

## TRANSITION IN THE LIBRARY

The local Library has accepted a donation of books and DVDs (including those shown during last year's film festival) from Transition Shire Wingecarribee.

You can now borrow the following items for your reading and viewing pleasure:

- *Beyond oil: the view from Hubbart's peak* by K. Deffreyes
- *Twilight in the desert: the coming Saudi oil shock and the world economy* by M. Simmons
- *Powerdown: options and actions for a post-carbon world* by R. Heinberg
- *The new complete guide to beekeeping* by R. Morse
- *Storey's guide to raising sheep* by P. Simmons and C. Ekarius
- *Six modern plagues and how we are causing them* by M. Walters
- *The farmer's wife guide to fabulous fruits and berries* by B. Doyen
- *The farmer's wife guide to growing a great garden—and eating from it too* by B. Doyen
- *Nuclear power is not the answer to climate change or anything else* by H. Caldicott
- *The power of community. How Cuba survived Peak Oil* (DVD)
- *One man, one cow, one planet* (DVD)
- *The end of suburbia: oil depletion and the collapse of the American dream* (DVD)
- *The story of stuff with Annie Leonard* (DVD)
- *Money as debt* (DVD)
- *Australia pumping empty: the looming peak oil crisis* (DVD)
- *Think global; eat local: a diet for a sustainable society* (DVD)
- *Relocalisation: how Peak Oil can lead to permaculture* (DVD)
- *Crude impact* (DVD)

The library is always pushed for space and borrowing these items will help them retain their shelf space.

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## RESILIENT HEARTS

Responding to the challenges and opportunities we face is not always easy. Many people are seeing that to transform the world requires a change in consciousness.

Building connection and sharing your response to the local and global issues

helps increase your resilience and capacity to live with inspiration during troubled and troubling times.

We would like to create an open, supportive space for you to explore your thoughts and feelings about the social and environmental issues we face. Please join

us on Monday 28th September from 7 - 9.30pm at the Henrietta Rose Room Bowral. Please RSVP by email to Francine at francineb@gmail.com or Cecile at cbarral@hinet.net.

This is an initiative of the Southern Highland Foundation's Sustainability project

## TRANSITION DIARY

Date	Location	Event
Friday 18 September 7.30pm	Wingecarribee Council Theatre, Moss Vale	CANWin lecture: Jane Castle (Total Environment Centre) see page 2. <a href="http://www.canwin.org.au">www.canwin.org.au</a>
Saturday 26 September 10-2	Bowral CWA Hall	Blue Moon Clothing Exchange. See page 4.
Saturday 26 September	Bundanoon Hall	Bundy on Tap launch
Saturday 26 September 1pm	Banyette St, Bowral	Tulip Time Parade. Walk with the CANWin Wheelbarrow Flotilla. See page 4.
Monday 28 September 7pm	Henrietta Rose Room, Bowral	Resilient Hearts support space. See article above.

# TRANSITION SHIRE NEWS

## CANWIN LECTURE

The upcoming CANWin lecture will be given by Jane Castles, Senior Campaigner (on energy and waste) at Total Environment Centre.

Jane will discuss the vast, untapped potential for energy efficiency to reduce greenhouse emissions and electricity bills; why voluntary action currently doesn't reduce Australia's total greenhouse emissions but how we can make it count; and what's happening on a national scheme for the collection and recycling of televisions, computers and used tyres.

Her campaigns in the energy sector focus on demand management and energy efficiency, reform of the National Electricity Market, making voluntary action count and broad energy policy issues.

Jane was closely involved in the development and implementation of Green Electricity Watch and Carbon Offset Watch. She currently sits on the Australian Energy Market Commission's Demand Side Participation Review and its Review of Energy Markets in light of Climate Change Policies.

On waste, Jane is actively campaigning for the implementation of extended producer responsibility schemes, particularly for televisions, computers, tyres and fluorescent lights.

She is a member of the NSW Government's Expert Reference Group on Extended Producer Responsibility.

Prior to her work as an environmental campaigner, Jane was a filmmaker. Her credits include 60,000 Barrels, screened on SBS, which followed the struggle

between Orica and the local community to find a solution to the world's largest stockpile of the toxic waste, Hexachlorobenzene.

Jane will speak at the Wingecarribee Council Theatre, Moss Vale, on Friday, 18 September at 7.30pm.

