



# 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

## ANNUAL REPORT 2019

The need for environmental action has never been greater. The next 10 years is a critical decade in order to keep global heating to within 1.5 degrees, to avoid devastating affects of the climate crisis. Each one of us is responsible and each one of us can take action. Action brings hope and helps build community wellbeing and resilience, as we work together towards a low carbon future.

Thank you to members and supporters who were involved in activities and projects during the past year (listed below). Through the efforts of one TSG member and community support, **Hepburn Shire declared a Climate Emergency** at their September meeting. We also held an **Extinction Rebellion** information session and an enthusiastic local group was formed. Our X-R group has since joined with Macedon Ranges X-R (Trentham, Kyneton & Woodend) – strength in numbers!

**The Z-NET Project:** In addition to major partners, including Hepburn Wind and Council, a Z-Net Roundtable made up of representatives of local sustainability groups and other interested residents, is a key component of the project providing guidance and communications for development and implementation of the Community Transition Plan. Trentham is well represented with five enthusiastic members on the Roundtable.

**Premier's Sustainability Award:** A wonderful and well-deserved win when Hepburn Z-NET received the award for the Community Category in October this year. When accepting the award, Taryn Lane (Hepburn Wind general manager) acknowledged the various partners, including "local sustainability groups and community members who are sharing this journey with us".

Z-NET is an ambitious and exciting 10-year Masterplan for Hepburn Shire to reach 100% renewable electricity supply, zero-net energy and zero-net emissions 2019 – 2029. For the full Z-NET Community Transition Plan and associated documentation go to - [www.z-net.org.au/hepburn](http://www.z-net.org.au/hepburn)

**'2040' Movie Screening & Z-Net Trentham Launch:** Amidst lots of animated conversation more than 50 people enjoyed local food and refreshments (wines kindly donated by Shadowfax) followed by a local launch of the Z-Net project. We then viewed the Australian documentary, **2040**, which presents an inspirational picture of what society could be like in 20 years' time simply by adopting the technologies that are already available. There was a lot of enthusiasm about the ideas presented in the film, in particular the concept of self-sufficient electricity 'microgrids' and regenerative agriculture.

**Produce Exchange:** We celebrated our 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in January this year (see pic). Our swap team continues to be amazed and delighted at the abundance and variety of back yard garden produce brought along by our loyal swappers each month. This coming January will mark the 6<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:** In the last reporting period activity has been pared back to allow the team some time and space to re-focus on how we can best support a thriving local food economy. The Growers, Cookers & Eaters Dinner did not run in 2019 due to limited resources in the team, which were primarily channeled into the weekly veg box initiative and produce exchange. Throughout the course of the 2019 season, it was determined that the veg boxes were not gaining the traction in the community that would be required to make the service viable in the medium term, so the veg box service was drawn to a close in the final week of May. Social media following of Trentham Food Hub has increased steadily and the team will reconvene before the end of the 2019 calendar year to plot the course for 2020. [www.trenthamfoodhub.org](http://www.trenthamfoodhub.org)

To get involved in any of the above projects or activities, please contact us either directly 5424 1727 or email [tsg@trentham.org.au](mailto:tsg@trentham.org.au) Check us out on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)

Thank you to Trentham Neighbourhood Centre and all our members and supporters. We welcome everyone's interest and enthusiasm.

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