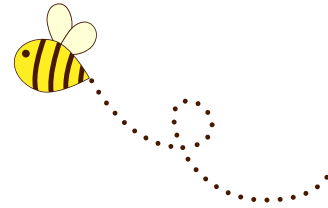




Permaculture Tasmania

Member Newsletter

Spring 2026



Greetings Permies

We have continued to work hard to re-establish Permaculture Tasmania as an active, vibrant group that serves the community. This takes time, and we are slowly but surely getting there.

These were the words that I wrote to introduce our 2025 Spring Newsletter, and my opening will not change this time.

New Constitution and governance measures

However, we are almost over the line, with a new Constitution, new governance measures put in place, new guidelines, updated policies and a great sense of accomplishment.

From a group that was ready to shut down at their AGM due to lack of interest, Permaculture Tasmania has been pruned, weeded, fertilised and is now sprouting healthy green shoots. No longer a poor little plant waiting to die in the clearance section of the Bunnings nursery, the group has been painstakingly nurtured by our committee over the last two years. Without their tireless efforts, Permaculture Tasmania would not be the growing community that it is as I write this.

Big thanks to our ordinary members, past and present

My sincerest thanks to our ordinary members, past and present, who attended monthly meetings, put in their two cents worth and did the small things that make big differences (Will, Sam, Dianne, Deanna, Suzi).

Our treasurer, Bruce, who has dizzied me many a time with the financials but managed to make it all work, and who always turns up to man the PT stalls in the south. (Go and have a chat with him, he's bloomin' marvellous!).

Our website volunteer who works quietly in the background making all the data and webdingles and such work, whilst manning the southern state stalls with Bruce. **Thanks to Russ, who has created a sea of words** that have permeated the community and provided a warm, comforting blanket of knowledge around permaculture.

Our Admin volunteer; Transition Tamar representative, PT stall holder, Launceston Repair cafe representative and committee member Karen, who has won the ‘persistence award’ for tackling all of the policies for PT in such a short time and turned them into something more than just fodder for the compost.

Pat, who may believe that he is ‘just’ an ordinary member, but is a dynamic young man with fresh ideas and the motivation and energy to make things happen. A new, vibrant and active local group for Meander Valley has sprung up from his enthusiasm and willingness to lend a hand to make things work.

And to my mentor and life member Tania Brookes, I extend my hand and salute you. Without your leadership and guidance, much of what PT was would have been lost. You have allowed us to rack your brains for the tiniest details of PT past and helped the newer members get a sense of how great this group was and still is. You gently encouraged us to do what the protocols dictate whilst preserving the best of the past and evolving into the new PT.

To our newest Public Officer, Elaine. You have come in late but won the race on the fastest constitutional changes and shoring up of the PT governance structure. Like the gentlest tornado, you have swept up all the pieces to the puzzle and spat them out as a complete framework for success, all in the space of a couple of months.

Lastly, huge gratitude to our indispensable secretary, Loretta, who works tirelessly to organise and motivate our group, bringing a lifetime of environmental and educational experience to bear on the many challenges we face. She’s been the glue that holds our group together, and we absolutely wouldn’t be here without her efforts.

Now that all of the hard, labourious, brain-stretching work has been done, Permaculture Tasmania is ready to grow branches, sprout branches and bloom! More local groups can be set up (let us know if you are interested) and linked to the Facebook local network pages, more events can be attended, more opportunities presented to our membership, more skills traded, more communities strengthened, more of everything!

So I thank you, the membership too, for believing in us, for supporting us financially through your memberships, for seeing past the mistakes and looking forward to the future. Without you, none of this would have been possible.

So this Spring, help us continue to grow. Get your friends and neighbours on board. Celebrate the changing of the seasons, the new life, the growth of the existing and the whisper on the breeze of what is yet to come.



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PLANT PROFILE:

Golden Scallopini

a small, bright summer squash

by Russ Grayson
member of Permaculture Tasmania

It's another edible gift from the traditional gardeners of the Americas. A small squash that is easy to grow in Australia's cool temperate gardens.

SUMMER ends, autumn starts: the golden scallopini are ready.

It is a productive bush and two people can eat only so many, so we gave some to neighbours with whom we swap vegetables... seeds and seedlings. In return, one of them gives us honey from their hives. The good news is that our scallopini was not gnawed by possums. Here's some botanical information about golden scallopini squash...

Golden scallopini squash

Common name: Golden scallopini squash

Family: Cucurbitaceae

Genus: Cucurbita

Species: pepo

Growth form

- a radiating bush to around a metre in width with fruit forming on the lower stems
- the fruit is circular and shallow with a scalloped edge and around 12.5cm in diameter.
- the fruit is bright yellow when ready to harvest.

Cultivation

- full sun, warm weather and warm, deep, rich, well-drained soil with a pH of 5.5 to 6.5
- water consistently
- susceptible to
- powdery mildew.

Reproduction: Seed.

Centre of diversity:
Mesoamerica



Use

- food
- useful part — fruit: team, bake, boil, stew, stir-fry with vegetables, savoury pancakes with flour and egg, barbecue, chargrill, grate into cakes, breads, and muffins
- golden scallopini is not strongly flavoured, so can be combined in a variety of recipes
- harvested young and roasted whole in embers; sliced and dried for later use as a winter vegetable ([;skac](#)[;sac](#)[;salmc](#))
- flowers and young shoots eaten as greens or added to mixed vegetable dishes
- slice and sauté in oil with garlic and herbs as a simple side dish
- pickled in sweet vinegar brines in parts of Central and Eastern Europe, often with small, whole fruits packed into jars.

