

# Tasman Ecovillage Newsletter

October 2022

## Village News

The month of October has been bustling at the village, with a visit from Andrew Olivier, who touched base on the Five Pillars of Ecovillage Resilience and supplied a survey which you can see a preview of on pages 6-7 and download from the recently sent out email, the sale of lot 307 (sale advertisement on pages 3-4) and the planting of 8 grapevines in the community garden by fellow community members Jesse, Brigid, Sylosz, Beverly, Catherine and Catherine's friend Gaye who was visiting from Launceston.

Preparation for the 215kl water tank has begun and a 13 meters diameter pad on the Hillside is under construction, the water tank is scheduled to be delivered on the 14th of November and the intention is to have the tank filled up with water before the end of the year in readiness for summer, it's been a long time coming! With the addition of the water tank at a higher altitude than the ecovillage, we now have the opportunity for gravity-fed water! No more buckets in the toilet when the power goes out!



## THANK YOU!

- Thank you to Alan for his latest addition to the newsletter!
- Thank you to Sarah R for her rainfall statistics!
- Thank you to Ilan for supplying photos and development reports!
- Thank you to Andrew Olivier for his Five Pillars Survey and planned workshop!
- Thank you to Hannah C for feeding the fish in the community orchard!
- Thank you to Jesse B for all his volunteer work around the village!

## Considering The Future

Resident Alan Marshall has very kindly offered to continue doing articles for the newsletter, in this article Alan will be considering the possible future for the Tasman Ecovillage.

Dear Villagers,  
Please bear with me for a moment.

Can you imagine yourself actually living in an Eco Village which is more than just a name? A village in which each person, individually, consciously, creates minimal garbage; throws out close to zero waste? Can you imagine those GREEN-topped wheelie bins containing NO garbage that will ultimately be buried in the ground, waiting for someone in 1000s of years' time to find and wonder... What sort of people were they, back then?

Imagine that, here on Tasman Peninsula, much of what was brought here by truck, or ship, or plane... Or in someone's pocket... Gets to stay here, to be used and re-used, time after time again, rarely thrown out as being no longer of any consequence.

Think of the soil, which has been generated over millions of years, being enhanced and allowed to grow as a living organism, simply by us intelligent humans feeding it with lots of nourishing biomass. Think of the lovely fresh food we will be growing and eating.

Ask yourself this:

- "Can I imagine myself being an important, conscientious player in this wonderful concept that has become a reality?"
  - "If I spend just 2 extra minutes making sure I separate my garbage into recyclable and non-recyclable components, will this give me a sense of 'doing it right?' How will I feel about doing this?"
  - "What if I just make sure that all of my Glad Wrap, plastic shopping bags and chocolate bar wrappers get thrown into the RED-TOPPED bin? Will I be able to make a difference?"
  - "Can I spare just a minute or so rinsing and flattening my Soy Milk carton, before it goes into the GREEN-TOPPED wheelie bin, so that it doesn't get filled up by the end of two weeks, preventing my neighbours from adding their recyclables?"
  - "Can I feel concerned about what I do and how I do it? Will I then give myself a pat on the back? Can I feel concerned at all? Does any of it matter? Of course, it does. What I do matters."
  - "What's more, I just love the fact that, when I separate all my cardboard boxes and cartons into the correct area, it will get re-used very effectively, either by being sent to the Transfer Station for making into more cardboard – thus creating employment – or it will become compost for the soil."
  - "In fact, you know, I actually feel really cool living in this village. It's alive, really great people and it's my home. I'm proud of it!"
- Happy days and weeks and years, fellow villagers!

*Dare to Dream*

"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



## 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 (177m<sup>2</sup>), in Pod C of the Tasman Ecovillage, Nubeena, ([tasmanecovillage.org.au](http://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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## Five Pillars of Ecovillage Resilience

This has a poll – please complete and return to the TEVA secretary by the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2022

*Large Developed World Ecovillages who have survived for more than 3 decades have the following five commonalities, or central pillars.*

**Pillar 1: A shared central vision and lived values** - Basic Eco-community requirements are stated (or not). These assume food, water, energy and environmental social security. Common values of respect, care, kindness and service provide community glue. Governance coherence is achieved through shared vision, reinforced through values – “*is my behaviour and actions moving us towards our vision?*” “*Am I living what we stand for?*” and conflict resolution systems. Transparent decision making and a clear outreach purpose beyond eco-living is often articulated and forms the central vision.

**A community owned economic engine** benefits the community and the surrounding eco-systems, which reflect the community value systems. The economic engine is linked to purpose, often aimed to achieve a circular economy or at least the lowest possible carbon footprint. The five pillars create a virtuous circle and continually reinforce one another, the pillars produce revenue, offer employment to the community, volunteering opportunities and open the ecovillage to the larger energy forces.

### Pillar 2: Growing

- Community food gardens to supply industrial community kitchen
- Permaculture and organic
- Commercial farms / crops / market orientated produce
- Open to individual enterprises offering associated services / products / support
- Managed by circle, using paid community roles and volunteers

### Pillar 3: Eating

- Community owned café
- Community owned restaurant / dining room / community center
- Meals for delegates, visitors, community vouchers for volunteers
- Co-op shop for sale to general public
- Open to individual enterprises offering associated services / products / support
- Managed by circle, using paid community roles and volunteers

### Pillar 4: Sleeping

- Continuum of accommodation from shared luxury rooms and cottages to communal sleeping spaces
- Purpose built accommodation / guest house / rentals / units / granny flats
- Transport to airport / city / tours
- Glamping
- Managed by circle, using paid community roles and volunteers

### Pillar 5: Learning

- Community college / learning center
- Variety of courses linked to Vision
- Course developed by community and external aligned vendors - (health and healing, permaculture, building, writing, art therapy, dance, transformation, sustainability, spiritual practices, poetry, EDE etc.)
- Course for corporate market segment
- Market segments targeted through link to vision, but not exclusive
- Workshops adhere to the values of the community
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### Governance Required

Clear decision-making mandate - each circle has aim and domain. Reports to Steering Circle (or other community body *as required*).

