

TTR Project Groups

Are you interested in local self-reliance, meeting like-minded people, learning new skills and saving money?

Think about joining one of our project groups

Food

Riddells Creek Food Gardeners

- email Jo jbidwell@tpg.com.au
 - register at the Neighbourhood House.
- Riddells Creek Seed Savers*
- RC Neighbourhood House, 7:30pm, 3rd Monday of each month
 - Lyn G 5428 6558

Nature Strip Food Gardens

- David Laurie 5428 6625

Waste Reduction

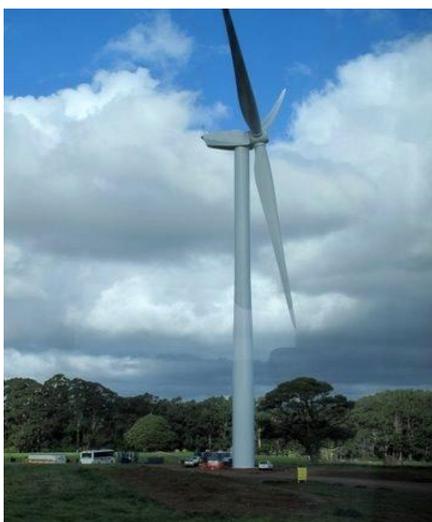
Unwanted Goods Exchange

- Margaret and Robert Blair 5428 7033

Renewable Energy

Community Wind Farm, Solar Power

- Lyn H 5428 6940
- Biodigester Facility*
- David Bruce 5428 7673



Resources

Rob Hopkins—The Transition Handbook (available Goldfields Libraries, Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House)

Rob Hopkins—The Transition Companion

David Holmgren—Permaculture: Principles & Pathways Beyond Sustainability

Richard Heinberg—Peak Everything

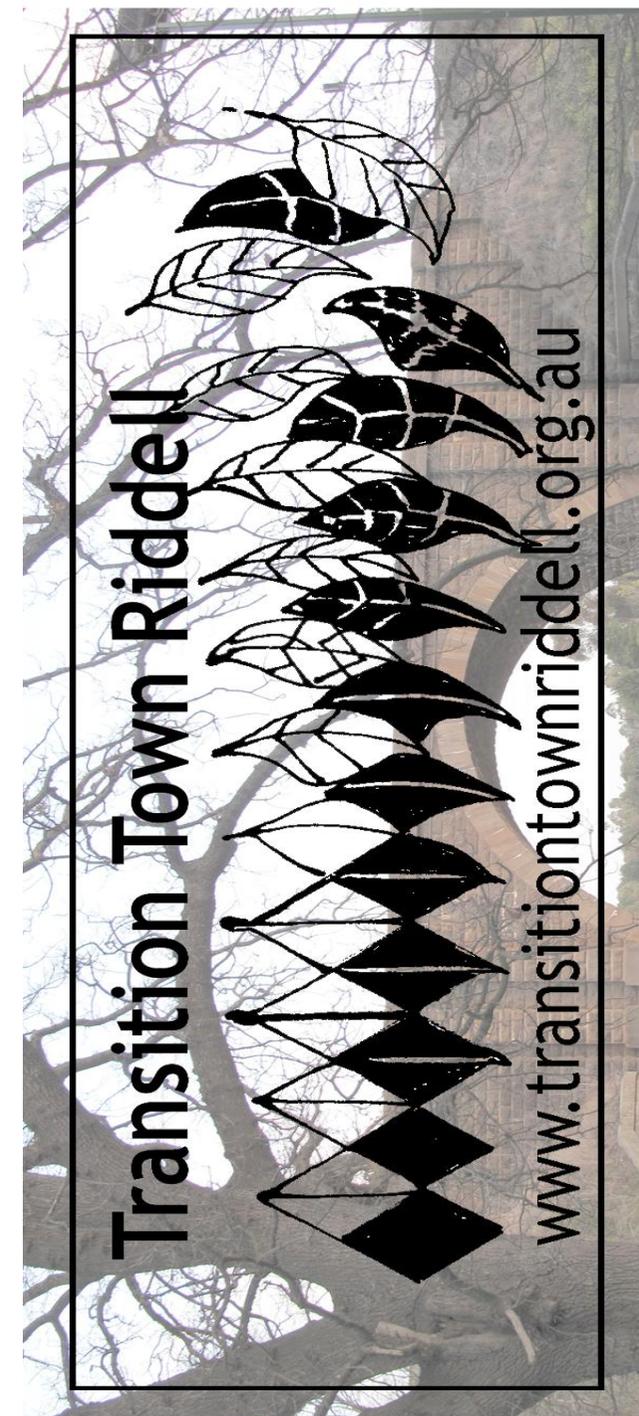
Stephan Harding—Animate Earth (explains the principles underlying climate science)