Use in permaculture design

- a Zone 1 plant
- plant in broadbeds beyond the clipping beds that are ideally closest to the house and where frequently harvested vegetables are grown, such as lettuce, tomato, radish etc
- the broadbeds are for less-frequently-visited crops such as zucchini, cucumber, corn, buckwheat and others requiring less attention to grow and manage.

History and folklore

- part of the classic squash–maize–bean companion planting of traditional South American farmers; squash foliage shades soil, suppresses weeds
- archaeological evidence from sites across eastern North America indicates that pattypan-type squash were among the earliest domesticated crops in the region; excavations in the US reveal *Cucurbita pepo* seeds and rind fragments dating to approximately 8000–10,000 years ago; native American groups developed distinct varieties adapted to local growing conditions
- European colonists first encountered pattypan squash in the early 1600s and adopted them into their own agricultural practices; by the 1700s seeds were being sent back to Europe; the varieties spread globally through colonial trade networks to reach Australia, South Africa and Asia by the 19th century.

Notes

The golden scallopini in the photographs were growing in the cool temperate maritime climate of coastal southeast Tasmania.

Harvested in late-February, the final month of the southern summer and into March, the first month of the southern autumn, the squash were not bothered by insect pests or possums.





TASMANIAN **BIRD FLU** RESPONSE



by Loretta Leary

Secretary Permaculture Tasmania

This information comes directly from [Biosecurity Tasmania](#)

What is bird flu?

Bird flu is a highly contagious viral disease of birds.

It can affect poultry farms, backyard poultry, and wild birds. It can cause disease in other animals, including mammals such as seals, and scavenging species.

Some bird species carry bird flu without symptoms or illness but birds and other animals sick with bird flu will likely die.

Due to wild bird movements, it is not possible to stop bird flu from spreading among wildlife and may result in large numbers of bird and mammal deaths.

Symptoms

Signs of avian influenza in live birds include:

- breathing problems like coughing or sneezing
- circling
- tremors and incoordination
- twisted neck
- inability to stand or fly
- swelling in the head, neck and eyes
- change of colour or cloudiness in the eyes.

Signs in live mammals include tremors and incoordination, seizures, breathing problems, and runny nose and drooling.

What you should do

Do not touch sick or dead birds or other animals. Avian influenza or bird flu may affect humans however the current risk to the public remains low.

Any suspicion of an emergency animal disease (EAD) should be immediately reported to the 24-hour Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888.

More information on how to spot and report bird flu and help prevent disease spread is at www.nre.tas.gov.au/BirdFlu

What bird owners should do

Commercial producers should have an on-farm biosecurity plan and know the signs of diseases that could affect their birds and other animals.

All poultry and bird owners are reminded to follow best biosecurity practices such as:

- keep poultry sheds, yards, aviaries and equipment clean; and restrict contact between poultry and wild birds.

Bird owners should also:

- ensure their footwear is clean
- always wash hands before and after handling birds or eggs; and
- quarantine new birds before integrating with existing ones.

More information is on the [Chickens or Other Birds](#) webpage.

What consumers should do

Consumers can be assured that eggs and chicken meat are safe to eat provided they are handled and cooked according to standard food handling practices.

What to expect in an outbreak

When bird flu is present:

- it could cause large numbers of bird and wild mammal deaths
- it could affect poultry (chicken and egg farms) and other industries
- activities like wildlife rescue, hunting, and muttonbird harvesting may need to pause
- there could be large numbers of dead animals visible in the community
- it may not be possible to remove all dead animals from an area
- some areas may be closed for varying amounts of time to prevent disease spread and eliminate risk to human health
- scavenging species such as the Tasmanian devil, wedge-tailed eagles, or quolls may become sick and die after eating infected birds
- H5 bird flu in wild animals cannot be treated so it's important Tasmanians understand infected birds will likely die.

Human health

Human infections with avian influenza are rare and require direct and close contact with infected animals. People should avoid touching sick or dead birds or animals. If you must handle sick or dead birds, you can help protect yourself by wearing PPE which should include:

- a mask
- goggles
- gloves
- wash your hands thoroughly after handling any birds and equipment.

A bird flu incursion could see mass mortality events both of birds and, potentially, mammal species and is likely to cause significant community concern, particularly for those that work and volunteer with animals.

Support is available through:

- Access Mental Health 1800 332 388 – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Head to Health Phone Service 1800 595 212 – 8.30am to 5pm weekdays (except public holidays).
- A Tasmanian Lifeline 1800 984 434 – 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week
- Lifeline 13 11 44
- visit the [Tasmanian Department of Health website](#) for more human health information.

For more information or to report a suspected case

If you see sick or dead birds or animals:

- Avoid contact (do not touch, and keep pets away)
- Record what you see (photo, video, location, detail).



- report it as soon as possible to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline 1800 675 888 (24/7), or through our [online reporting forms](#).

How to make a report

- To report sick or dead birds or other animals:
- Call the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline 1800 675 888
- Make an online report using our online reporting forms: <https://nre.tas.gov.au/biosecurity-tasmania/animal-biosecurity/animal-health/poultry-and-pigeons/bird-flu/report-sick-or-dead-birds>

From Loretta:

The arrival of H5N1 bird flu in Tasmania can create emotional distress and trauma for wildlife carers, animal owners, and conservation communities worried about iconic species like Tasmanian devils and their own animals and birds.

Understanding the Impact

Wildlife Stress: Potential mass mortality events in wild seabirds, seals, and scavenging mammals can deeply affect local communities and volunteers.

Vulnerable Species: Heightened fears exist for localized or endangered populations like the Tasmanian devil, orange-bellied parrot, and raptors.

Human Support: The emotional toll on those who work closely with vulnerable fauna is recognized by health authorities, with guidance accessible via local support networks.

What You Should Do

Avoid Contact: Never touch sick, distressed, or dead wildlife.

Record Details: Take photos or video, and note the exact location and number of affected animals.

