of artificial garden fertilisers.

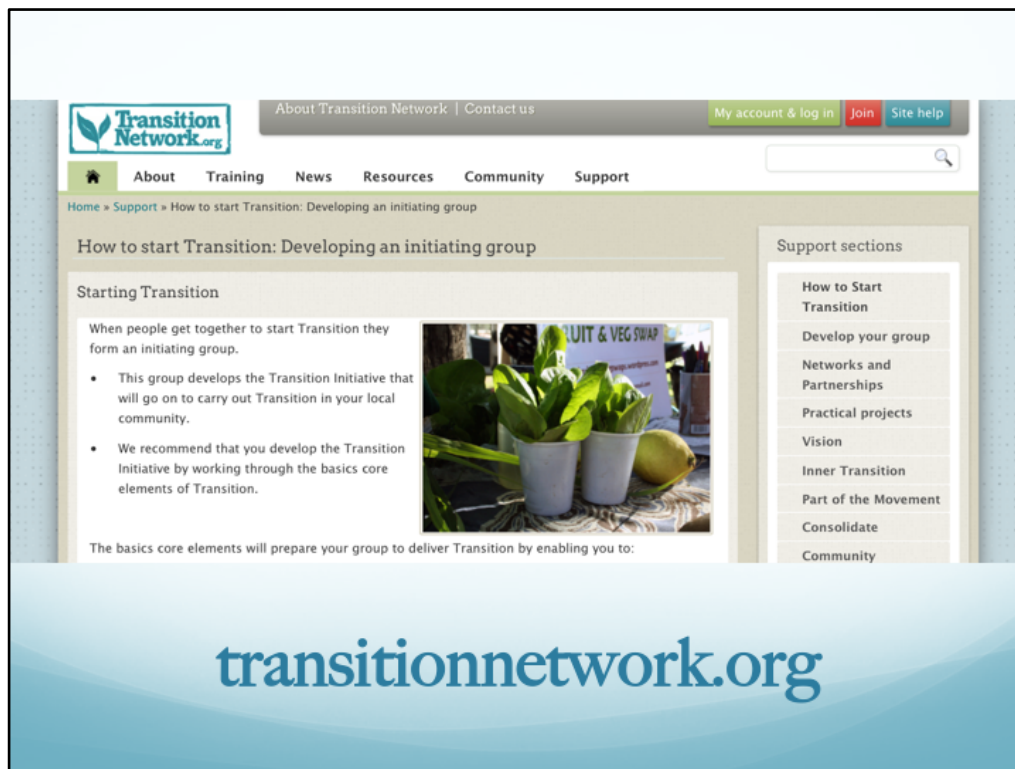
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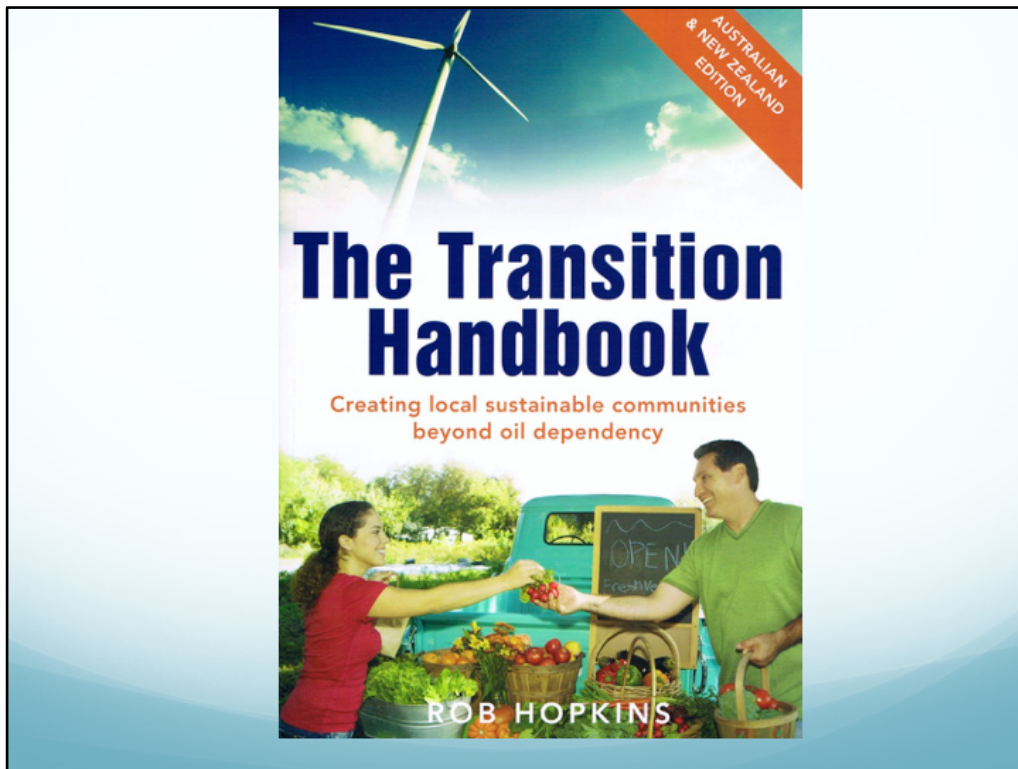
planting and harvesting in their food gardens.



