



Tasman Ecovillage Newsletter

April 2022

Village News

It has been a very quiet month in the ecovillage due to the recent spike in COVID cases, this seems like a good time to remind everyone to be safe and to follow the current COVID guidelines on the official government website, for those of us not currently in isolation there has been progress on the 3 houses at various stages of completion in pod C and lot 310 recently had its concrete foundation poured in preparation for the arrival of another house further down the line!



3 houses being built in pod C



Lot 310 having it's foundation poured

THANK YOU!

- Thank you to everyone helping the villagers in isolation!
- Thank you to those in isolation following the safety protocols!

- Thank you to Alan for his latest edition to the newsletter!

- Thank you to Ilan for supplying some photos for the newsletter!

Kitchen Grey Water

Resident Alan Marshall has very kindly offered to do an article series based around our natural resources and ways of using them to enhance our lives without causing damage to the surrounding environment, in this month's article Alan will be covering Kitchen Grey Water.

After a week of isolation due to COVID-19 I am a bit late this week, but let's look at Kitchen Grey Water.

First, differentiate between general and kitchen grey water. General includes from the shower and laundry, which are presumed to potentially carry organisms such as E.coli and other organisms of concern.

In my situation, that goes down the drain. Kitchen is presumed not to contain such organisms. The worst possible scenario might be if you have cleaned raw meat in the kitchen sink, which should also go down the drain to the sewer.

Normally, kitchen grey water can either be a problem, because of fats, grease and an overload of detergent. Or, it can be a valuable asset if it's treated right.

How do I reduce the problematic contents of my kitchen grey water?

- By using rain water
- Wiping greasy plates with small piece of tissue and putting that in the compost
- Washing plates in cold water first, then very hot water with tiny amount of detergent
- Half a bowl of water each wash or rinse is more than adequate

I then carry the bowl of grey water outside and pour it into my mulch filter. Within the mulch are worms and many other micro and macro organisms. They deal with the solids suspended in that grey water. They eat it! (With such a small amount of detergent used, the worms do not mind it.)

The semi-filtered water then passes down into my Azolla pond, where another selection of organisms liquify and decompose any solids which get past the mulch and munchers.

Water that has been thus circulated through the Azolla pond becomes laden with nutrients which are valuable for plants and soil fertility. This is the only water I normally need for use on my garden.

It's designed to conserve water, especially in times of low rainfall and fits in nicely to my integrated system of ecological responsibility.

The benefits are: Azolla for harvesting; happy chooks (they love Azolla as a food supplement); mulch for soil additive; and a thriving lemon-y sorrel plant growing in the mulch filter; nutrient rich water for the garden; less waste of water; and something no money can buy – a sense of satisfaction!

By the way, please think about this: Detergent or soap is not the “cleaner.” Water is the cleaner. Wishing you happy days at the kitchen sink.

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

Pest Control & Secondary Poisoning

An important message from the Staghorn Wildlife Shelter:

With the cooler weather creeping up, everybody would have noticed the increase of rats and mice playing football in the ceiling, inside and outside the house. So if you have a rodent problem, before you go buy some rat bait STOP and have a look at what you are buying, as there is so many types out there on the market. The safest solution would be traps, but sometimes you need that extra help with bait, so I'm going to go through them so you get the ones that will not cause secondary poisoning, saving our wildlife and loved pets. The safest poison contains Couramins with WARFARIN or COUMATETRALYL. Coumatetralyl (RACUMIN) is metabolised quickly so dead rodents carry very little residue, this decreases the risk of secondary poisoning to pets and wildlife who may eat the dying or dead rodents. Poisons that can cause secondary poisoning contain Couramins with BRODIFACOUM, BROMADIOLONE, DIFENACOUM, DIFETHIALONE and FLOROUMAFEN. These secondary poisons are a highly lethal poison, taking longer to break down, and longer to die so rodents consume more poison and are more susceptible to be captured by predators. So if you must use bait please before purchasing get the right one. If they haven't got it, get them to order it in. Please share this page if just one person is educated and buy the right poison, it could save our wildlife or your pets.

Thank you

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.



IN MAY PLANT...

Asian Brassicas, Asian Root Crops, Broadbeans, Broccoli, Chives, Garlic, Green Manure Crops, Japanese Turnip, Shallots, Spinach, Spring Onions, Winter Lettuce.

Tasman Ecovillage Events MAY 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
00	00	00	00	00	00	01
02	03 Fat Beets 4pm - 6pm	04 Discussion Forum 10am - 12pm	05	06	07	08
09	10 Fat Beets 4pm - 6pm Fat Beets Shared Meal 6pm - 7pm	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Fat Beets 4pm - 6pm	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Fat Beets 4pm - 6pm	25	26	27	28	29 TEVA Meeting 10am - 12pm
30	31 Fat Beets 4pm - 6pm	00	00	00	00	00

Businesses in the Village



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devices and browsers.



Baking by Hannah
Sweets and baked goods made
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