Report Immediately: Call the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888 or file a report through the NRE Tas Bird Flu Page.

I urge people to connect with their neighbours, friends, family and local communities. As a group we can support each other emotionally and physically (building shelters etc) or even monetarily if you have the means. Stay calm, stay alert and stay healthy emotionally and physically.

If you are suffering trauma from this event or any other please reach out to one of several organisations.

Crisis and Immediate Helplines

Lifeline: Call **13 11 14** for 24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention.

Suicide Call Back Service: Call **1300 659 467** for free 24/7 phone and online counseling.

A Tasmanian Lifeline: Call **1800 98 44 34** available daily from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm for psychosocial support.

Beyond Blue: Call **1300 224 636** for 24/7 support regarding anxiety and depression.

Free Walk-In and Support Centres

Medicare Mental Health Centres: Free walk-in support (no referral needed) available via Medicare Mental Health or by calling 1800 595 212 (weekdays 8:30 am to 5:00 pm). Regional locations include Hobart (Glenorchy), Launceston, Devonport, and Burnie.

Safe Haven: Walk-in support for people experiencing situational or suicidal distress, open daily from 9:00 am to 10:00 pm.





When the community good movement meets regulators

by Russ Grayson
member of Permaculture Tasmania

From time to time we are called upon to defend what we hold of value. This is how Tasmania's home and community gardens, food swaps, food charities, and community pantries spontaneously rose to oppose state government regulations that could have shut them down. It leaves us with a lesson in the effectiveness of cooperation and community resilience in food advocacy.

It starts slowly, builds momentum, and ends with a crash.

We start to hear about it in the weeks before it becomes a political issue. Those who follow such things realise what the proposed regulations mean. They put the word out through social media channels. Mainstream media picks up the story. The resistance begins.

And that's when the cracks start to appear.

Threat generates action

A storm is brewing among home gardeners who share some of their production with community pantries and food swaps. It brews, too, among Tasmania's community gardeners. Some community gardens grow food in common, the gardeners taking a share. How would the regulations affect them?

As they delve into the draft Primary Produce Safety (Horticulture Produce) Regulations, gardeners discover that leafy greens, berries and melons are to be classified as high-risk horticulture. [Biosecurity Tasmania](#) proclaims that anyone daring to cultivate these crops and share some of what they grow, even your everyday backyard grower, must be documented on a public register. That immediately raises privacy concerns. A daunting thirty-page food safety management plan looms ahead. It demands water testing, input verification and audits.

The spectre of accreditation haunts those who wish to donate, swap or sell their produce. It is a measure cloaked in the guise of ensuring fresh produce safety. Yet, to the home and community gardeners and food charities, this is no safety net. It is a net of control. The regulations will severely impact the food donations that [Tasmania Neighbourhood Houses](#) social programs and food charities depend on. They provide essential support to those struggling to feed their families.

The implications are stark. The red tape and the costs designed to regulate the community food sector as if it was commercial farming are insurmountable.

The proposed regulations come across as a blatant case of government micromanagement and bureaucratic overreach that threatens to stifle the Tasmanian tradition of home gardening, community food exchange and the generous sharing of surplus through food donations. Have the anonymous architects of these regulations ensconced in their offices ever paused to consider the collateral damage they would inflict? Do they even care?

Terms used in the draft regulations are ambiguous and undefined. Questions hang in the air. If these regulations are unleashed, would they be enforceable? And how would Biosecurity Tasmania wield the power to enforce them? The drama builds to leave the future of community food systems hanging in the balance. Soon, the whispers of dissent appearing in online and mainstream media start to converge into a stream of resistance that gathers strength as the days go by.

Stepping into the background

Let's step out into the bigger picture for a moment. Tasmania's food culture is different. Backyard growing is common and is regarded as normal for both city and rural people. Community food exchange is a part of life, whether that is between neighbours passing their excess over the back fence or donating it to a community food pantry. When enough people do this frequently enough, the practice becomes a part of Tasmania's broader culture.

Food-relief organisations rely on donated home-grown produce to provide free food to families find it difficult to feed themselves due to cost of living and other factors. Community gardens are a feature of some Neighbourhood Houses and are found elsewhere. They yield food and the social connection that counters social alienation.

The draft regulations don't distinguish between industrial supply chains and community food webs. The presumably unintended impacts would erode a cultural practices central to Tasmanian identity.

That proves the trigger point for the community-based resistance that goes on the offensive to defend a productive tradition. As news of the proposed regulation spreads over the weeks, Tasmania's community food sector realises that the stakes are no longer bureaucratic. They are cultural, social and economic. It is time for action.

Mobilisation

The Southern Beaches Food Resilience initiative is a new formation attached to our local Neighbourhood House. The House already supports a free weekly dinner, a community refrigerator pantry, a community garden, food co-op and bicycle repair shed. All but the last two would be badly impacted by the regulation.

The group is involved in grassroots activity to build local food security. It is supportive of home food production, food swaps, garden visits and workshops. We are at a meeting when we realise the very existence of our initiative is put at risk by the proposed regulation.

What can we do? We can do what other food organisations are doing. Make a submission opposing the regulation during the public comment period on Biosecurity Tasmania's website.

We start writing. So does: the Neighbourhood House, [Permaculture Tasmania](#), [Sustain: the Australian Food Network](#), the [Agroecology and Food Sovereignty Alliance](#) (media statement [here](#)) and numerous Tasmanian community groups and organisations engaged in the informal community food sector.

- backyard growers submit objections
- food-relief organisations warn of catastrophic impacts on donations
- local councils make submissions
- community food networks organise petitions and speak to the media
- the [Tasmanian Greens](#) and the [Jacqui Lambie Network](#), a political party, add their political heft
- mainstream and social media turn the issue into a statewide conversation about fairness and common sense.