As you can see, it is beautifully illustrated by a local artist.



The Transition network has given us the big vision while we act locally at the grassroots level. It provides us with training and resources such as



manuals and CD's so we can keep learning and sharing.



This amazing network of Transition – all the groups, the resources, and the training comes from



community volunteers. None of us are paid. It is an amazing achievement



by ordinary people who are trying to lead our world to a zero carbon future.

We have done all of this despite our Federal government's lack of leadership, negative media, complacency, dare I say apathy, and rampant consumerism.



Sometimes we imagine and yearn for the day where we get some support and assistance, so it isn't so grindingly hard to do more and reach out to more people.



One thing that really keeps us going is the tremendous power of Vision. In Transition, we call it back casting where we vision a desirable future and then work backwards to achieve it. For example, a back casting vision is

The Age

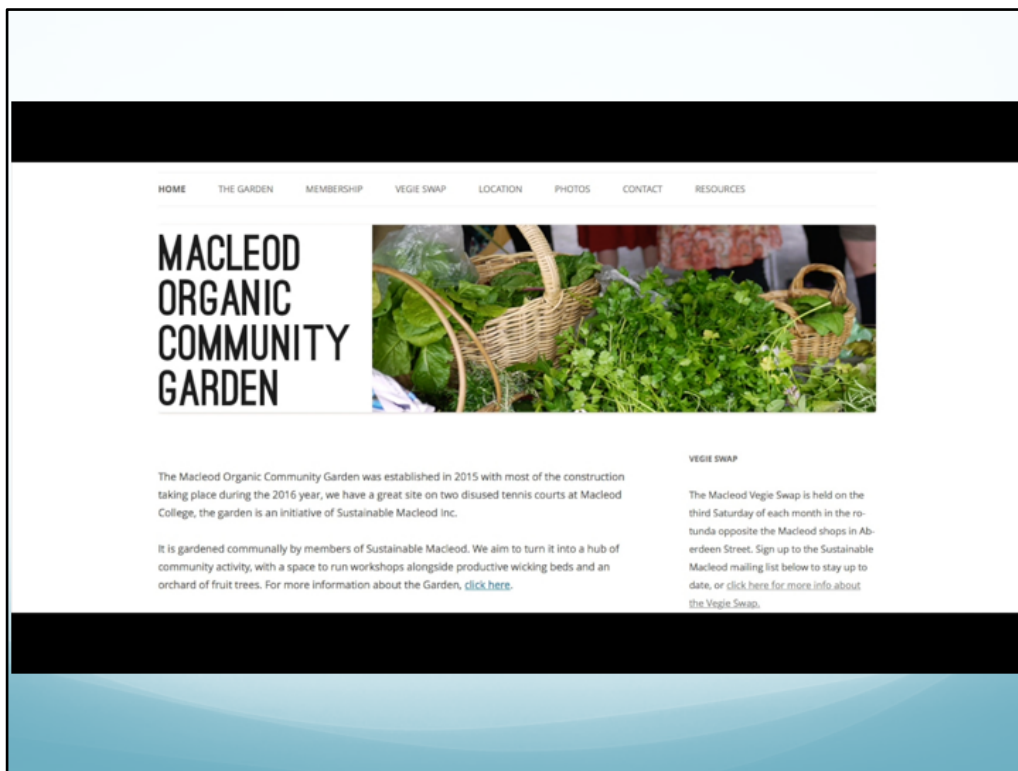
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The City of Banyule has just held their largest ever Harvest Feast with 1000 people celebrating the whole of Banyule becoming an urban orchard and vegetable garden. Everywhere you go you see fruit and vegetables growing on nature strips, front and back gardens, and various pockets of waste land. ...The Mayor said this is just what her local Transition group envisaged back in 2016 when her children were very young.



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Today, Inspired by this vision, lets see what our neighbourhoods are doing.

Watch video

When we look at what we have achieved since 2009, it is astounding. It lifts our spirits to see what we have accomplished and we know that we can continue.

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MACLEOD ORGANIC COMMUNITY GARDEN



The Macleod Organic Community Garden was established in 2015 with most of the construction taking place during the 2016 year, we have a great site on two disused tennis courts at Macleod College, the garden is an initiative of Sustainable Macleod Inc.

