



TRENTHAM SUSTAINABILITY GROUP

AUSPICED BY TRENTHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

To inspire, inform and support our local community to meet their needs
without compromising the needs of future generations

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Thank you to Trentham Neighbourhood Centre for their support throughout the year and to all friends and supporters of sustainability in Trentham. New members are encouraged and welcome, especially as we step up to bigger town-wide projects. You can come and meet us at the monthly Produce Exchange or contact TSG by phone or email.

Carbon-free Communities Workshops hosted by Hepburn Shire: aimed at exploring how our community could become carbon neutral, including local renewable energy or energy efficiency solutions at a business, individual and community level. A well-attended workshop was held in Trentham in June, followed by two workshops held in Daylesford. Trentham was represented at all workshops, including a workshop hosted by Hepburn Wind. The HSC project is ongoing and we look forward to more progress next year.

Plastic-free July: TSG organised a gathering held at TNC where an enthusiastic group discussed the many and various ways we can address the problem of plastic pollution and reduce the use of single use plastic in our town. A sewing group was formed and supports the TNC project which meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 2 pm to sew reusable bags and make beeswax wrap.

Produce Exchange: will celebrate four years of monthly swaps this coming January. This has proven to be a very popular and successful project held each month at Trentham Farmers Market. The swap table is a great place to meet new residents, connect with our local community, share information, ideas and recipes, as well as swapping and sharing any excess produce from our backyard gardens.

Trentham Food Hub: an exciting year with plans coming to fruition as we renovate our newly acquired shed; a strong base from which to work and grow this significant project. The TFH mobile cool-room now has a home and the shed is ideally situated for local producers and farmers to deliver their produce and customers to collect their veggie boxes.

Veggie Box Scheme – Seventy individuals and families supported our new veggie box service this year and together we purchased over a tonne of local produce, more than \$6,000 worth and over 60 different varieties, from small organic family farms within 40km of Trentham. The new season will be launched at Trentham Twilight Night on 24th November. You can join or find more info at: hello@trenthamfoodhub.org

Growers, Cookers & Eaters – the TFH 6th annual dinner was once again a wonderful celebration of local food, wine and music. The Mechanics Hall was filled to capacity on 9th April where many locals and visitors from further afield enjoyed a fabulous feast showcasing 'cool country' produce and drinks. This event provides an ideal opportunity for networking whilst raising awareness about the importance of establishing a vibrant local food economy and future food security for our town and region.

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