The Southern Beaches Food Resilience initiative submits its comments the day before the public consultation closes.

I submit my own. In it I say:

A viable, active and informal community-based food system is vital to the welfare of Tasmanians experiencing difficulty in obtaining an ongoing supply of fresh, nutritious food.

The proposed regulation would:

- **inhibit community response** in distributing home grown and community garden grown fresh foods to those who need them during times of crisis when food and fuel supply chains are disrupted (ref: current fuel crisis; Covid pandemic)
- **block community self-help initiatives** such as community gardening, food swaps, donation of fresh food to food relief programs
- **disempower citizens and deprive them of their agency** to participate in self-help initiatives, it would discourage further participation in community activities and break down their sense of community
- **contradict the Tasmanian government's [Food Resilience Strategy 2025–2031](#)** that recognises the validity and contribution of communities in addressing food security through sustainable community-led solutions.

Proposal

Biosecurity Tasmania:

- **negotiate with the community food sector** to develop a means of ensuring food safety without restrictive regulation
- encourage the formation of a **community food advisory group** to advise Biosecurity Tasmania on food safety in the sector and to work collaboratively on solutions
- in cooperation with the sector/advisory body, develop a **guide to educate the sector on food safety**.

The narrative shifts from food safety compliance to defending Tasmania's food culture.

Resolution

On 29 July 2026, Premier Jeremy Rockliff and Primary Industries Minister Gavin Pearce announce full exemption from the regulations for backyard growers, community food groups and small-scale informal producers. They publicly announce that the regulations will apply only to large commercial operations.

Gavin Pearce issues a [media release](#):

As the second round of consultation on the draft Primary Produce Safety (Horticulture Produce) Regulations comes to an end, the Tasmanian Government has announced there will be no impact to backyard producers. Premier Jeremy Rockliff said the Government has listened and heard the community's feedback loud and clear.

"I want to be clear: we are not going to make it harder for people to grow, share, donate or sell small amounts of fresh local produce in their communities," the Premier said.

"As all good consultation does, the draft proposal has prompted legitimate concerns from backyard growers, community food groups, market gardeners and regional communities.

"I am directing that any final regulations must protect community food growing, food relief activities, local markets and small-scale producers from unnecessary fees, excessive paperwork and disproportionate compliance requirements.

"Food safety remains important, but common sense must prevail."



Gavin Pearce, said backyard growing is a way of life in our rural and regional communities: No Tasmanian should need to fill out pages of paperwork, pay fees or navigate a complex regulatory process simply because they are sharing surplus produce, supporting a community food initiative or selling small quantities of fresh food locally,” Minister Pearce said.

Our Government will not proceed with any model that undermines community food security, discourages local food production or creates barriers for ordinary Tasmanians participating in local food networks.

The final Regulations will clearly distinguish between large commercial operations and community-scale activity.

The objective is simple: protect food safety while protecting Tasmania’s local food culture. Backyard growers, community food groups and small local producers should not be caught up in red tape designed for large commercial operations.

If there is one clear takeaway from this, it’s that nobody will be regulated out of growing, sharing or selling local food in their community.

Following the government’s backdown, Greens Primary Industry spokesperson Tabatha Badger warned that “The Greens remain ready to speak up and push back on these regulations should they return in a similar heavy-handed fashion that negatively impact Tasmania’s non-commercial, community gardens, home growers, crop swappers and small roadside vendors.”

The dramatic tension broke. The community won. The spontaneous campaign for the freedom to grow, exchange and donate fresh food humbled the Biosecurity Tasmania bureaucrats.

Lessons for community advocacy

The case offers powerful insights into how communities can influence policy.

The narrative matters

For food advocates, **the story we tell and the way we tell it influences how people understand the issues**. Biosecurity Tasmania framed their regulations as a necessary part of a safe food supply. The community reframed it as an attack on the community food sector. It worked.

The media picked it up. Yahoo News reported that “Will Perry, independent candidate for the Kingborough Council, said the government had planned to impose a \$700 fee on growers.

“In a Facebook post this week titled “\$700 for a handful of spinach”, he said the government’s plan would ‘genuinely kill any farmers’ market proposal at the community hub moving forward”.

Reframing is important

Done skilfully, reframing redirects and gives an alternative meaning to an adversary’s argument. It deflects and builds momentum. The community food sector’s reframing of Biosecurity Tasmania’s regulations as an attack on the community food sector told a different story that resonated with growers in Tasmania.

The ‘\$700 for a handful of spinach’ distilled government complexity into a relatable injustice. It was a catchy phrase. It was unexpected. It was a sound advocacy tactic.



Scale-up

It is hard to do it alone. You need friends. You need supporters. The campaign against the Biosecurity Tasmania regulation was more self-organising than coordinated. It arose spontaneously in response to a common threat. It self-scaled.

The lesson we can draw for community food advocates from the experience? Seek common ground and recruit home garden growers, charities, councils and allies in academia, community organisations and other and advocacy organisations.

Local culture is political capital

Defending Tasmania's food traditions resonated deeply. Recognising the threat the regulations would face community growers and food charities with and defining them in terms of established tradition recruited supporters and multiplied the resistance.

Visibility forces action

Limiting a campaign to a single organisation or practice signals isolation. It makes it appear as if support is weak. It presages failure.

Mainstream media coverage transformed a technical regulation into a public issue. So did the use of social media. Combined, they built presence, strength and momentum.

Persistence works

Escalating pressure and unified messaging led to success.
Be there for the long run.

What now?

Food safety breaches involving leafy greens in Australia are predominantly the products of commercial farming and processing distributed through centralised industrial supply chains and sold through supermarkets.

