

South Hobart Sustainable Community

earth care, people care, limits-aware and surplus-share



- We are a collection of like-minded South Hobart locals.
- We are concerned about the environment, climate change and peak oil.
- We want to empower residents and businesses to lead a more sustainable lifestyle and develop a strong sense of community.
- We want to work together and share what we learn along the way.
- We feel that the most effective change at the moment can happen at the community level, and that the future will bring greater reliance on local resources and local people.
- We remain optimistic and aim for a fun, friendly and fulfilling place to live.

The SHSC is a collection of sub groups that concentrate their efforts in areas of common interest. A facilitating group, called the Architects Group, provides support and transition leadership to the smaller sub-groups. The facilitating group also manages the promotion, communication and administrative functions of SHSC. The facilitating group includes:

- Communications Coordinator,
- Financial Officer and
- Public Officer/Secretary
- A representative of each of the subgroups and
- Other interested members

ARBN (Australian Registered Body Number): IA10232

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Incorporation: The SHSC became an incorporated organisation on 18 March 2010.

Formation: The SHSC was founded in 2009

SHSC Annual Report June 2010 - July 2011

South Hobart Community Group Report

identifying priorities and opportunities to encourage and sustain positive neighbourhood change



Community mural

The Community Building Group is in the process of organising a large community mural on the wall of the Badminton Centre. It has involved a long preparatory period, in which the community was consulted, artist chosen, funding secured, appropriate government approvals secured, and practical matters sorted out. Major sponsors are Tasmanian Community Fund, Hobart City Council, Dulux and Sustainable Living Tasmania. The minor sponsors are South Hobart Progress Association, Southern Tasmanian Badminton Association, Steel-Line, Clennett's Mitre 10, Winning Post Productions, The Paint Shop, Fragments.

Ann Holt, the commissioned artist, is due to put the final work on the wall in early 2012. The design incorporates background landscape with a series of silhouetted figurative elements. The landscape is based on a panoramic view, from Mt Wellington to the ocean, as viewed from a vantage point high up on the hills of South Hobart. It references the enduring quality of landscape in the changing flow of a place. The series of silhouetted figures tell the narrative: the history of South Hobart in the form of a series of icons which make reference to events spanning from the days of the traditional owners, through to today, and making reference to possible futures. At the 'future' end, the design incorporates material from community workshops we held. This material points to some shared values in the area, and invokes contemplation of our shared future.

Sunday pancakes in the park

In mid 2010, the Community Building Group organised the Sunday Pancakes in the Park community event, offering free pancakes, local musicians and dancers, stalls with local food and craft produce, fruit and vegetable seedlings and cuttings, and information stalls to tell people about Transition initiatives and local activities. The event was a great success.

Winter Warming Home Energy Advice Evening

In mid 2010 the South Hobart Sustainable Community presented the Winter Warming Home Energy Advice Evening at the St Francis Xavier church hall in South Hobart. This event was a community forum on providing practical advice and information on

ways households can reduce their power usage. A range of hi tech through to low cost DIY actions targeting the most energy consuming components of a typical power bill, were demonstrated and discussed, as well as a number of informative presentations from local experts. Features included thermal imaging and air exchange measurements, hot water cylinder improvements, DIY auditing kits, standby savers, heater efficiencies, down light dilemmas, climate friendly pledge and information on government rebates.

The evening was very popular with well over one hundred people attending. Not only was the evening successful in providing relevant information, but also brought many in the community together for a sociable winter warming event. The evening was also used to launch the South Hobart Sustainable Community Household Energy Meter project

Community information

Each month the SHSC sends an e-newsletter to residents of South Hobart. Relevant events occurring in South Hobart are also sent to the South Hobart Progress Association for inclusion in their monthly newsletter, which is delivered to most households in South Hobart. Information provision through regular emails and newsletters is an effective way to inform residents of upcoming community events, activities and meetings.

Displays

The SHSC held a display at the Sustainable Living Expo in November 2010 with other Transition Town and community groups. Hundreds of people attended the Expo and many of those took a moment to chat with volunteers, buy the home grown produce, and to look at the information provided. The SHSC have also been present at other functions throughout the year.

South Hobart Growers Group Report

enthusiastic backyard veggie gardeners sharing ideas, seeds, plants, food, and more!



Monthly Growers Gatherings

The Food Growers Sub Group organises a monthly Growers Gathering for those interested in growing food gardens. They meet at a host's garden, and tour the garden with questions and casual information exchange. Participants bring and swap their excess produce, seeds, seedlings and plants, and bring food to share for dinner in the summer, and afternoon tea in the winter. The Gatherings have worked well to create

local community belonging. They've been well attended over the years, attracting a great diversity of local residents.

