



Tasman Ecovillage Newsletter 2021

WELCOME

Welcome to the new members that joined us this year!

- Sunil & Family
- Shem Arnon
- Sharada & Tony
- Ann & Ronald
- Emma, Jason & Family
- Samora
- Brigid
- Sylosz
- Richard
- Patrick
- Antoinette

And welcome back to the eco-village:

- Tony
- Peter

Village News

So, 2021, what happened at the Tasman Ecovillage?

- Power and water infrastructure was completed in Pod B.
- Ilan was successful in his grant application to install an Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station.
- 6 fully operational water access points were installed around the ring road, these can be used for firefighting which is great coming into the fire season.
- Power was connected on TEV West.
- Construction of a house has commenced on Lot 302, congratulations Stephen!
- Construction of a house has commenced on Lot 311, congratulations Sara!
- Orders are placed for homes to be built on lots 310 and 210, congratulations Shem and Brigid!



The Recreation Room was repaired and cleaned, making it a usable space once again. It has been great having another space that meetings and other events can be held in. Thank you to Andy, Ilan, David N and Stephen for doing the repairs!



A large tree trunk in Pod B was cut into two pieces and then carved (with a chain-saw) into two seats, the area around it was cleared and cleaned. How great will it be to have a community sitting area in Pod B? Do you have any thoughts on how we could beautify the area?

Events

- The Tasman Ecovillage had it's 8th birthday!
- John, from the Tasman Council, led a weed management walk that covered TEV and the Hillside. Thanks John!
- Stephen organised and ran two Water Security and Fire Protection workshops. Thanks Stephen!
- Sara West presented her research on Ecovillage Membership and Governance, which compared nine Australian and New Zealand strata title ecovillages (including TEV). Thanks Sara!



Construction of a house has commenced on Lot 211, congratulations Ilan!



An art studio has been created on Lot 307, congratulations Jen!



A house on Lot 110 was completed, congratulations Catherine and Robert!



Improvements have been made to the roads, including spoon drains, a culvert and extensions down to pod B.



An entrance room extension has been added to the house on Lot 108, congratulations to the Robertson family!



Our water storage capacity was increased when Lot 14 installed a new 23,398 litre stainless steel tank, thank you Sharada and Tony! A new pipe was also installed so that the overflow from the new tank, along with the rainwater from Units 6 and 7 is now directed to Tank 4 which overflowed during the spring rains!

Body Corporate

- A new Strata Manager has been appointed, welcome to the Tasman Ecovillage team Joshua!
- Our insurance cover has been increased and now includes new private dwellings, this means that owners who were paying their own insurance no longer have to do so.

TEVA Committee

What happened within the TEVA Management Committee this year?

- The mailing lists have been restricted to official use in an effort to improve community harmony.
- The Discussion Forum (originally known as the Discussion Circle) is returning after a break, it was decided by the community members that came to the most recent Discussion Forum what the guidelines recommended for each Discussion Forum would be. It was also decided that the Discussion Forum will continue to be held on the first Wednesday of every month, with a “topics to be discussed” form remaining in The Breezeway.
- Sara West introduced the Coloured Card System for discussion, decision making and increased efficiency. This is now used in most meetings and discussions, however, it should be noted that it is up to the discretion of the facilitator of any given meeting or discussion if they wish to use the coloured card system or not.
- Meetings are now being recorded, the recordings are uploaded to the website and are available to all members.
- A camera and speaker have been purchased to allow meetings and workshops to be easily accessible by offsite members through Zoom.

THANK YOU!

- Thank you to Sara, Dave F, Neil and Alan for serving on the Body Corporate Management Committee this year.
- Thank you to Benjamin for building a machine shed to store the Body Corporate machines and tools.
- Thank you to Alan and Hannah F who have been collecting the mail from the Post Office and delivering it to the Community Kitchen this year.
- Thank you to Hannah F and Jenefer who have been checking and responding to incoming emails via the info@tasmanecovillage.org.au email address this year.
- Thank you to Ilan, Andy and Alan who repaired the bridge across the creek, it is now safe to walk over.
- Thank you to all our circle coordinators and volunteers who have helped at various times during the year, especially with the mowing, whipper snipping and brush cutting.
- Thank you to Sharada and Tony for providing the Wellbeing Centre for many of our meetings, gatherings and events.
- Thank you to Neil for keeping our website updated and running smoothly.
- Thank you to Patrick, Yoga, Dale, Ian K and Ian P for all of your help developing the Ecovillage.
- Thank you to Miles D for all of the work you put into the grounds at the Ecovillage, especially our beautiful orchard.