[Food Standards Australia New Zealand](#) is the national organisation responsible for food safety. In 2025, the agency coordinated 92 food recalls, the majority due to labelling errors, mould and microbial contamination such as Listeria and Salmonella in processed foods. Pre-packaged salad products were recalled by Coles, Woolworths, Aldi and IGA after E. coli was detected in spinach and mixed-leaf products.

There is no record of systemic contamination arising from community food systems, crop swaps or informal donations.

This implies Biosecurity Tasmania's targeting of the informal fresh food sector lacked evidence of unsafe practice. It comes across as a fabricated narrative. We can be excused if we view it less as misinformation from Biosecurity Tasmania and more as disinformation.

From such incidents, we draw lessons. One person suggested it was "back to the drawing board" for Biosecurity Tasmania. "It is not over yet", I responded. "We await the renewed draft regulations. We must ensure they genuinely exclude the community food sector. "We must remain vigilant," I concluded.

We all want a safe food supply. Let's ensure the focus is on the where the evidence shows food safety to be most at risk.





My Favourite Things

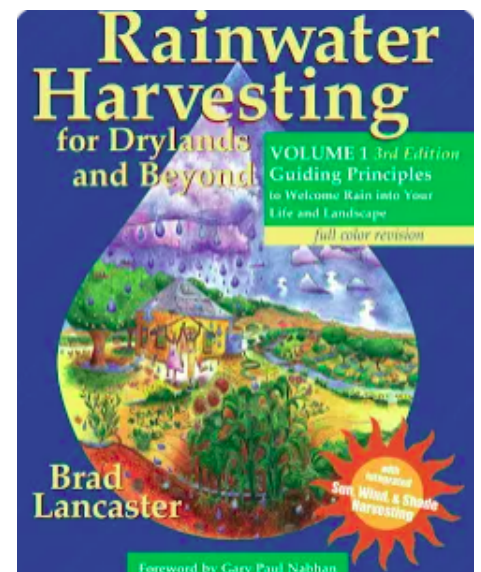
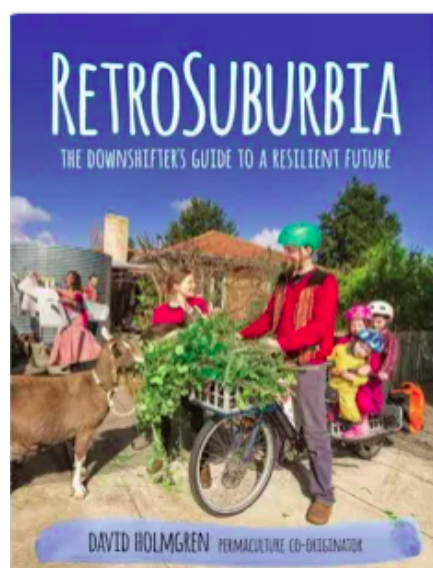
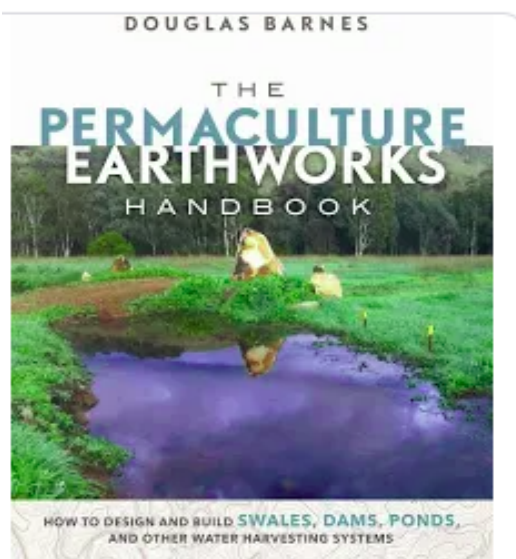
by Patrick Casey

Ordinary Member of Permaculture Tasmania and Local Group
Representative of Meander Valley

Patrick moved to Tasmania with his wife to build a strawbale house with a sustainable permaculture garden. You can follow him on [Tassie Straw House](#) on Facebook.

These are some Permaculture-aligned resources which he has enjoyed and found insightful:

- **Theme of Small & Slow Solutions, Observe & Interact.** The rain has come and filled our tanks but with an erratic climate the regular winter rains could be replaced by shorter spells of heavy down pours. We will need to be able to catch and slow down the flow of water through our landscape. I've been learning and reminding myself how to achieve this from the following books:
- **'The Permaculture Earthworks Handbook'** by Douglas Barnes describes how to carry out earthworks on your property utilising permaculture principles. From a small backyard up to many hectares of bush land.
- **'Retrosuburbia'** by David Holmgren is always a go to for me when I want to glean ideas, whether it be from David's mind or from one of his case studies. The illustrations by Brenna Quinlan are wonderful. There are some great ideas throughout for reusing grey water from the home.
- **'Rainwater harvesting for drylands and beyond, Vol.1'** by Brad Lancaster. Brad has produced two volumes of books dedicated to turning scarcity into abundance. From Tucson, Arizona, which receives 280mm of rain a year(!), he shows how you can harvest water for self reliance and habitat.