It is gardened communally by members of Sustainable Macleod. We aim to turn it into a hub of community activity, with a space to run workshops alongside productive wicking beds and an orchard of fruit trees. For more information about the Garden, [click here](#).

VEGIE SWAP

The Macleod Veggie Swap is held on the third Saturday of each month in the rotunda opposite the Macleod shops in Aberdeen Street. Sign up to the Sustainable Macleod mailing list below to stay up to date, or [click here for more info](#) about the Veggie Swap.

Transition Supporting Council:

- We create ongoing connections
- We love the place where we live
- We create a vision and work together to make it happen

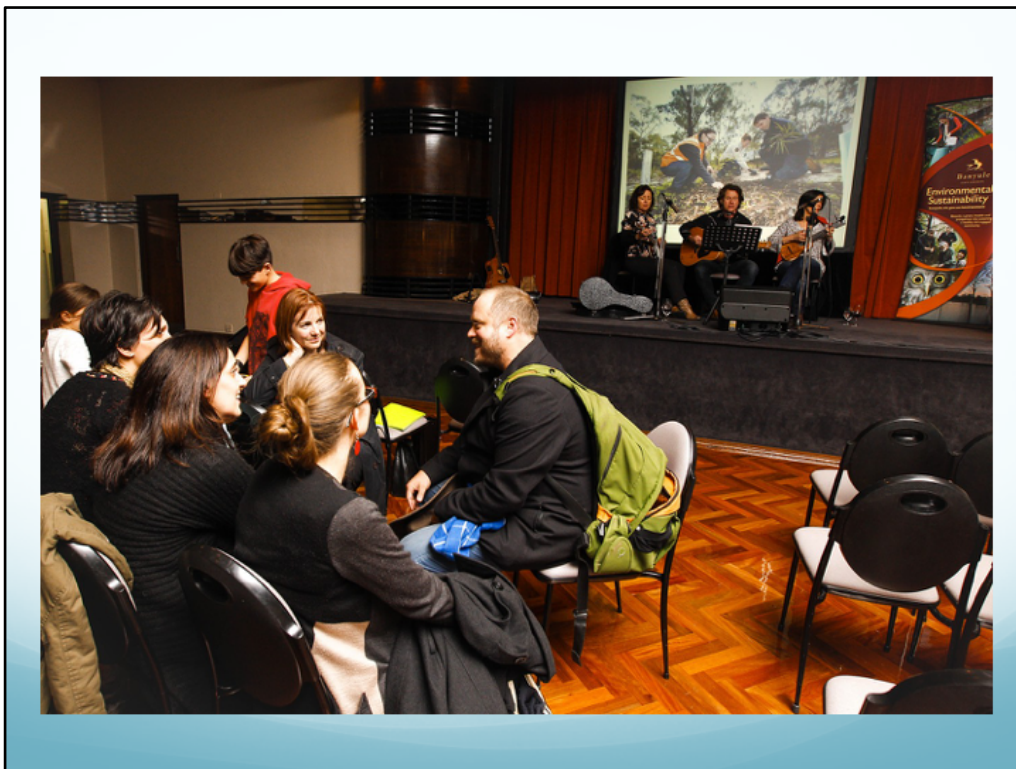
The Theme of this Conference is Community Engagement and we acknowledge and thank our local government of Banyule for their commitment to community engagement.

Transition Towns are great contributors to Councils because we know that Councils appreciate and value communities that actively engage and take responsibility for making the kind of community they want. This is what we do:

We create ongoing connections between local people which underpins community resilience

We love the place where we live, we care for it and the people who live there

We have a vision of a future which supports our planet, conserves our resources and reduces waste and we are working to make it happen



It is often through Council events that we are able to get connected. The event might be ‘Change Makers, Sustainable Homes’ or a Multicultural event. Whatever the topic, we in the community need to find the other like-minded people in the audience.

So when you organise events we would love you to reflect on this need and help us get connected, whether through facilitated discussion groups, sharing with those sitting around us in the audience, e-lists or sign-up sheets with local organisations.

Community engagement is central to everything we do. A fantastic demonstration of community engagement is the **Transition Streets project**.



Megan Cassidy is a Transition Street convenor. I would now like to introduce you to Megan who will tell you her own story.

Megan

Hello everyone. My name is Megan and I live in Greensborough. I am a member of Transition Banyule, and I'm really excited to have this opportunity to share my Transition Streets story with you.

Transition Streets is a program that has helped my neighbours and I become more sustainable in our daily lives, save money, and more importantly, it has created a true neighbourhood in my street. I would go so far as to say it has literally changed my life.

I am here today because I would love to see more Transition Streets initiatives being set up across Victoria, Australia, and the world. I believe that the approach of Transition is proactive, practical and most importantly, it has hope for the future at its core. I believe that this program has the ability to ripple outwards, affecting real change in how we interact with, and care for, our planet.

