



## **OUR FIVE-YEAR PLAN 2015–2019**

## Kyneton Transition Hub – Our Five-Year Plan 2015–2019

### About the Transition Network movement

Kyneton Transition Hub is part of the world-wide Transition Network movement. This movement began in 2005 as a response to the twin pressures of peak oil and climate change. It involves people working together to help their local community become more resilient and self-sufficient as the world transitions to a post-carbon and lower energy future. At the heart of the movement is the work of “relocalising” the essential elements a community needs to survive and thrive. These elements include food, energy, transport, waste and recycling, housing, and the means of exchange.

### About the Kyneton Transition Hub

In 2010, over 100 residents met up at the Kyneton Conference to explore different scenarios for Kyneton’s future. A small group among them decided to join the emerging Transition Network movement. The Kyneton Transition Hub was born and has since evolved into a network of around 20 people directly involved in activities, and several hundred people regularly receiving information and taking part in activities. Our main focus to date has been on food and how we can grow more of it locally and in self-sufficient ways.

### Our common purpose

We are working together to help make Kyneton and surrounding communities stronger, happier and more resilient as we all deal with the impacts of peak oil and climate change.

### Who is involved

Kyneton Transition Hub is open to anyone who wants to be involved. There are no membership fees or any official membership list. We are associated with the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group which auspices our grants applications and provides insurance cover for our activities and events. We have a core group of people who meet monthly and manage the day to day business of the Hub.

### The way we work

An important part of the way Kyneton Transition Hub works is not to duplicate what people are already doing in the Kyneton area, but to support and build on that. We do this by keeping up to date on who is doing what, sharing information widely through our website and other communication channels, and putting people in touch with each other. We sometimes take the initiative and set up new activities where none currently exist. Where possible, we do this in partnership with other groups and organisations.

Everything we do is done by volunteers and we are mindful that the energy and time people have to put into activities and events will vary over time. We also recognise that to keep things humming along, there needs to be a strong core group who can provide leadership, set the tone for the way the Hub works and do the “behind the scenes” organising work.

## A new five-year plan

This five-year plan was developed by the current core group in consultation with other interested members. Together we looked at what Kyneton Transition Hub has achieved so far, our strengths as a community group, and the individual passions and interests of the people involved. We also took stock of what is needed to do to make sure the Hub itself continues to be a strong, happy and resilient organisation.

We have set out a vision for where we want to be in five years' time. We've also identified two areas that we believe we need to focus on to help Kyneton go from strength to strength in the years ahead.

## Our vision for 2019

Kyneton Transition Hub is seeding and supporting many local initiatives to help the community transition smoothly to a post-carbon world, and become stronger, happier and more resilient along the way.

If we are successfully making progress towards our vision, we expect to see:

1. Transition Network principles being understood and applied more widely:
  - demonstration projects and prototypes being taken up more widely
  - positively influencing local government, community groups and local business decision-making
  - individual stories of change.
2. An increase in overall activity:
  - number of working groups we're involved in (e.g. transport, energy production, energy conservation, waste management, water use)
  - number of people directly involved in activities
  - number of people receiving information about Kyneton Transition Hub.

## Our two main areas of focus

1. Making Kyneton Transition Hub Strong
2. Growing our Transition Activities and Impact

## How we will prioritise the work

There are many things we could do and at times the size of the task can seem overwhelming. We want to work in a way that will make the best use of people's interests, skills and energy. When considering new areas to get involved in, we will work through these questions to help us make good decisions.

Is anyone already working on this? If someone is, can we refer it onto them? Is it outside the scope of Transition Network principles and therefore off-limits for us? If not, should we make a start? What are our criteria for deciding?

If we decide to take something on, we will then consider what time, resources and skills we have available from among our members. To do justice to the work that will be involved, if our capacity to be involved is currently limited, we may decide to work on a small scale, with an eye to expanding where and when the time is right. Some projects may come with their own existing resources or offer opportunities to tap into funding and others support.