Let us know your favourites and we can share them with everyone in our next newsletter: secretary@permaculturetasmania.org



Organic Women Farmers in Sri Lanka

by Jo Dean

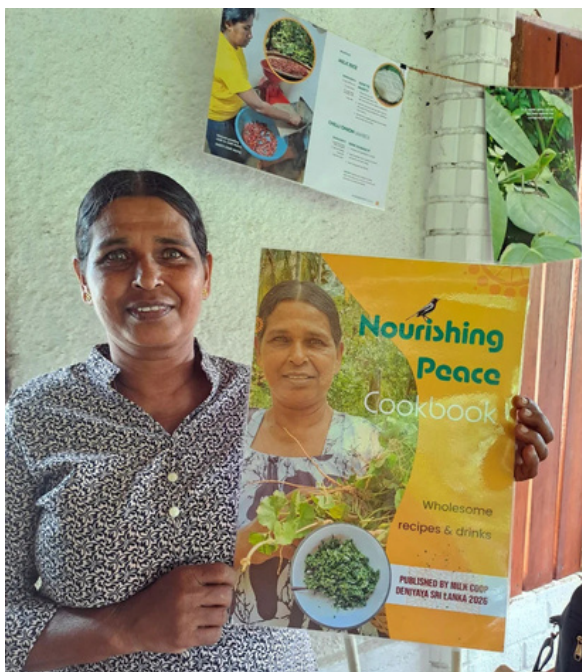
founder of Gentle Footsteps Permaculture and
a member of Permaculture Tasmania

Celebrating International Year of the Women Farmer

What a truly inspiring day we shared in Deniyaya as the [Milk Coop Society](#) and [Australian Volunteers Program](#) came together to celebrate the [UN International Year of the Woman Farmer 2026](#) at Sharni's Residence.

A total of 40 participants joined the event including 35 farmers – 33 of whom were women farmers – representing 15 farmer groups from across the region. A day of learning, sharing, celebrating and building friendships unfolded. The morning began in a relaxing, open venue overlooking beautiful hillsides of rainforest and tea that surround Deniyaya. Farmers met, shared stories and enjoyed cool drinking water served in paper cups from a traditional terracotta clay oya.

The room was beautifully decorated with locally picked flowers, colourful displays of locally grown fruits, vegetables, herbs and spices. All were presented in handmade cane baskets and plates made from compressed areca nut palm fibre.



Pages from the *Nourishing Peace Cookbook Project* decorated the walls, celebrating the knowledge and recipes being shared by local women.

Women farmers proudly displayed their farm produce, spices, mushrooms, preserved food, handicrafts, sewing and other products in an inter-group pop-up market. Most of the products were sold during the day. Fresh produce was purchased for the afternoon community cooking session.

The farmers were engaged throughout the day, asking thoughtful questions, sharing their own experiences, participating in lively discussions.



Acknowledging our reliance on farmers

During the event we reflected on the enormous contribution of women farmers around the world. Women make up approximately 40–50% of the global agricultural labour force. In many developing countries they produce around 60% of the food that feeds families and communities.

Two or three times every day, every single one of us depends on farmers. Every meal reminds us of their dedication, skill and hard work. They care for the land, grow our food and nourish our bodies every day of the year. We hope farmers everywhere receive the fair prices they deserve for their work.

It's heartening to know local organic tea growers earn twice as much as conventional tea per kilogram. This shows that sustainable farming can provide strong livelihoods. The day highlighted the significance of organic farming. Healthy soil produces healthy plants, which in turn nourish healthy people, and healthy communities create a better future for everyone. Women from different farmer groups gathered in small conversations, forming new relationships between the Ranbath Organic family network and the Deniyaya women farmers. These conversations created exciting opportunities for local fresh produce being directly freighted to Colombo restaurants. Women supporting women, sharing ideas, experiences and opportunities.

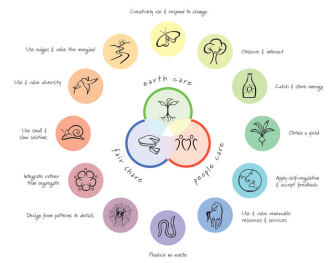
We were deeply grateful to the women of Deniyaya for warmly welcoming us into their homes and gardens over the past months. They generously shared delicious organic meals, introduced us to the incredible diversity of local fruits, vegetables, herbs, spices and medicinal plants. They contributed treasured family recipes that are now becoming part of the Nourishing Peace recipe book.

As we celebrate the [UN International Year of the Woman Farmer 2026](#), we extend our heartfelt thanks to the millions of hardworking farmers across the globe. Your dedication, resilience and care for the land provides the fresh, healthy food that nourishes us every single day of the year. To every farmer, especially the incredible women farmers who often work quietly behind the scenes: thank you. Your work matters. Your knowledge matters. Your contribution feeds the world.





Permaculture Principles for Beginners



by Loretta Leary

Secretary of Permaculture Tasmania

Permaculture Principle 5 is to... *use and value renewable resources and services*

What it means:

It means making the best use of nature's abundance to reduce our dependence on non-renewable fossil fuels and heavy technology, letting natural ecological systems and biological functions do the work. Hence the proverb, "let nature take its course."

- **Renewable Resources:** Use items that replenish naturally, such as solar energy, wind power, timber from managed woodlots, and water via rain catchment.
- **Renewable Services:** Rely on functions provided by living organisms rather than mechanical or chemical intervention.

How to do it:

Focus on reducing your use and dependence on non-renewable resources for energy and let nature do the work. Here is how you can implement it across different areas of your home:

☀️ Energy & Heating

- Dry clothes on clothesline or drying rack instead of an electric dryer.
- Harness passive solar by opening curtains on sunny winter days to warm rooms. Close them before sunset to trap heat.
- Install solar path lights for outdoor walkways.

💧 Water Management

- Set up rain barrels and tanks to catch roof runoff to water your garden and indoor plants.
- Reuse greywater by collecting warm water in a bucket while waiting for your shower to heat up. Use it to flush toilets or water ornamental plants.
- Mulch soil heavily. Cover soil with autumn leaves, straw, or woodchips to stop water evaporation.

🌱 Gardening & Soil

- Make home compost using kitchen scraps and garden waste to build soil fertility instead of buying synthetic fertilizer.
- Plant green manure crops such as nitrogen-fixing plants like clover or beans to naturally enrich your soil.
- Attract pest predators by planting marigolds, dill, and coriander to attract ladybirds and predatory wasps that eat garden pests.