Admission is by gold coin donation for CANWin members and \$5 for non-members.

The presentation will be followed by light refreshments.

Do you know of a group practising Transition principles in the Southern Highlands?  
Do you have a Transition-friendly event that you would like to have listed in TSN?  
Would you like to subscribe to this newsletter?  
Contributions and comments welcome.  
Email the editor at [kathy\\_biddlecombe@acenet.com.au](mailto:kathy_biddlecombe@acenet.com.au)

## BUNDANOON COMMON

Like Martin Luther King, and most other people, I have a dream. A dream for a village commons, a village green, in the middle of Bundanoon.

Imagine a green space where some shrubs, grasses and herbs are planted that attract insects, butterflies, small birds. Pre-school kids could observe and learn about these little creatures and the plants they depend on. These could also be useful culinary and medicinal plants.

Imagine a small park where various simple, fun, beautiful play objects made of local stone or wood are placed for the enjoyment and sensory education of young children.

Imagine a green space where the people of Bundanoon come together once a year to celebrate the place and the community in a Slow Food Summer or Autumn Feast, with

lots of local food, BBQs, live music, dance and games for the kids.

Imagine a green space where local nuts and other useful plants provide a small but wise insurance policy: they could contribute to our local food security in case our supermarket food should ever become endangered because of skyrocketing oil prices and drought.

Productive trees can take quite a few years till they produce decent crops. The Chinese say: The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago, and the second best time is NOW.

Problem-free fruit plants like feijoas, olives, elderberries and jam crab-apples could also be planted. We would have an edible landscape instead of just grass and trees.

Imagine a green space where local native trees

are grown to show how they can be in time coppiced for poles, never-ending firewood, important renewable energy.

Where would this be? There is a wonderful, Council-owned green space off Ellsmore Road, one minute from the station.

The pre-school and the new men's shed are immediately adjacent and could both be involved with its development.

So what would it take to realise? Not much really. No bureaucracy and endless meetings. Just a few dedicated individuals willing to talk this through, liaise with Council and others, work out money issues, organise and do the work on a valuable community asset.

Are you interested? If so, please contact Peter on 4883 6035 or at [petlach@yahoo.com](mailto:petlach@yahoo.com).



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## SPRING BUZZ



Spring is here and many trees, shrubs and wildflowers are in bloom. The bee colony needs to increase worker bees numbers and they are very quick to take advantage of the available pollen and nectar.

Honey bees (*Apis mellifera*) are a social insect, so all members of the colony work for the common good. In order to reproduce, bees must form a new colony. This is called a swarm and Spring is swarm season.

When the hive builds up enough workers and drones and due to whatever triggers (be it an old queen, insufficient space in the hive for honey or the queen to lay, or we just want to!) the colony will raise a new queen.

There will be several queen cells at various stages of development. The old queen will stop laying for about a week to lose weight to enable her to fly. She will emerge on a warm morning with about 50% of the honey-gorged workers. A few days later in the old hive, the first new queen to emerge will kill the other queens and become the new matriarch of the old colony.

This natural swarming characteristic of the honey bee has been manipulated by beekeepers for centuries. In the days when bees were kept in wicker *skeps*, swarming was seen as a desirable trait. The only way to harvest the honey was to kill the hive, so replacements were needed for the following year's honey harvest.

Since the invention of the removable frame hive by Dr Langstroth in the 1860s, beekeepers have been trying to breed bees with less of the swarming trait.

This effort to control the swarming of the honey bee also takes a fair degree of diligence and knowledge on the part of the beekeeper, and is never 100% successful. Look at the hives as soon as the days are warm enough and the bees are very active.

Make sure that the queen has good clean frames to lay in. Discard or move above the queen excluder the old black frames, as the old comb harbours disease and the cells become smaller from many generations of larvae. Do not move frames up with uncapped brood, however, as this may

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trigger the production of a new queen.

Ensure that there is adequate stored honey for the colony as the Spring build-up can be disastrous for the colony if the weather turns cold and the food supply runs out.

An early sign of swarming is the build-up of the drone population. Drone cells are larger than the worker cells and when capped stand proud of the frame, commonly located as add-ons to the bottom of the frame. If there are many, it is probably too late to stop the swarming urge and you should split the hive, replacing the queen with one purchased from a reputable breeder.

