

Transition Shire News

August—September 2010

Transition Diary

Saturday, 2nd and Sunday, 9th October [Cob oven workshop](#)
Moss Vale Community Garden

Thursday, 7th October 7:00 pm [Southern Highlands Coal Action Group Community Meeting](#)
Bowral Memorial Hall, Bendooley Street

Sunday, 10th October 9:30—4:00 [10/10/10 Food, Biochar, Composting](#)
Moss Vale Community Garden

Monday, 1st November 7:30pm—9:00pm [Resilient Hearts](#)
Henrietta Rose Room, Bowral. RSVP to francinebart@gmail.com

Saturday, 20th November [Chookcare workshop](#)
Moss Vale Community Garden

Saturday, 20th and Sunday, 21st November, [Mudbrick and cob workshop](#)
Ghudara Holistic Sanctuary, Wingello.

Tuesday, 23rd to Thursday, 25th November, [YOUthLEAD](#)
Kazcare, Bowral



Community Exchange
Southern Highlands

Community Exchange Southern Highlands

To join CESH, you need to come up with at least one thing that you can offer other members. It might sound onerous, but you're not going to be hassled endlessly to provide that service. Unless, of course, you can teach children how to clean up after themselves. Then you'll be busy. Otherwise, it's a breeze. [>>>](#)



Fruit Rescue Southern Highlands

An exciting TSW project has just been launched. It's simple and it's beautiful. If you have fruit trees/vines that you won't be harvesting, add your name to the FReSH database. We'll match you with registered pickers and voila! Fruit not wasted, crisis averted and lots of warm worthy feelings all around. [>>>](#)

YOUthLEAD

Last year, OzGREEN ran congresses throughout Australia to provide information to young people about climate change, helping them find an inspiring vision for their future, then getting them to put together action plans for their schools and communities about climate change. It's on again and we need help. [>>>](#)





Five things you can do for transition

1. Don't update your mobile phone until it stops working
2. Buy in bulk to reduce the packaging you need to deal with
3. Make more than you'll eat for dinner; put the surplus in the freezer. Next time you just can't cook, eat that instead of take-away
4. Make a worm farm (Reviva is an excellent source of project parts)
5. Pick one thing that you usually buy and make it yourself



Mining in the Southern Highlands

Serious mining is on the cards for locals and the Southern Highlands Coal Action Group is hosting a community meeting to share information on the latest developments and their plans. [>>>](#)



Blog review: Zen Habits

This blog always seems to hit my inbox when I need it. Leo Babauta lives in San Francisco. He's a writer by trade and quite good, if the 190 000 followers of Zen Habits are to be trusted. He can help you declutter your home and your life. He can help you get stuff done without going crazy. You'll wonder where he has been all your life. [>>>](#)



Sustainable House Day 2010

It's all over and it was fantastic. Around the country, 400 000 visitors quizzed 272 homeowners about their secrets to treading lightly on the planet. Closer to home, six properties were visited by 200 people eager to know more. By Claire Burniston [>>>](#)



Disposable stuff and how to use less of it

What a trial it is. You know disposables aren't a great choice for our longterm wellbeing, but they're so convenient. And then there's the issue of groaning landfill. Oh, what to do? 1) don't beat yourself up and then 2) check out this list of easy stuff you can do to make your footprint a little lighter. By Kathy Ehmann [>>>](#)



Permablitz Revived

A couple of years ago, TSW quietly organised a series of Permablitz events—we descended on one another's homes and worked in the gardens for a day. Then we stopped. Now, it's back on. [>>>](#)



350.org Global Work Party

10/10/10 is the date set for a global work party (working bee in our vernacular). At time of writing, 4807 events are planned in 174 countries. Only 19 countries are not participating. Moss Vale Community Garden will be hosting the local effort. [>>>](#)



Southern Highlands Harvest

Transition Shire Wingecarribee has received seed-funding from Wingecarribee Shire Council to carry out a survey of locally grown and produced food that is available either at farmgate, local markets or other local retail outlets. [>>>](#)



Cob Oven Workshop

Would you like to be involved with the ancient art of cob construction AND gain cooking skills and strategies using a cob oven? Thinking of creating a pizza oven at home? Moss Vale Community Garden is hosting a workshop. [>>>](#)



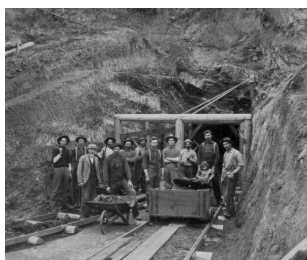
Chook Care Workshop

Moss Vale Community Garden is hosting a chook care workshop. You will learn everything you need to know about producing cackleberries in your backyard. [>>>](#)



Mudbrick and Cob Workshop

Ghudara in Wingello is hosting a two day residential workshop for Architects and Design Professionals will introduce participants to the principles of mudbrick, cob and other forms of earth construction. [>>>](#)



The Quiz: Coal

Test your knowledge on the extraction and use of one of the planet's greatest (and most squandered) gifts. [>>>](#)