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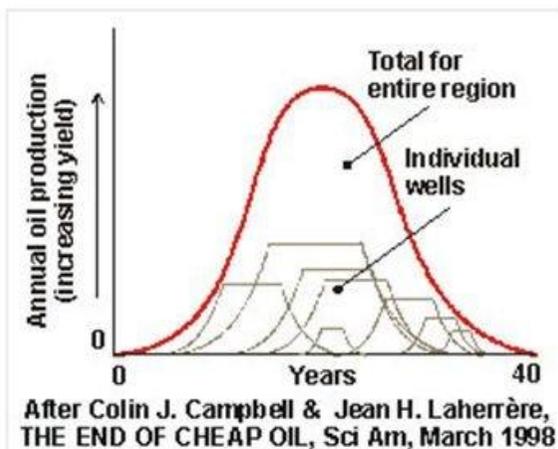


What is Transition?

“Transition” refers to the change from heavily oil-dependent living to a more energy-efficient, sustainable way of life.. The Transition Network supports community-led responses to the twin issues of climate change and shrinking supplies of cheap energy; these responses build community resilience and happiness and local economies.

The lives most of us lead at present are only possible because of the ready availability of cheap oil, not just because of the amount of travel we do, but also the distance much of our food and other consumer goods travel, eg asparagus from Peru in winter and cheap clothes and household goods from China. In fact most of those clothes are made from oil, as are cosmetics, cleaning products, plastics and countless other goods. Such goods will no longer be affordable when oil prices rise.

The age of cheap oil is coming to a close. Oil discoveries peaked in 1965, and the International Energy Agency has stated that oil production peaked in 2006.



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So what do we do to prepare ourselves for the inevitable changes?

This is where the Transition movement comes in. Communities which produce most of their basic needs locally will be in a much better position to weather the changes ahead. These basic needs include food, textiles, building materials, energy, water and firewood. Relocalisation leads to greater local employment opportunities and communities which are more resilient materially and socially.

Where is it happening?

The Transition Town movement began in Britain in 2005 with Transition Town Totnes. Initiator Rob Hopkins was inspired by Permaculture co-founder David Holmgren's expansion of the Permaculture concept to all aspects of human living. Permaculture aims to develop sustainable human settlements.

As of late 2011, there were 900 registered Transition Initiatives worldwide in 34 countries, including 63 in Australia.

The Municipal Association of Victoria is supporting councils in working with Transition Towns through its 'Councils and Communities in Transition' (CACIT) program.

The idea of major change can be daunting to contemplate, but the Transition Town approach is positive and inspiring, with many success stories to spur us on. Communities which have become involved have found that community cohesion and personal satisfaction are enhanced.

Transition Town Riddell

In mid 2009, 6 of us formed a Transition Initiating Group and 3 of us did the 2-day Training for Transition course. Our first task was to raise awareness of the issues and why and how we must change, which we've done through films, speakers and Rod Quantock's live shows.

In March 2011 we combined with our monthly Farmers Market to hold a Local Food Fair, with speakers, demonstrations of preparing and preserving locally grown food and a local lunch sourced from local ingredients. David Holmgren was one of our speakers and he officially "unleashed" Transition Town Riddell.

The next step was to form project groups., while continuing to raise awareness in the community of the issues and the solutions.



Local chef Deb Murray demonstrates cooking produce from Farmers Market stalls