- ✚ Steering Circle with double links to each team
- ✚ Circle with Team Leader for the pillars of Grow, Eat, Sleep and Learn
- ✚ Circle with Team Leader for finance, booking and accommodation and marketing

The objective is to get some runs on the board with easy wins - a six-month action plan within a one year overall desired outcome plan. Reassess, reset milestones and outcomes for year 2.

### **NEXT STEPS** - Snap Poll for TEVA members. If not a TEVA member, please join.

1. Are you interested in seeing TEV transform into a thriving ecovillage with the five pillars or equivalent?

YES ☐ or NO ☐

2. Are you willing to commit to a weekend workshop on clarifying/refreshing the vision/intent for TEV? A preliminary date of December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 2022.

YES ☐ or NO ☐

3. Would you be willing to be involved in the first six months journey as a volunteer?

YES ☐ or NO ☐

If YES, then;

4. Which team / circle interests you?

GROW ☐      EAT ☐      SLEEP ☐      LEARN ☐      LOGISTIC SUPPORT ☐

Thank you!

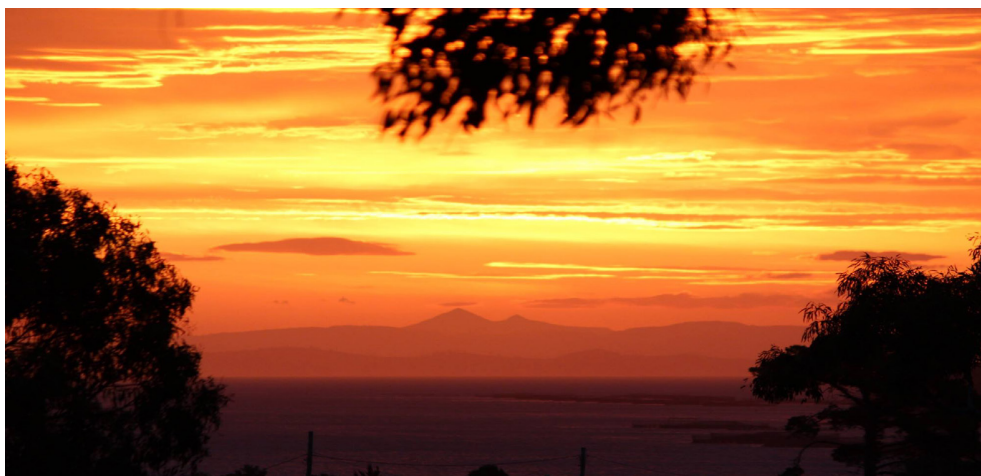
### Some Ecovillages Studied

[Nashira](#) – Colombia | Intent: home for vulnerable women | Population 400 - established 2003 | Winner of the Hilda Jackson Award 2018.  
[Damanhur](#) – Italy | Intent: spiritual, health, art, new world | Population 1,200 - established 1977.  
[Findhorn](#) – Scotland | Intent: spirituality, transformation, city of light | Population 450 - established 1962.  
[Auroville](#) – India | Intent: city of light | Population 3800 - established 1968.  
[Heil Haus](#) – Germany | Intent: celebrate birth, life and death | Population 350 - established 1980.  
[Tholekgo](#) – South Africa | Intent: permaculture, collaboration, ubuntu | Population 65 - established 1986.  
[Narara](#) – Australia | Intent: demonstration ecovillage | Population 175 - established 2013.  
[Earthsong](#) – New Zealand | Intent: facilitate cohousing | Population 67 - established 1995.



## 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



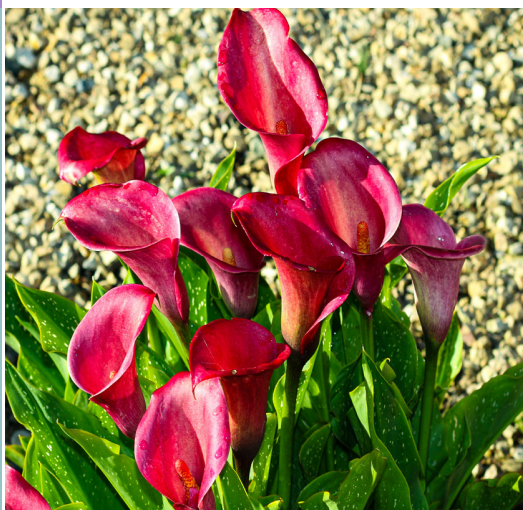
## Local Information & Resources

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 OCTOBER

In October we had 12 days without rain, our highest rainfall on a single day was 18ml and the total rainfall for the month was 101ml.



## IN NOVEMBER PLANT...

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

# Tasman Ecovillage Events NOVEMBER 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
00	01	02	03	04 Fat Beets 2:30pm - 4:30pm	05	06
07 Discussion Forum 2pm - 4pm	08	09	10	11 Fat Beets 2:30pm - 4:30pm	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Fat Beets 2:30pm - 4:30pm	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Fat Beets 2:30pm - 4:30pm	26	27 TEVA Meeting 10am - 12pm
28	29	30	00	00	00	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!



Advertise your business here...