Allowing your bees to swarm is a great way to increase your number of hives, but it can also rob you of half your bees and honey.

And finally don't be frightened of a bee swarm; they are full of honey and are normally docile. Don't harm them - just leave them be. Ha!

*Sylvia Cornwell is a local apiarist.*

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## BUNDY ON TAP LAUNCH

Bundanoon residents voted to become a bottled-water free town at a July public meeting. Transition Bundanoon played a major role in bringing the ideal of a bottled-water free town to the doorstep of reality.

The world has responded in a huge way to the story of a small heroic community taking on the might of the bottling industry for the sake of the environment, and making a moral stand

against one of the biggest marketing con jobs ever perpetrated. From a Transition perspective, the real story is about the community spirit which has been enhanced, and now provides a platform for further Transition initiatives.

Bundanoon has shown the world, as well as its own citizenry, how a small group of people can change not only the town, but can shake the world. It gives

Bob Thomas

hope and impetus to other opportunities to build a more connected, more resilient and more self-sustaining community.

Now that the initial euphoria has ebbed, the Bundy-on-Tap committee (an official subcommittee of the Bundanoon Community Association) preparing for the official launch on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Come and join the fun at the Bundanoon Hall, from 10am.



# TRANSITION SHIRE NEWS

## HIGHLANDS FREESTUFF

If you have unused stuff taking up your space, how can you find someone who will use it?

It's a problem that has plagued mankind for millennia, but now there is a local

online group that will help you do just that.

Highlands Freestuff has been active for about a year. During that time, items as diverse as baby prams and fondue sets have found

new and appreciative homes.

You can also ask for items from members of the group. You never know what people will have at the back of the shed. They may have

just the thing for your chook tractor project.

Membership is free and no money changes hands when goods are passed on. [groups.yahoo.com/group/highlands\\_freestuff/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/highlands_freestuff/)

## BLUE MOON CLOTHING EXCHANGE



At last, a shopping trip that won't cost the earth!

Only once in a Blue Moon can you buy new clothes, pick up a great bargain, have a cuppa with friends and help save the planet.

The Blue Moon Clothing Exchange will be offering clean pre-loved clothing in good condition at its first ever clothing exchange.

Do you have clean clothing to donate? Would you like to sell your surplus clothing at your own table? Do you have clothing racks that you could lend for the day?

If you answer yes to any of these questions or if you would like more information, contact Maree on 4861 1588 or Annette on 4886 4514 (evenings).

Otherwise, grab something fabulous on the day (for as little as \$2). Your participation will support the Southern Highland Greens.

Entry is \$5, which includes coffee, tea and home-baked refreshments.

Saturday 12th September between 10am and 2pm at the Bowral CWA rooms (beside Corbett Gardens).

## TULIP TIME WHEELBARROW FLOTILLA

Can you help push the climate change barrow at the 2009 Tulip Time Street Parade on Saturday 26 September?

We are depending on CANWin members and friends to make a bright spectacle with wheelbarrow Flotilla.

We have a vision of a gentle citizenry marching behind the CANWin rainbow banner with barrows full of good things.

All you need is your decorated wheelbarrow. Adorn it

with whatever you feel is an appropriate demonstration of your passion. Suggested themes are biodiversity, transition, climate change, food gardens, growing and eating local, renewable energy, water saving, mulch, compost, bush tucker, slow food, preserves, seed saving, permaculture, transport, water tanks and solar cells. The possibilities are endless.

With a Parade theme of Rainbows and Children, it would be fabulous to have as many children participating as possible.

We meet at Banyette Street at 1pm and the March goes from 2pm to 3pm. Twenty wheelbarrows would be great, fifty would make an unforgettable impact.

We need RSVPs as soon as possible so that we can plan the event. If you can come, please reply to [secretary@canwin.org.au](mailto:secretary@canwin.org.au) with your name, a contact number and an email address.

CANWin can make this Tulip Time Parade the best ever and hope you are equally inspired and can join us.



### Five things you can do for Transition...

- If you haven't grown food before, plant some radishes and rocket. They're easy and a good place to start.
- While roadside fruit trees are in blossom, take note and go back when the fruit is ripe.
- Buy some (local) in season fruit and try your hand at preserving.
- Reduce your intake of bottled water. [www.bundyontap.net.au](http://www.bundyontap.net.au)
- Plant some tomato seeds.