

Tasman Ecovillage Newsletter

November 2022

Village News

This month at the village started off with the arrival of a new home! Shem's house was delivered and installed on the 1st, luckily it arrived while we had some sun as the rain and bad weather that followed afterwards slowed down the installation of the pad for the 215,000 litre water tank on The Hillside, 24 tonnes of 7mm aggregate was delivered last week and the pad base is now ready for the tank to be installed, we can expect the tank to be installed in early December, very exciting! It should also be noted that vehicular access to lots 206 and 207 is now completed!

The Community Dinner Survey has been completed and the results have been compiled on page 3, there has also been a lovely invitation to the next community dinner being held on the 12th of December at 6:00pm, we hope to see everyone there!

A reminder that next months newsletter will be the 2022 re-cap, please send in anything that happened in the village in 2022 that you think needs highlighting! It will also be the 1 year anniversary since I started doing the newsletter!



THANK YOU!

- Thank you to Alan for his latest addition to the newsletter!
- Thank you to Wendy A for organising the community dinner survey!
- Thank you to Sarah R for her rainfall statistics!
- Thank you to Brigid for compiling the survey results for the newsletter!
- Thank you to Ilan for supplying photos and development reports!
- Thank you to Neil R for filling in the holes around the ring road and driveway!

House Keeping

Resident Alan Marshall has very kindly offered to continue doing articles for the newsletter, in this article Alan will be covering House Keeping.

Making things last. Looking after the things we have already got... So that they last longer than a day, a week, a season. We are all grown-up children, always there is something new to learn. Can we teach the growing-up children the same? Our young people are the future owners of this ecovillage, this Earth.

Forward planning, thinking ahead, preparing for eventualities... These are important tasks for preserving family life, and achieving harmony. It takes thoughtfulness and awareness; and it's the little things which can sometimes count the most. A lot of us are already doing these things, the more the merrier.

Garden equipment and tools cost a lot to replace and it's so frustrating when they turn up broken, or rusted, or blunt, or just – don't turn up at all! **That wheel barrow** – needs care and maintenance. Tyre pumped up, wheel bearings oiled, maybe repaired. If it needs attention, let someone know about it or do it yourself, so it's ready for use when it's needed.

A Garden hose, left to be run over by the wheel barrow, can split, leak heavily, wasting water and electricity. Coil it up and hang it up if possible, out of harm's way. Get a joiner and repair it if you are able to, or report it. **Nasty twine or wire** left on the ground, to be hidden when the weeds grow up quickly, can severely damage a whipper snipper's working parts. **Screws, nails, pieces of broken glass, aluminium, steel, old and rusty star pickets**, can puncture lawn mower tyres, get jammed up in the John Deer mower or a slasher's mechanism. All can cause monetary losses, plus costly down time. **When a child, of whatever age**, is taught and disciplined into putting toys, bikes, scooters away after use, out of the rain, protected from being run over by a car wheel, this can be a valuable lesson in sustainability. A sense of ownership and responsibility, thus a sense of belonging, will never go a-miss and likely to last a lifetime.

We can all help each other, just by being aware of their needs, and how those needs relate to our own. Consider it as part-and-parcel of learning to live in community.



The new compost bin will be up and running within the next couple of days. Please observe the new signs, situated closer to Community Garden. Drop your food waste into one of the black dustbins, in the usual way. Exclude plastic wrappers, spoons, anything that will not compost. Replace the lid securely so it does not get blown away. Thank you for caring.

Wishing you all and your families a safe, meaningful and enjoyable Festive Season - Alan

“We have around us numerous natural resources. Used wisely and with care, they can enhance our lives, at little or zero cost to the environment. My interest and focus is on integrating just a few of those resources for domestic use.”
- Alan Marshall

Community Dinner Survey Results

The results of The Community Dinner Survey were as follows:

Of 20 respondents -

50% opted for once a month with 20% choosing once a week and 20% choosing occasionally.

Almost 60% opted for Monday although Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday were close with about 50% choosing those.

The last two questions had very clear results -

70% opted for an evening meal, and

Over 70% choose a pot luck meal.

Thanks to everyone who responded! Looking at the TEV calendar it seems the second Monday of each month might work best, please come to the next community dinner on Monday at 6:00pm on the 12th of December!

It's okay if you don't cook - there is always plenty of food to share and the garden group might showcase some of their produce in a surprise dish!



FOR SALE BY OWNER: LOT 307, Tasman Ecovillage, Nubeena, Tasmania, Australia. \$76 000 AUD

At a time when affordable land and tiny homes are becoming both an economic necessity and increasingly attractive way to live, Tiny Lot 7 (TL7 as it is fondly known), is being offered for sale in an active ecovillage in Southern Tasmania.

Lot 307 (177m²), in Pod C of the Tasman Ecovillage, Nubeena, (tasmanecovillage.org.au), Tasmania, is a strata title holding with Body Corporate ownership also in Lot 0 (common land and infrastructure: water, roads, gardens, orchards and kitchen, exercise room with gym and including sauna, meeting rooms and other communal areas including BBQ and children's play area).

Lot 307 is in the quieter corner of the ecovillage, overlooking common land down in the gully where the creek runs year round. There are ocean glimpses out over the bay, a walking track down into Nubeena and access to the wilder parts of the ecovillage and out into the hills of the Tasman Peninsula (Tarakana).