But I'm getting ahead of myself. Let me start my story two years ago, when I was a stay at home mum to a gorgeous, but demanding, toddler. I was feeling isolated and

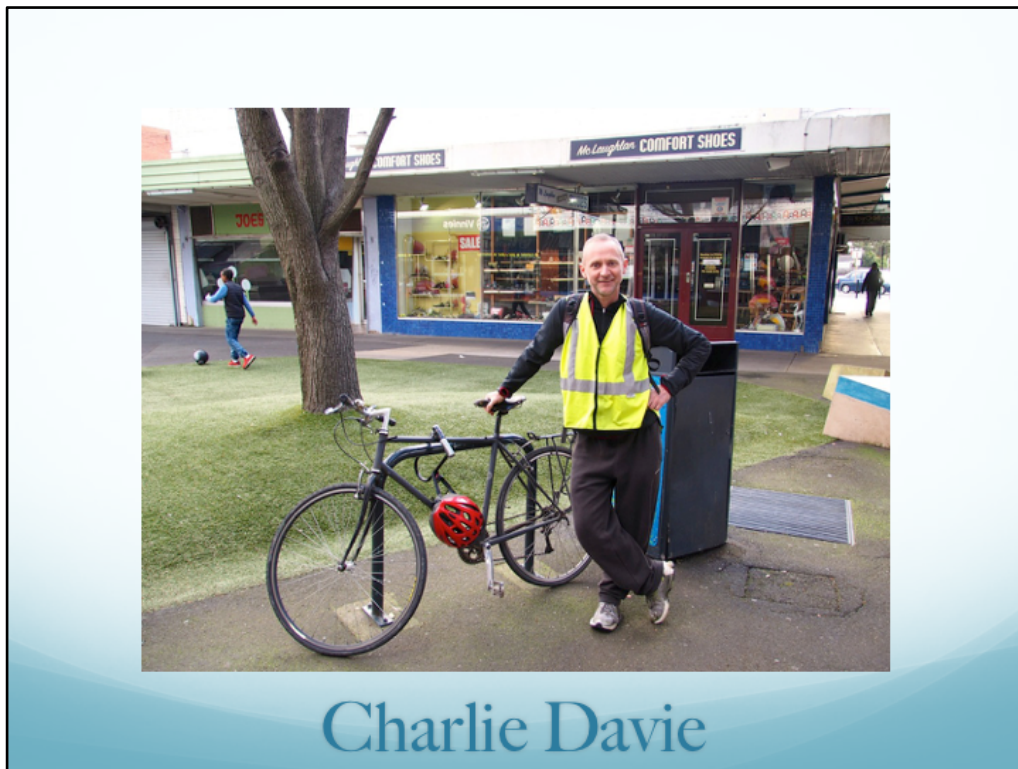
lonely, and the phrase 'It takes a village to raise a child' quickly took on new meaning for me.

Although I had good family support, I didn't have a solid friend base in my local area, and I didn't feel like I could go and see my neighbours when I was having a bad day. I decided that I would like to change this situation.

But how was I to start this process? I didn't know, but one day I read a little entry



in the Banyule Green Wrap about the Community Leaders in Sustainability program. It is a free course run jointly by Banyule and Darebin Councils,



Charlie Davie

and facilitated by Charlie Davie.

There was something about this course that grabbed me, and I mentioned it to my husband. He encouraged me to apply for it, which I did, and I was accepted.

The program was an eye-opening experience for me.



I met other people who were concerned about the environment too, and who were willing to do something about it. Suddenly, I didn't feel so alone, and I wasn't the only one who experienced this awakening.

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“I just loved getting together with this group of inspiring people each week. And I feel more connected and appreciative of the work that Council does. Thank you.” Said another.

The one major requirement of the course is that you initiate, or participate in, a community project. I was feeling inadequate and anxious because I was halfway through the course I still hadn’t settled on a project.

In the fifth session, a speaker from Transition Banyule,



Robin Gale-Baker, told us about the Transition Streets program. ‘Cut your Bills!’ ‘Get to know your neighbours!’ ‘Build community!’ ‘Make a difference!’ said the pitch. As I sat and listened, I felt all of my anxiety drop away, and I *knew* that this was *my* project. I signed up on the spot, and felt immediately calmer, but also excited.

So I had my project, but how did I start?

