

Tasman Ecovillage Newsletter

January 2023

Village News

The first month of 2023 has been a very busy one! Starting with the installation of the new water tank on the hillside being completed and the installation of 400m of pipe from the creek and 100m of electrical cable connecting a new pump from the creek the tank is now full of water and holding 215,000lt.

Adjacent to the tank a new pad is being constructed to accommodate a smaller tank with a capacity of 109,000lt, it will be dedicated for the TEV West development and is due to arrive in a couple of weeks!



We had our first Common Garden Working Bee of the year with 3 more already scheduled, Sylosz Jane had this to say: "Thanks to everyone who participated in the working bee on Monday. The entrance gardens are looking cared for once again. Sharing Hannah's Japanese Ogura cake was a delicious way to end a happy and productive morning. Thank you Hannah.

The next working bee is on Tuesday the 14th of February, 9am to 11am. Meet outside the Shed.

Followed by tea and cake/biscuits.

Thanks for your participation.

Sylosz Jane, garden volunteer coordinator."



The 3 large piles of fire wood and a large burn pile of scrub that were in the village centre for a number of years have been cleared and a log splitter is now on site, a working bee will be called in the next few days to split the wood and stack it alongside the community garden fence so keep an eye on your inbox if you want to participate.

A big thank you to Ilan for organising and overseeing this!





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A car parking area for Brigid and Sylosz Jane on the bottom of Pod B has been completed, I'm sure they are both very happy!

Lots of appreciation to Ilan for taking the time to show Sylosz Jane, Ashley and Brigid the ecovillage water systems and sharing his knowledge, the more people that are aware, the safer our community will be if there is a crisis!

The construction of the Wellbeing Centre is well underway with cladding on the west done and a coat of paint scheduled soon, it is set to be fully constructed sometime in March, Sharada had this to say:

"We are so excited to be able to offer the first 24 Unit EESystem Bio Scalar Technology here in our wellbeing centre in Nubeena"
Very exciting stuff!

That's about everything for this month, as always any contribution to the newsletter such as photos or articles are greatly appreciated, the deadline for the February newsletter is the 26th, please have any contributions emailed to newsletter@tasmanecovillage.org.au by the previously mentioned date, thank you everyone and see you next month!



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 contributing to the newsletter this month!
- Thank you to Sylosz Jane for contributing to the newsletter this month!
- Thank you to Sharada for contributing to the newsletter this month!
- Thank you to all of the hidden contributors that I missed!

Ecovillage Update

Resident Alan Marshall has very kindly offered to continue doing articles for the newsletter, in this article Alan will be giving us an update on somethings in the ecovillage.

Hi everyone, welcome back as the Festive Season is now behind us once again. The Planting and the Growing Seasons are also in the rear vision mirror now, as we look hopefully towards Ripening then Harvesting through the autumn. We have been very fortunate down here on the Peninsula, still lots of greenery, although everywhere can and probably will dry up quite quickly now. So, it's imperative we keep vigilant and help to prevent disastrous fires happening. Hot winds can dry everything so it easily becomes flammable.

Just a short report this month. A few previous efforts are proving successful. That small garden bed where I planted cos lettuce, shows clearly how much cooler and more moist the soil can be, simply by applying a thick layer of mulch (dried weeds) all over. I have harvested some of the lettuce already. The old potatoes which Sharada gave me for planting are ready for harvest. Dutch cream, I think. Lots of green crops are there for the picking. Several members of our gardening enthusiasts, Bev, Brigid, Catherine and Sharada, a big thank you.

The chooks are doing fine, although some of you might get irritated by His Lordship The Rooster shouting at the top of his voice that one of his mistresses has laid an egg! He's a beautiful bird. One of them laid a double-yolker yesterday. I hope Tazi's Zarik enjoyed it!

The new compost facility is functioning really well, with thermophilic temperature reaching 60°C+ most of the time. By the way, in case you wonder, this temperature is not caused by the sun. It's caused by biodiversity within the compost heap, in a process similar to what occurs in our bellies. Bacteria, fungi and other micro-organisms metabolise the sugars, etc., and that is what produces heat. Sure, if the weather is colder, more heat can be lost to the atmosphere, but good insulation with hay helps to reduce that loss. So much heating within the compost can make it very dry. This, in a hay stack, for example, can lead to spontaneous combustion and a big fire! We are sure to add just the right amount of water to our compost, which prevents this happening. Big thanks to Maria Teerman, for her assistance in managing the compost.

Wishing you all good health and safety.

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

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 JANUARY

In January we had 26 days without rain, our highest rainfall on a single day was 12.5ml and the total rainfall for the month was 26ml.



IN FEBRUARY PLANT...

Asian Roots, Beetroot, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Carrot, Cauliflower, Celery, Chinese Brassicas, Kale, Leek, Lettuce, Parsnip, Silverbeet, Spring Onion, Turnip, Winter Cabbage.

Tasman Ecovillage Events FEBRUARY 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
00	00	01	02	03 Fat Beets 2:30pm - 4:30pm	04	05
06 Discussion Forum 2pm - 4pm	07	08	09	10 Fat Beets 2:30pm - 4:30pm	11	12
13 Community Dinner 6:00pm	14	15	16	17 Fat Beets 2:30pm - 4:30pm	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Fat Beets 2:30pm - 4:30pm	25 Koonya Garlic Festival	26 TEVA Meeting 10am - 12pm
27	28	00	00	00	00	00



- *Organic wholefoods and fresh seasonal local produce
- *Order online from Monday to Wednesday
- *Collect on Friday from Tasman Ecovillage, Nubeena

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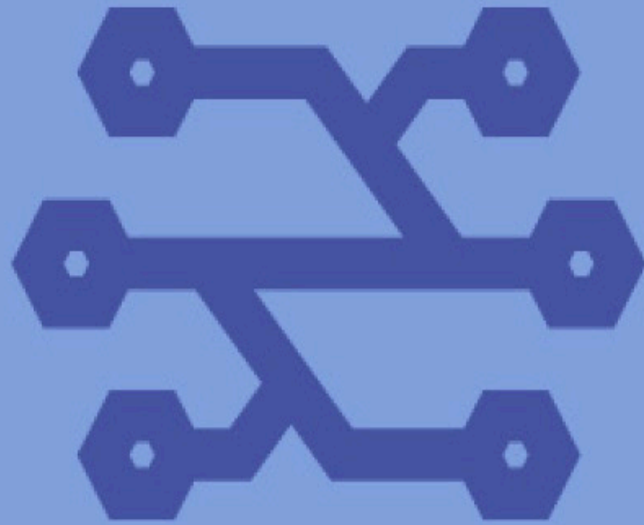
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