



# 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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**Z-Net Project:** This ambitious Shire-wide project, funded by the State government, was launched by Hepburn Wind and Hepburn Shire in April. The project aims to transition our communities to zero-net carbon emissions through development of a Community Transition Plan. As a first step, almost 1,000 residents took part in the household energy survey, followed by workshops and information sessions held in Trentham and other towns in Hepburn Shire. It is an exciting opportunity to meet and work with experts in the field who provide a wealth of knowledge to our local communities, as the program continues.

**Solar Bulk Buy:** is well on track to meet the Z-net goal with 135 solar and battery systems ordered so far. This will cut CO2 emissions by 1,200 tonnes annually once installed. For more information about the Hepburn Solar Bulk-Buy visit [www.mash.org.au/hepburn](http://www.mash.org.au/hepburn) or call 1300 466 274.

**Produce Exchange:** The January food swap will mark the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of successful monthly swaps, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month at Trentham Farmers Market. The Produce Exchange has proven to be a great place to bring your excess garden produce along to swap for something else you need, meet new people, connect with our community and share information, ideas and gardening tips.

**Trentham Food Hub:** *"Transitioning our community towards a thriving local food economy"*. Another successful year as the Food Hub team continues renovating our distribution centre (the Shed), located up the drive beside The Plough. Ideally situated for farmers to deliver their fresh produce to our cool-room and customers to collect their weekly veggie boxes. The new **Veggie Box season** will commence in November. You can join or find more info at: [www.trenthamfoodhub.org](http://www.trenthamfoodhub.org)

**Growers, Cookers & Eaters** – voted as the "best yet", the Food Hub's 7th annual dinner was once again a wonderful celebration of local food and wine. The Mechanics Hall was filled to capacity on 20th April as many locals and visitors enjoyed a fabulous feast showcasing 'cool country' produce and beverages.

**Transition Australia website:** TSG joined this new Australia-wide network of groups who benefit from being connected on-line. The website aims to support groups focusing on sustainability, food security, equity or cohesion. You can find Transition Australia and TSG's page at [www.transitionaustralia.net](http://www.transitionaustralia.net)

**Social Media:** Thanks to Nat, one of our newer friends and supporters, you can now follow TSG on Facebook and Instagram. Make sure you check us out and get involved on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/trenthamsustainabilitygroup) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/trenthamsustainabilitygroup)

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