The scary bit was introducing myself to my neighbours, and putting myself and my beliefs out there. I was definitely lacking in self-confidence at this point! But I had two things on my side:

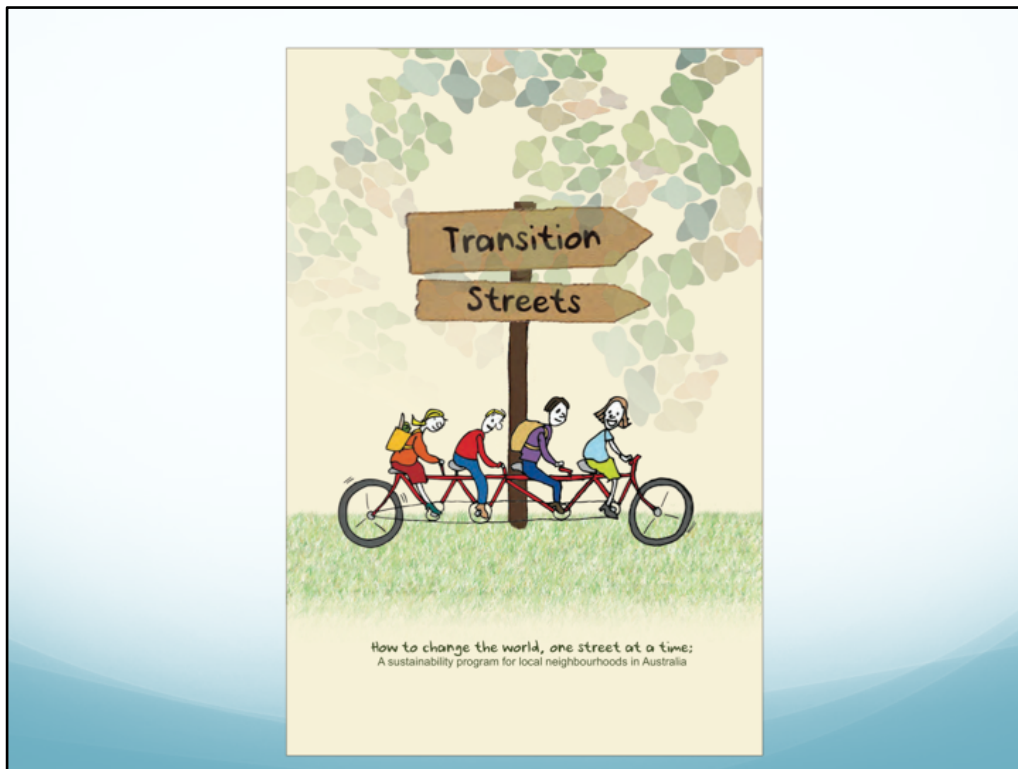
My passion for sustainability and my eagerness to start doing something about it; and My daughter – I can tell you that toddlers are great ice-breakers! People were too busy saying ‘coochee coo’, to close the door in my face!

Then it was just a matter of screwing up my courage and knocking on doors. Some doors I had to go back to several times, and it was hard to make myself try again, but it I decided it was a challenge – can I introduce myself to everyone on my street and learn all their names?

It turns out that none of my neighbours are that scary after all, and I completed my challenge over a few days. In the end, 7 out of 10 households from my street were involved, and 1 person from nearby who became an adopted street member, so 8

households in total.

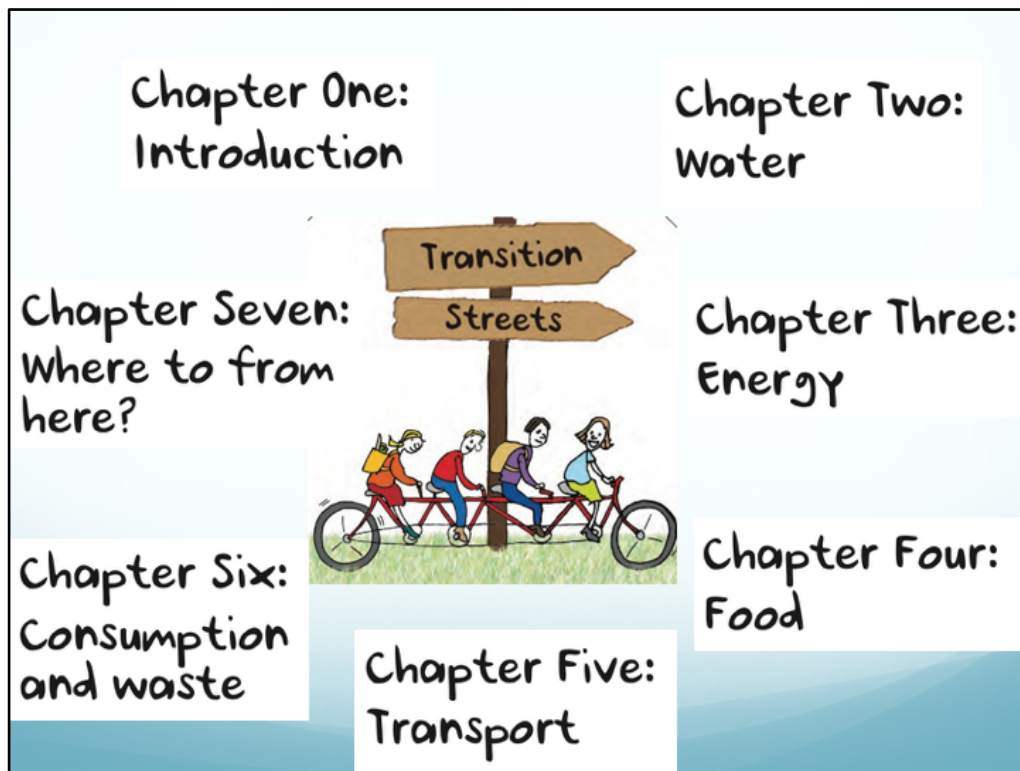
Then I had to plan the first meeting.



