



# Kyneton Transition Hub



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## Special points of interest:

Join us for one of our Garden Gatherings

Bring your home produce to swap at the Kyneton Farmers Market

Join us at the KCLC for monthly community lunches

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## DIRT! THE MOVIE - SHOWING IN KYNETON

*Dirt! the Movie* will be showing on Sunday 25th August.

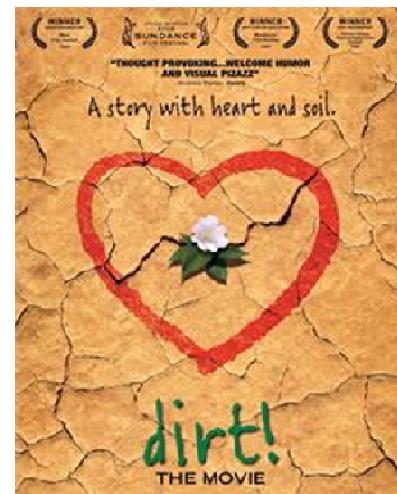
This film is an inspiring look at all things dirty. It is a thorough and sometimes funny examination of the history and current state of the living organic matter we come from and will later return to.

**When:** 6 pm, Sunday 25th August

**Where:** Upstairs at The Albion, Mollison Street, Kyneton

Gold coin donation for the film

Perhaps you would like to join us for a drink or meal after the film.



## GARDEN GATHERINGS TO BUILD COMMUNITY

The Kyneton Transition Hub is launching a new initiative called Garden Gatherings. It's a monthly event, which takes place in a different garden each month. It's just a couple of hours on a Sunday afternoon.

If the weather is unwelcoming, we plan to sit inside sipping tea, chatting and looking at the garden. When the weather is favourable we will get out together in the garden and do whatever small projects or maintenance our

host has in mind. No big projects - just small ones. It's a bit like a book club but we will be gardening together rather than discussing books.

The Kyneton Transition Hub is continuing to build community in many ways. When we first launched it was just monthly planning meetings to get things organised.

To reach the wider community and build our own group we then started our monthly Film Sessions and

Potluck Dinners.

Our latest initiative, Garden Gatherings, like our other meetings, are open to all. Please contact us for details as the location will change every month. We're hoping that the first Gathering group will grow and we will be able to start other Garden Gathering Groups.



*The Kyneton Transition Hub is working together to make our community stronger, happier and more resilient as we deal with the impacts of peak oil and climate change*

## KYNETON DAFFODIL & ARTS FESTIVAL PARADE

Join us at the Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival Parade.

*"The Transition movement invites us to re-imagine and bring to life a new story about how we live as members of the Earth family. Using less, respecting more."*

- Kyla

the parade for some activities and fun!

Where: Mollison Street for the parade, and near the Kyneton Mechanics Institute Reserve after

When: Sunday 9th September

Also look for our tepee after



## COMMUNITY SWAP TABLE AT THE KYNETON FARMERS MARKET

Every month at the Kyneton Farmers Market we are attracting new supporters and swappers to our Community Swap Table.

As your garden becomes more productive with the warmer weather, please consider coming to swap your excess produce for something you don't produce yourself.

So far we have had swaps of bottled olives and green tomato chutney as well as the more usual herbs, rhubarb, silver beet, eggs and many more. We're expecting the variety to escalate very soon.

If you don't have any produce to swap, come and have a chat with us anyway. We would love

to tell you what we know about local produce and production and learn from you about what is available and produces well in Kyneton. It's a great opportunity to share knowledge, skills and experience.



*"Pull up a chair.*

*Take a taste.*

*Come join us.*

*Life is so endlessly delicious."*

- Ruth Reichl

## COMMUNITY LUNCHES AT THE KCLC

The monthly community lunches at the Kyneton Community Learning Centre are gaining popularity.

The community lunch is held on the last Friday of the month. Come along to cook and eat local organic produce with a great group of local people. If you prefer to

be in the garden than the kitchen there may also be some minor maintenance needed in the small herb & vegie garden plots outside.

It just costs a couple of hours of your time and a gold coin donation.

*Next lunch is Friday 31st August, 11.30 to 1.30 pm*

*To RSVP call the KCLC on 5422 3433*



## TRAINING FOR TRANSITION

*A practical and informative workshop on the principles, steps and processes to build community resilience and localise communities from the ground up.*

**When:** 9.30 to 5.30 pm, Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st October

**Where:** Red Brick Hall, 23 Yaldwyn Street West, Kyneton

Full cost \$100; Members \$75; Concession \$50

The Transition Towns movement is a worldwide movement of ordinary people finding ways of being sustainable and resilient for the health and wellbeing of our children, ourselves and our planet. It can be applied to whatever kind of community you live in: suburb, city, town, village or even an island.

This workshop is both a practical and informative introduction to the logic and framework of the Transition Towns model. This grassroots international movement builds localised and resilient communities in response to climate change and peak oil. The workshop is both informative and experiential, weaving together practice and theory, and the Transition required

at both the personal and community level.