A portable, recycled shipping container (6m x 2.4m), well insulated with sliding picture windows at either end (north facing at one end), southern overlooking the gully common land, with wooden lined interior and front deck is part of the infrastructure on Lot 307. Two portable sheds (3m x 1.5m) with insulated flooring provide an extension to the container, either for storage or as a galley. Other infrastructure includes 2 bays with active compost generation, mains electricity to a box on the lot and running water ready to be piped on site. A 5000L water tank, guttering and other building materials are ready to be used on the lot and are also included in the price.

At the moment, TL7 is to be sold as is, including furniture. This gives the opportunity for the buyer to move in directly or rent the property out immediately. Any permanent building requires local planning permission from Tasman Council and the Body Corporate for any permanent structures that are to be built. A hardcore driveway to TL7 and levelled parking area for a van is currently on the site and the lot has a stand of beautiful native trees and bushes in the middle of it, giving privacy, shade from sun, shelter from wind and a natural aspect. Currently, over half the lot is open and not built upon, giving scope to extend the container studio or build something more permanent.

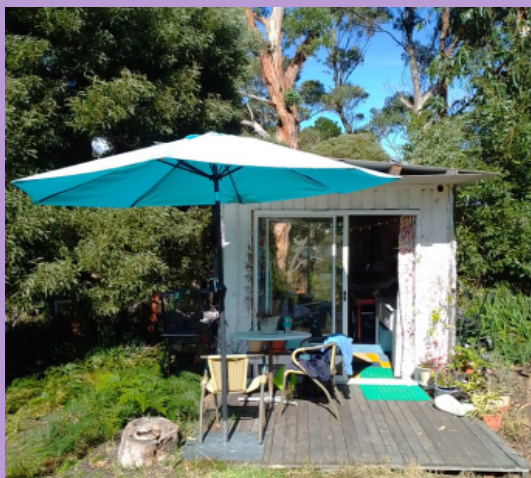
Fruit trees and bushes are planted on the lot with the vision of a forest garden. TL7 was chosen because of its proximity to the shared community garden, where a goodly proportion of vegetables and fruit, chickens and flowering plants are being grown. There is use of a large hothouse for all year growing in the community garden and compost heaps for soil generation. Residents are encouraged to join in with the garden group and assist with food production.

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Facebook Pages & Groups

- Tasman Notice-board (Tasmania, Australia)
- Dunalley Tasman Neighbourhood House Inc
- Country Women's Association in Tasmania (Inc)
- White Beach Coast Care
- Waterfalls of Tasmania
- Tasmanian Fungi
- Aurora Australis Tasmania
- Whale Spotting Tasmania
- Field Naturalists of Tasmania
- Bioluminescence Tasmania
- Tasmania Photography Group



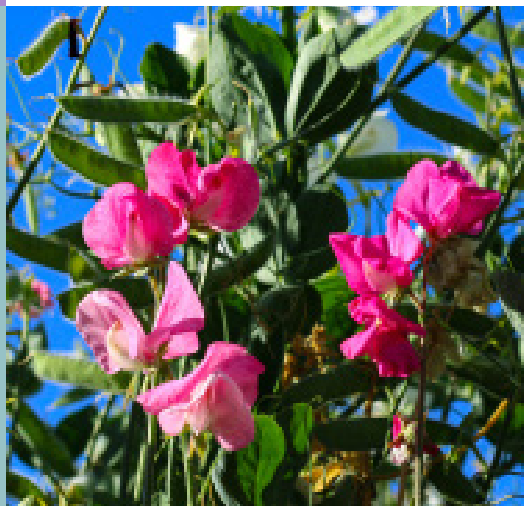
Local Information & Resources

We have so much information on the local area and many local resources and attractions available to us here on the Tasman Peninsula or Turrakana. Beauty and natural diversity surround us including waterfalls, deep sea caves, rugged coastlines, 300 metre high sea cliffs, blowholes, caves, tessalated rock formations and heritage listed convict sites.

Turrakana is also home to many animals including brush tail possums, wallabies, wombats, bandicoots, sea eagles, Australian fur seals, penguins, dolphins, migrating whales, endangered swift parrots and endangered wedge-tailed eagles.

RAINFALL STATISTIC NOVEMBER

In October we had 17 days without rain, our highest rainfall on a single day was 34ml and the total rainfall for the month was 117ml.



IN DECEMBER PLANT...

Artichoke, Asian Brassicas, Asian Root Vegetables, Asparagus, Beetroot, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Capsicum, Carrot, Cauliflower, Celery, Climbing Beans, Cucumber, Eggplant, Kale, Leek, Lettuce, Onion, Parsnip, Pumpkin, Radish, Rhubarb, Silverbeet, Spinach, Swede, Sweetcorn, Tomato, Turnips, Winter Squash, Zucchini.

Tasman Ecovillage Events DECEMBER 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
00	00	00	01	02 Fat Beets 2:30pm - 4:30pm Earth Wall Building Workshop	03 Earth Wall Building Workshop	04 Earth Wall Building Workshop
05 Discussion Forum 2pm - 4pm	06	07	08	09 Fat Beets 2:30pm - 4:30pm	10	11
12 Community Dinner 6:00pm	13	14	15 Fat Beets Shared Lunch 11:30am Fat Beets Food Hub AGM 1:00pm	16 Fat Beets 2:30pm - 4:30pm	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Fat Beets 2:30pm - 4:30pm	24	25 TEVA Meeting 10am - 12pm
26	27	28	29	30 Fat Beets 2:30pm - 4:30pm	31	00

Businesses in the Village



Baking by Hannah
Sweets and baked goods made with love (and sugar!) to order.



Webilicious
Websites that work well on all devices and browsers.



Fat Beets
Operating since 2017, volunteers have been connecting locals to local produce, making the Tasman Peninsula happier and healthier!



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