As part of the program, you receive a workbook to guide your group through the various topics. We used physical books, but it is available electronically as well.

Transition Streets is a flexible program which allows you to work out as a group, how you will run it. My group decided that my house would be the location every time, but the facilitation role was shared between 5 out of the 8 households, and this worked really well.

We met monthly for 2 hours on a Sunday afternoon for 7 months,



and we loosely followed the suggested meeting plans given in the workbook across the seven chapters of Introduction, Water, Energy, Food, Transport and Waste, and Where to from Here?

One important lesson we learned from the first session was that we only needed one person to bring savoury and one person to bring sweet food, because when we all bought something to the first session, it was way too much for us to eat! As one neighbour pointed out, this wasn't really 'walking the talk'!

Rules of Engagement

- We will be respectful of each other's ideas
- We will share the air
- We will finish on time
- We will have fun!

It's also important in this first session to set up the 'Rules of Engagement' by which the group will abide. These should be brainstormed by the group, but include things like:

'We will be respectful of each other's' ideas';

'We will share the air';

We will finish on time; and

'We will have fun!'.

The biggest advantage of doing this is that if someone is talking over another, *anyone* can just point to the rules and say 'This is what we agreed'. It is a gentle way of refocusing that fosters greater group cohesion and respect.

Suggested plan for your group discussion

Catch up – How has everyone's week been?	(10 mins)
Discuss outcomes from the water month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What has changed in your home? Street? • What challenges did people attempt, and how did they go? 	(20 mins)
Review Energy chapter content <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the main thing you gained from the chapter? • Did anything surprise you? • How did you go with the measurements and reading bills? • Compare energy usages. What might contribute to differences in households? 	(25 mins)
Discuss your action plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you want to achieve this month? • What assistance (if any) would you like from others in the street? 	(30 mins)
Explore ideas for action that you could do as a group? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What could you do together that you couldn't do alone? 	(20 mins)
Decide on which challenges you want to try this month.	(10 mins)
Confirm details for the next time you get together.	(5 mins)

For each chapter, there is a suggested meeting plan so that whoever is facilitating feels supported in their role. Each session goes something like this:
 Chat about how our week had been, and how we'd gone with the previous chapter's' challenges;
 Discussion of the current chapter's information;
 Afternoon tea – most important!
 More discussion, and nomination of challenges for the next month; and
 Establishment of details for the next meeting.

The Transition Streets workbook uses education and

My heating and cooling action plan

	Will do	Have Done	N/A
FREE Assess our home's orientation/sun access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FREE Assess our home's insulation levels in roof	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$\$-\$\$\$ Install appropriate insulation in roof space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FREE Assess window orientations and shading needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$-\$\$\$ Install/grow shading on problem windows	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FREE Assess potential for increasing ventilation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FREE Assess draught problems in our home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$-\$\$ Draught-proof windows and doors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$\$-\$\$\$ Draught-proof floors and other openings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FREE Assess for internal window coverings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$\$-\$\$\$ Install curtains/blinds on problem windows	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FREE Reduce heated/cooled area in home (zoning)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FREE Wear warmer clothing inside in winter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FREE Increase/decrease thermostat on air-con	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FREE-\$\$\$ Install/use fan to replace some air-con use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other ideas: _____

challenges to make people think about their unsustainable habits. Some of the challenges have a moderate cost, but most are free or very cheap to do, making them accessible and achievable for everyone.

In my experience, if you can get people questioning and changing these small habits, it can kick start a process of them striving to improve on their last usage bill just that little bit more! Some strengths of this program are that it demonstrates the power of working together, and it gives some hope that we are in control of our future on this planet.

Our group successfully completed the seven sessions in November 2015, just in time to wind up the year with a



street Christmas party! We invited other people from neighbouring streets, and the 3 remaining households, and they all turned up.

A **Beer Brewing** sub-group that had formed during the program, provided the beer and ciders for the afternoon. I felt connected, appreciated and content with my neighbours around me.



