

Kyneton Transition Hub e-Newsletter

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- Sustainability seminars and workshops
- Walk through our permaculture garden
- Learn about compost tea and get some for your garden or farm
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Join us at the Kyneton Show

Interested in producing your own fruit and vegetables or improving your yields? Would you like to find out how to nourish and improve your soil? Are you on the land and want to work more sustainably? Would you like to see a demonstration permaculture garden? Ask questions about permaculture, soil, composting, compost tea, peak oil and the future?

The Kyneton Transition Hub has an exciting display at this year’s ‘Kyneton Show’ held at the Kyneton Showgrounds on Saturday the 19th November 9am - 5pm. The annual agricultural show attracts farmers and townies alike and is one of Kyneton’s big events of the year.

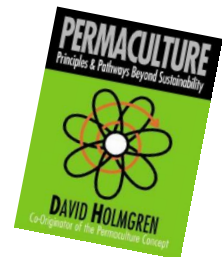
The Kyneton Transition Hub will be showcasing a walk-through permaculture garden and a working Compost Tea Brewer. Both of these are applicable to backyard gardens and large scale farming.

There will also be expert speakers in the Kyneton Transition Hub’s ‘Sustainability Marquee’ giving

talks and answering questions on a variety of topics such as: soil health, composting, worm farms, dams and swales, and peak oil. The sustainability seminars, workshops and displays are supported by a generous grant provided by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

There’s a special plant giveaway for kids with the Kyneton Treasurehunt Showbag, and we’ll have lots of resources on display or available for you to take home. We’ll also have compost tea for sale—it’s like liquid gold for your garden or farm.

All are welcome to come and visit our display at the Show. Seminars start at 10 am. Look for the big teepee to find us!



Kyneton Transition Hub “Official”

The Kyneton Transition Hub team was very excited to be approved as an “official” Transition Initiative in September, the month we first launched. This is an outstanding achievement as it shows our community has all the ingredients to embark on the journey to a lower energy future.

The key requirement to become official was to have an enthusiastic, well-informed and active team to be the core group to start the journey, and we certainly have that.

In the short time we’ve been meeting we have started to work cooperatively with other

Transition initiatives both in Australia and around the world; set up effective communication channels with our local community; and several members have completed Transition Training. We also have one member who has completed permaculture training, and others who plan to do so soon.

The “official” status gives us added support from the Transition Movement, and will help us to support our community more effectively as we actively respond to the challenges ahead of us.

The Kyneton Transition Hub is working together to make our community stronger, happier and more resilient as we deal with the impacts of peak oil and climate change



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KTH has chosen to have strong links with the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group. They have offered their administrative and other support, and we will be working closely together.

Resources and Links

Rob Hopkin's *Transition Towns Handbook*
(available in the Goldfields Library)

Transition Globally

www.transitionnetwork.org/
www.transitionculture.org/ <http://www.futurescenarios.org/>
www.permacultureprinciples.com/
<http://www.youtube.com/user/TransitionTowns>

Transition in Australia

www.transitiontownsaustralia.blogspot.com/
www.transitionsunshinecoast.org/index.php

Local groups

<http://www.mrsgonline.org.au/>
www.transitiontownriddell.org.au/
<http://www.trentham.org.au/community/environment-groups/trentham-sustainability-group>
www.relocalisehepburn.blogspot.com/
www.transitionma.org.au/
<http://www.holmgren.com.au/>

Our Resources

<http://www.librarything.com/profile/kynetontransitionhub>



What's Next?

Malmsbury Fayre

Come and talk to us at the Malmsbury Fayre on Sunday 20th November.

Macedon Ranges Sustainable Living Festival

Look for us at the Sustainable Living Festival on Saturday 11th February in Woodend. There will be compost tea for sale to give your garden a lift, as well as activities and information for all.



Kyneton Showcase

Find out about opportunities to contribute to our great local community at the Kyneton Showcase in March 2012 at the Kyneton Mechanics Institute. Perhaps you'd like to volunteer with the Kyneton Transition Hub or with one of the many other groups that help to build community resilience.

Working Groups

In 2012 we'll be starting to branch out into new areas of Transition such as food and gardening, education, youth, water, health and well-being, transport, and local economy. We'll be looking for foodies, artists, gardeners, educators, fun lovers & many more!

Community Groups

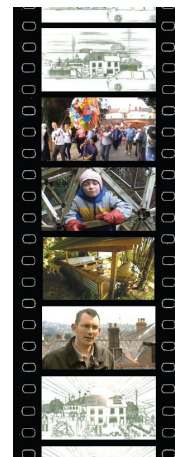
Of course, we will not be starting from scratch, as there are many other groups and individuals active in these areas. So if you or your community group wants to talk to us about your role in the community we would appreciate your experience, wisdom and advice.

In Transition 1.0...

We enjoyed the Transition 1.0 film with an enthusiastic group at our October family film session. This film shows why and how the Transition movement started as a response to climate change and peak oil. The story takes us from its small beginnings in the UK to the current worldwide movement, and even into the future.

There were animated conversations over refreshments after the film as we discussed some of the future possibilities for our own Transition initiative. We were all encouraged as we had a better understanding of where we fit in the bigger picture.

The Kyneton Transition Hub would like to extend a special thank you to the Kyneton Baptist Church for the generous use of their facilities.



DATES TO REMEMBER

November

- Wed 16th:
Core group meeting,
7.30 pm, OLR Primary School, Edgecombe St

- Sat 19th:
Kyneton Show
- Sun 20th:
Malmsbury Fayre

January

- Wed 18th:
Core group meeting,
7.30 pm, TBA

February

- Sat 11th:
Macedon Ranges Sustainable Living Festival, Woodend

- Wed 15th:
Core group meeting,
7.30 pm, OLR Primary School

March

- Wed 21st:
Core group meeting,
7.30 pm, OLR Primary School
- Fri/Sat 23-24th:
Kyneton Showcase,
Kyneton Mechanics Institute