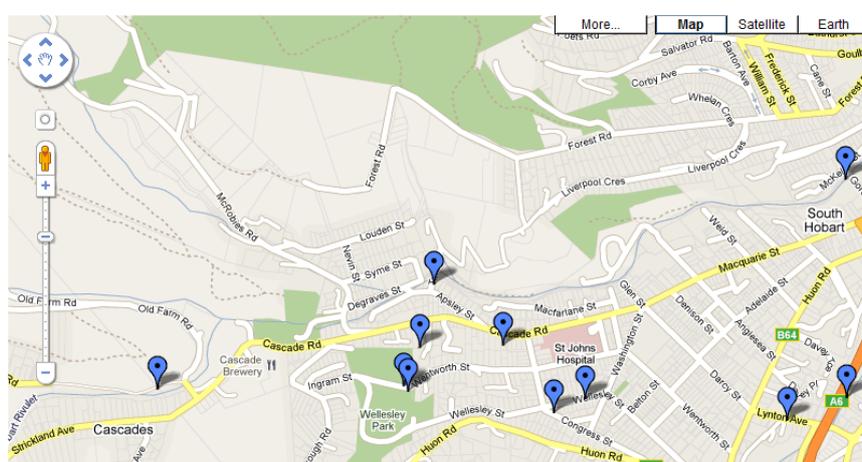
Several other projects currently in various stages of development include establishing a community orchard, garden sharing, tool/skill sharing and working bees.

Practical sessions on gardening issues

Occasionally the Group organise specific meetings and practical sessions on gardening issues, such as Permaculture for the home garden, apple cider making and pruning fruit trees.

Mapping South Hobart's available food

The Growers Group have started mapping South Hobart's publicly accessible food sources (e.g. under-utilised fruit/nut trees). It can be viewed on the SHSC website.



South Hobart Power Technology Group Report *working together to reduce our household energy consumption*



Bulk purchase of Solar PV systems, Solar Hot water and Heat Pump Hot water systems

Since incorporation, the Power Technology Group of the SHSC have organised bulk purchases of solar hot water and solar power systems, leading to the successful installation of over 250 Solar PV systems, Solar Hot water and Heat Pump Hot water systems. The Committee continues its efforts to reduce carbon emissions in the South Hobart community, albeit with a slight change in program.

The Committee's current focus is the Carbon Reduction Fund, which was established via the \$100 contribution from Rezeko (the Solar PV provider) for each system that it installed through our Bulk Purchase. In late 2010, the Carbon Reduction Fund offered grants of \$500 - \$3000 value for projects that aimed to reduce carbon emissions in South Hobart and the nearby community. The first year's recipients were:

- South Hobart Community Orchard, aimed at providing fruit and nut trees on a Council-owned parcel of land,
- Local and Seasonal Produce Guide, aimed at informing shoppers of best choices for each season, and fresh produce with the lowest food miles, and
- Presentations to Community Groups, aimed at motivating the community to undertake energy efficiency improvements within their homes and workplaces

Following the successful implementation of these programs, the Committee will look to undertake another round of funding.

Bulk purchase of hot water cylinder insulation kits

Building on motivation generated at the Winter Warming Home Energy Advice Evening, the SHSC organised the bulk purchase of hot water cylinder insulation kits. In total 12 hot water systems were insulated, with an estimated community energy saving of 5400kwh per year, working out at roughly a community financial saving of \$580 at current prices.

Bulk purchase of household energy monitors

The SHSC organised a bulk purchase and install of household energy monitors (HEMs). These monitors enable households to keep track of their power consumption and take action to reduce energy use. There was a great deal of interest thanks to good exposure through local radio and TV, and the project was supported by an Earn Your Stars microgrant. Nearly 100 people in the South Hobart area registered to participate, and we installed HEMs in 60 households. The roll out took much longer than anticipated due to delays on behalf of our chosen electrical contractor, and a few loose ends are still to be finalised. Feedback from households has been mostly positive, with residents finding that they are useful day-to-day and have enabled them to make minimal (perhaps 10%) energy savings through behaviour change and new products. However, given the time, energy and money involved in this project, and the relatively minimal environmental benefit, future efforts might be better focussed elsewhere.

South Hobart Sustainable Transport Group

working together to reduce our reliance on cars



The Sustainable Transport Group works primarily to get cars off the road and improve public transport, walking and cycling options. Projects in process include car pooling, the walking school bus, a local bike kitchen (currently seeking premises), a safe community hitch-hiking project.

Treasurers Report

Our bank accounts finished the year with a healthy balance of \$19,179 primarily due to three grants received during the year - \$1,750 Earn Your Stars Micro Grant for the electricity meters program, \$1,000 from Eco Tasmania for the Solar Group hot water bulk purchase and \$14,241 from Rezeko for the Solar Group PV bulk purchase. The Solar Group has allocated \$15,241 into a South Hobart Carbon Reduction Fund, a small grants program for local projects being administered by a special grants committee.

TOTAL PERIOD APRIL 2010 – June 30 2011

Income

Eco Tasmania grant	\$1,000
Hot water cylinder insulation project	\$720
Earn your stars grant	\$1,750
Hall donations	\$12
HEMS	\$10,020
Rezeko (solar)	\$14,241
Edward Hall Award	\$750
	\$28,493

Expenditure

Reimburse HEMS	\$450
Purchase HEMS	\$7,975
Purchase Anticon	\$671
Additional Solar Purchase	\$218
	\$9,314

Bank balance	\$19,179
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