We are still meeting up regularly this year, with successful workshops on Kombucha, crochet and knitting, a board games afternoon, a very successful potluck lunch, and a movie night. All events have been well attended and thoroughly enjoyable. In fact, the crochet meeting went an hour and a half over without anyone noticing!

The benefits for my street from participating in the Transition Streets program have been so many that I found it hard to cut the list down! We have had:

- Proper chats with each other that go beyond the weather;
- One neighbour house-sitting for another multiple times;
- Multiple chook-minders for when we go away;
- A compost bin in my front yard that the neighbours can use for their scraps too,
- Excess produce from our gardens is shared around;
- Use of bottled water by one neighbour is for emergencies only now;
- Another neighbour reports that he can pick out from his bill whether they've been turning the microwave off at the wall or not!;
- Plenty of laughs; and
- When neighbours have gone through tough times, they have genuinely been supported.

This last one is the one that confirmed for me, that Transition Streets can actually build stronger communities.

The feedback to me from my group has been that it is the sense of place and belonging that this program develops, that is most valued.

- *“I can be more at ease with people whom I didn’t really know before.”*
- *“It has deepened that sense of community spirit”.*
- *“True friendships have developed because of this program.”*
- *“People help each other now”.*

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There are so many small changes, ripples, that continue to be made in all our lives for the better, because of the Transition Streets program.

This connection to where we live is something that I want to see expand across our city and the world, as I believe that it is a way forward in an increasingly uncertain future. Making changes as individuals is great, but doing it collectively has a magnifying effect.



For me personally, the program has given me hope that I can make a difference, **the confidence** that I have some knowledge and skills to share, and **a framework** through which to approach my life.

I will be forever grateful that I listened to that little voice inside me that spoke up and said *'Transition Streets is what you have been searching for'*.

I am grateful to Charlie Davie, Banyule and Darebin councils for having the foresight to run this program, for free, so that anyone who's passionate about sustainability can find other people who are too.

I am grateful to my family and my neighbours for getting behind me, and embracing this program so whole-heartedly.

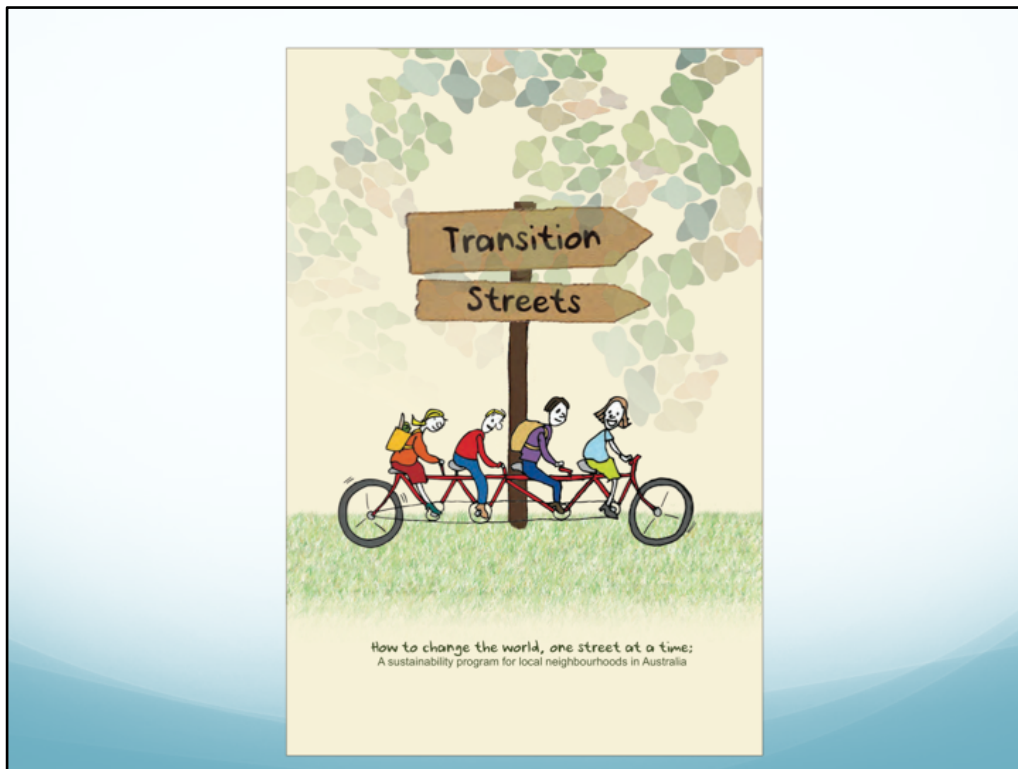
Too often it can feel like you are doing it all alone, and this is how initiatives fall over.