The feedback from participants overwhelmingly states that this two day interactive workshop offers key insights, understanding, and the awareness to help them in contributing to the journey toward a positive and abundant future.

Our facilitator, Jacinta Walsh, is part of a select group of officially recognised Transition Town Trainers worldwide and is a co-initiator of her local Transition group, Transition Mount Alexander in Castlemaine, Central Victoria.

Jacinta runs Concentric Facilitation services and has extensive background in behaviour change and community development processes. The inspirational approach of the Transition Town model combined with knowledge of adaptive governance, innovative group techniques, and skills as a facilitator and trainer, offer participants a unique and energising workshop.

Limited spaces - please book early.

Contact [KynetonTH@gmail.com](mailto:KynetonTH@gmail.com) for a brochure and registration form.



## TALKING TO LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS

Earlier this month, Julie McLaren, Convenor of the Kyneton Transition Hub, was invited to be the guest speaker at the Heathcote Garden Club.

The members showed a great interest in the Transition movement initiatives in the face of peak oil and climate

change. It was clear there was a special message for those interested in making their gardens more productive and sharing skills - including gardening, preserving and craft.

If your community group may be interested in hearing more, please contact us as we are

happy to learn from those with complementary skills and experiences, as well as share what we have learnt.



*"Emerging at the other end, we will not be the same as we were; we will have become more humble, more connected to the natural world, fitter, leaner, more skilled and, ultimately, wiser."*

*- Rob Hopkins, Originator of the Transition Town movement*

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KTH has strong links with the  
Macedon Ranges Sustainability  
Group.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### August

**Sun 25th** KTH Gardening Gathering—2—5 pm—Contact us for details

**Sun 25th** "Dirt! The Movie" upstairs at The Albion Mollison Street - 6 to 8 pm

**Fri 31st** KCLC Community Lunch

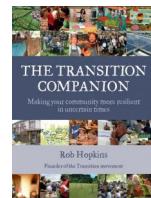
### September

**Wed 5th** KTH potluck dinner meeting - 7 pm - contact us for venue

**Sat 8th** Community Swap Table at the Kyneton Farmers Market

**Wed 19th** KTH planning meeting - Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School, Edgecombe Street - 7.30 to 9 pm

**Sun 23rd** "End of Suburbia" - upstairs at The Albion, Mollison Street - 6 to 8 pm



"Transition is the most vital social experiment of our times. The Transition movement has already motivated thousands to begin to adapt their lives to the twin challenge of peak oil and climate change. Drawing on this collective experience, the *Transition Companion* offers communities a combination of practical guidance and real vision for the future."

Tim Jackson, author of *Prosperity without Growth*.

## KYNETON EDIBLE GARDEN BLITZES

There are several garden blitzes in the planning stage at this time, with a lot more activity planned for the warmer months.

Garden blitzes are conducted by Kyneton Edible Gardens using permaculture design and principles. The blitz may involve a complete garden makeover or a smaller project such as

building raised garden beds for the elderly or disabled. The usual practice is that you need to attend three blitzes to be eligible to host one at your place.

If you wish to participate in a garden blitz, please let us know, or check out our website for details.

## END OF SUBURBIA—FILM SHOWING IN KYNETON

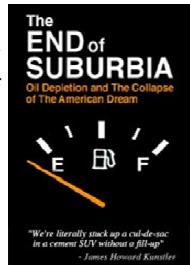
"We're literally stuck up a cul-de-sac in a cement SUV without a fill-up" - James Howard Kunstler

When: 6 pm, Sunday 23rd September

Where: Upstairs at The Albion, Mollison Street, Kyneton

Gold coin donation

Come and join us for our September film showing of this thought-provoking film on peak oil. It looks at the negative (but realistic) aspects of our future with limited oil resources.



## LOCAL SUSTAINABILITY GROUPS

Ballarat Renewable Energy and Zero Emissions Inc. (BREAZE) [breaze.org.au/](http://breaze.org.au/)  
Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group (MRSG) [mrsgonline.org.au/](http://mrsgonline.org.au/)  
Mount Alexander Sustainability Group (MASG) [masg.org.au/](http://masg.org.au/)  
Relocalise Hepburn [relocalisehepburn.blogspot.com/](http://relocalisehepburn.blogspot.com/)  
Sustainable Hepburn Association (SHARE) [share.asn.au/](http://share.asn.au/)  
Transition Mount Alexander [transitionma.org.au/](http://transitionma.org.au/)  
Transition Riddell [transitiontownriddell.org.au/](http://transitiontownriddell.org.au/)  
Trentham Sustainability Group [trentham.org.au/community/environment-groups/trentham-sustainability-group](http://trentham.org.au/community/environment-groups/trentham-sustainability-group)  
Woodend Integrated Sustainable Energy Group (WISE) [wisegroup.org.au/](http://wisegroup.org.au/)