3 Things to Take Home:

- connecting with neighbours can be an antidote to loneliness
- connecting with the place where you live can build community resilience
- connecting to the wider world through a shared vision and purpose

So, three things that I would like you to take away with you are:
connecting with neighbours can be an antidote to loneliness;
connecting with the place where you live can build community resilience;
connecting to the wider world through a shared vision and purpose leads to individuals working together, to make a big difference.

This can start right now, in your communities, if you support



the Transition Streets program.

Thankyou.

Thank you Megan.

I would like to invite you to stand up, have a quick stretch.

Now, I would like you to think about your street. You've heard Megan's story. Picture what you might do if you decided to start a Transition Streets yourself.

You've got 10 seconds of total silence to collect your thoughts.

Ok thanks, you can sit down.

How did that feel? Perhaps some of you started to think how hard it might be for a convenor to start-up a group. Even I who am an extrovert knows how hard it is to knock on my neighbours doors.



That's why we need Transition Groups to support people doing this neighbourhood connecting. Transition is inspiring but it's the people creating their vision together that makes it work. The Convenors need support. They need to come together socially, over a shared meal to talk about their Groups or Streets and learn from each other so that can improve what they're doing or overcome any hiccups.



I was the MC for the launch of the first Transition Streets program and also their celebration at completing the handbook. The launch was exciting. There was a big crowd of people and they had come to the launch event to turn their concerns and convictions into actions. You could feel the anticipation and excitement in the atmosphere. It was amazing.

And the celebration at the end of the program! Wow. What a happy night that was. Each Transition Street gave a small performance about their achievements. It was a party. A party of neighbours who had become friends through Transition.



You have now heard about Transition at Street level, Neighbourhood level and LGA and Global levels.

I'm now going to introduce you to Transition at the State level. Its called Transition Convergence.

There have been several convergences, but the most recent was held at the end of July this year. Transition Convergence brings together people from the Transition groups across Melbourne and country Victoria, and even South Australia this year.



Video

There were many outcomes from the Convergence as people shared and learnt from each other. Indeed, the convergence allowed us to learn what is happening in Transition in our own state.



One big thing that emerged, was that we really need a Transition Hub. A few people turned up to the convergence to get help to start up two new Transition Groups. Thank goodness we had a Convergence, because there was nowhere for them to go for help as we do not have a central or common body with resources or support.

We need a National Transition Hub similar to Hubs in at least 20 other countries and we are already having discussions with Totnes in the UK about this.

This is where we ask Councils to seriously consider supporting the Transition Movement by co-creating with us a Transition Hub. A Hub could help to speed up the spread of Transition throughout Australia.

An online Transition Hub with a skilled paid worker would enable all our LGA groups, suburban groups and street groups to be connected. The hub would be our repository of inspiration, of great ideas, best practice, connections and very importantly, storage of our collective resources such as the manuals, CDs, 'how to's' and so on. It would also enable us to be collectively connected to the global Transition network. Throughout the world there are groups doing amazing things and we can learn and share with them too.

To summarise - Transition is "hope with its sleeves rolled up" and we hope you are as

inspired by Transition as we are.

Pause

Council Supporting Transition

- Include concrete ways for people to get connected at Council events.
- Councils work with Transition to co-create a National Transition Hub.

We have asked for Council support in two ways today:

Firstly - When you organise events we would love you to include concrete ways for people to get connected. This can be through facilitated discussion groups, sharing with those sitting around us in the audience, e-lists or sign-up sheets with local organisations.

Secondly - To facilitate the growth and spread of Transition throughout Victoria and Australia, we ask that Transition and Councils co-create a National Transition Hub.

The return on Transition to Councils, is great.

Transition Streets is a program that can be rolled out in your area collaboratively. If you would like to find out more about the Transition model or existing local groups ... or perhaps how to introduce a Transition Streets program, please talk to Megan, Mary or me after the presentation or contact Transition Banyule. Transition Banyule can provide information about training and workshops for people who would like to explore the possibilities further.

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Transition Streets workbook: download the national version from

<http://transitionnewcastle.org.au/transition-streets-workbooks/>

On behalf of Transition Banyule and all the Transition Groups and Initiatives in Australia and around the world.

Thank You



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Thanks to all volunteers who are part of this story

Thank you

Cr. Mark Di Pasquale
Banyule City Council

“Transition Towns has had impressive growth in Banyule due to its strong community focus and powerful links created by group members. Each group brings diverse skills and interests to the challenge of living more sustainably. Banyule has been pleased to support the great outcomes through its Environmental Sustainability grants program.”

Charlie Davie

Community Leaders in Sustainability Convener

“One of the reasons for Transition’s success in Banyule is that people are nutting out what works for them, not just following a structure put in place somewhere else.”