🐔 Animal Services

- Employ backyard chickens to hens scratch your garden beds to clear weeds, turn the soil, eat pests, and leave behind high-quality fertilizer.
- Build a duck pond. Ducks eat slugs and snails, and their nutrient-rich pond water makes excellent garden fertilizer when drained.

🧹 Indoor Household

- Switch to natural cleaners such as vinegar, baking soda, and lemon juice instead of harsh chemical cleaners.
- Choose renewable materials for household items that are made from bamboo, wool, cork, or sustainably sourced timber.

I love this principle because it is time saving, sustainable and cheaper than most man-made alternatives. Gardening with chooks is also very, very entertaining.



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MEMBER BENEFITS

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These businesses provide Permaculture Tasmania member benefits. Support us by supporting these businesses.

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PERMACULTURE

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IT'S ONLY
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2 PRESERVE

[It's Only Natural 2 Preserve](#) runs preserving workshops and provides a 20% discount.

If you would like to partner with us in any way email us
permaculturetasmania@gmail.com

Get the unique member discount codes here:
<https://permaculturetasmania.org/member-discounts/>



COMMITTEE MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Fancy getting your head, heart and hands into the running of Permaculture Tasmania? We are looking for committee members; executive and ordinary. No experience necessary. Learn on the job in a supported environment.

Permaculture Tasmania Committee and Volunteer Descriptions

PLEASE NOTE: All executive and ordinary members and volunteers must be financial members of Permaculture Tasmania

PRESIDENT

The president is co-responsible for governance, strategic leadership, and representing the organization to the public. The position focuses on furthering the organization's social and community mission; including organisational development and advocacy.

Key duties include:

- Strategic Leadership: Driving the strategic direction, planning, and long-term goals.
- Governance & Compliance: Ensuring the organization operates legally, ethically, and in accordance with its constitution.
- Committee Management: Chairing meetings, setting agendas (usually with the secretary), and fostering productive relationships among committee members. Ensuring that Executive committee members are fulfilling their duties.
- Spokesperson & Representation: Acting as the primary public face of the organization, attending functions, and meeting with stakeholders or government representatives.
- Financial Oversight: Working with the Treasurer to ensure sound financial management and reporting.
- Liaise with the website volunteer to ensure continuity of strategic, advocacy & membership-related content.

VICE-PRESIDENT

The vice-president is responsible — in the President's unavailability or absence — for governance, strategic leadership, and representing the organization to the public.

Some of the President's non-governance duties may be devolved to the Vice President on written agreement at the start of or at any time during the tenure of both positions, and should be confirmed in writing to the secretary and noted at a committee meeting.

SECRETARY

The secretary is a critical governance officer responsible for ensuring legal compliance with the Public Officer, managing Committee administration, and maintaining accurate records. They act as a liaison between the Committee and the Executive, handling meeting agendas, minutes, and official reporting. They act as the primary contact for organisational inquiries via phone, email and website.

Key Duties include:

- Schedule meetings
- Prepare and disseminate agenda in the week before each meeting
- Recording, preparing and disseminating minutes of each meeting in a timely manner
- Assist with annual returns
- AGM preparation
- Monitor and action organisation email account
- Liaise with the website volunteer to ensure continuity of governance-related content

TREASURER

The treasurer (or financial officer) manages the financial duties of the organisation, though the financial affairs of the association remain the responsibility of all committee members

Key duties include:

- Prepare a monthly financial report (expenses, including any fees and income, balances of bank account and Paypal) and email to the president, vice president and secretary.
- Prepare an annual financial statement for auditors and circulate to committee prior to the AGM or due date for the reporting period.
- Seek committee approval for payment of invoices over \$200
- Fulfil/pay invoices received
- Process membership payments
- Ensure renewal of organisation domain name and hosting, and any organisational statutory body memberships.
- Checking the off-website, cash and square payments and ensuring the memberships are then activated or chased up by the Membership Officer.

PUBLIC OFFICER

The public officer is responsible for lodging annual returns, updating address changes within 14 days, and serving as the contact for legal documents.

Key Duties:

- Compliance & Filing: File the Annual Return and notify CBOS of any changes to the Association's rules, name, or the public officer's address.
- Legal Contact: Act as the person on whom legal documents and notices are served.
- Administration: Maintain custody of the association's seal, manage correspondence with regulators (e.g., CBOS).
- Liaise with the website volunteer to ensure continuity of governance-related content on the website
- Ensuring governance is compliant, up to date and reflects practices (and where possible best practice).

PLEASE NOTE: Any public officer nominated or appointed must be aged 18+ and reside in Tasmania in order to fulfil Consumer, Building and Occupational Services(CBOS) requirements.



MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

The Membership Officer manages the end-to-end member lifecycle, including recruitment, onboarding, renewals, and retention, whilst maintaining database integrity

Key duties include:

- Supporting engagement strategies to drive organisational mission & membership recruitment & retention
- Creating partnerships for member benefits
- Maintaining and updating the membership database, including inputting paper memberships
- Sending membership packs
- Providing the secretary with an updated monthly membership list
- Liaising with the website volunteer to ensure continuity of membership-related content on the website

LOCAL GROUP LIAISON OFFICER

Key duties include:

- Liaise with Local Group Leads and be a point of contact and reporting between the Local Groups and the Permaculture Tasmania Committee
- Where able attend Local Group startup meetings and advise / assist to setup and ensure compliance (or devolve to geographically closer PT Committee member).

ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBER

Ordinary Committee Members have the same general legal duties as Executive Committee Members: the duty to act with reasonable care and diligence, the duty to act in good faith in the best interests of the association, and the duty to ensure that the association does not trade while insolvent (which means not allowing the association to incur debts it cannot repay or is likely to be unable to repay). Committee members may also have obligations under the association's rules - these commonly include requirements to disclose personal interests in matters being considered by the committee and restrictions on voting where a conflict exists.

Key duties include:

- Attending monthly meetings
- Participate in decision-making whether via email, in-person, online or telephone
- Be generally available to represent the organisation at events requiring organisational participation - ie events which are aligned with the organisation and which the organisation chooses to participate in and which are generally public facing.

LOCAL GROUP LEAD

The Local Group Lead represents the local group at the Permaculture Tasmania Committee level.

Key duties include:

- Providing liaison between the Local Group and the Permaculture Tasmania Committee &/or Local Group Liaison
- Attending Monthly Permaculture Tasmania meetings
- Abiding (along with the two other Local Group Leads for their Local Group) with the Local Group Guidelines.



WEBSITE VOLUNTEER (not currently vacant)

The website volunteer role focuses on:

- Maintaining the website by regularly updating Wordpress Theme and Plugins and troubleshooting any problems that arise
- Managing integration with PayPal or any other online payment methods
- Reviewing hosting requirements for the future
- Reporting and advising to monthly committee meetings on any website related issues
- Joining with the Membership Team to identify new members and check payments
- Joining the Communications Team to compile member newsletter and other member communications, as well as uploading new content to the website whether that's photos, texts or blog posts
- Managing emailouts via Mailpoet
- Keeping the event and organisation listings up-to-date

SOCIAL MEDIA VOLUNTEER

The social media volunteer role focuses on:

- Increasing community engagement, organisation awareness and membership recruitment & retention through storytelling.
- Administering and moderating the PT pages on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube & Telegram
- Regularly posting our news, updates, events and other permaculture related content.
- Co-moderation of content via referral to the Media Policy to engage, remove or escalate to Executive if not permaculture-related or in line with ethics.
- Reporting to monthly committee meetings on any social media related issues
- Liaising with the website volunteer to ensure any relevant website and social content is cross-promoted.

NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEER

The newsletter volunteer role focuses on:

- Calling for, collecting and collating content for the newsletter
- Liaising with the Website & Social Media Volunteers to ensure content call-out is promoted via electronic channels, and that other channels' content is considered for inclusion.
- Publishing the newsletter in PDF format using a content creation app ie Canva
- Liaising with the Website volunteer so that the content is transferred to the website for full MEMBER viewing only, and is available to send out to members via the website.
- Reporting to monthly committee meetings on any newsletter related issues
- Ensuring all content abides by the Permaculture Tasmania content submission policy guidelines.

How can I nominate someone or myself for the committee?

To participate in the AGM and/or stand for a position, you must be a financial member of Permaculture Tasmania. You are entitled to vote if:

- you are a current financial member
- you are a lifetime member
- your membership rights have not been suspended for any reason.

Nominations must be completed by Friday 25 September, 5pm AEST.

Nomination forms can be found here: <https://permaculturetasmania.org/nomination-form>





Annual General Meeting...



Have your vote counted on
26 September — 1:00pm

The AGM is your opportunity to learn more about Permaculture Tasmania. It also is an opportunity to play a formal role in Permaculture Tasmania by standing for a committee position.

Meeting details:

WHEN: Saturday 26 September 2026 **TIME:** starts at 1:00pm. **WHERE:** Online

JOINING DETAILS:

[Online Microsoft team meeting link](#) Meeting ID: 358 697 461 056 720. Passcode: e64bH3gw

Agenda

- welcome and First Nations acknowledgement
- attendance, apologies and proxies and quorum
- acceptance of previous [minutes of the AGM 2025](#)
- Presidents report
- [Financial report](#)
- election of office bearers
 - elect a Returning Officer
 - committee member positions declared vacant
 - Returning Officer calls for nomination for the committee and checks
 - all nominations are financial members
 - they are nominated by two financial members or Proxy
 - [Proxy Form](#) that assign a vote if a financial member is unable to attend the AGM.
- thanks to outgoing committee members, and welcome the new committee
- Resolution: To accept lifetime membership nominations
- the close of AGM.

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What is a proxy vote?

You can complete a [Proxy Form](#), which allows you a member, to appoint another person to vote on your behalf at the AGM if you are unable to attend but would still like to have a voice in the decision making process. [Proxies](#) must be completed by Friday 25 September, 5:30pm AEST.

Upcoming Events



Have your vote
counted...

Annual General Meeting

Your opportunity to learn more about PT, why not join the Committee?

Meeting details:

WHEN: Saturday 26 September 2026

TIME: starts at 1:00pm

WHERE: Online

Joining details:

[Online Microsoft team meeting link](#)

Meeting ID: 358 697 461 056 720

Passcode: e64bH3gw

Find out more detail here:

<https://permaculturetasmania.org/annual-general-meeting/>

Annual General Meeting 2026



Your opportunity to learn more about Permaculture Tasmania (PT) — an opportunity to play a role in PT by standing for a committee position.

Date: Sat. 26 Sept. 2026

Online: starting at 1pm



Special General Meeting

To vote on a new Permaculture Tasmanian Constitution

Meeting details:

WHEN: Monday 27 September 2026

TIME: starts at 7:00pm

WHERE: Online

Joining details:

[Online Microsoft team meeting link](#)

Meeting ID: 398 742 356 431 966

Passcode: DK2q27Rx

Download Constitution for review here:

<https://permaculturetasmania.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Committee-Approved-Constitution-of-Permaculture-Tasmania.pdf>



SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING



Focus: to vote on a new Permaculture Tasmanian Constitution

Date: Monday 7 September 2026

Online: starting at 7pm

Join us online to vote via Microsoft Team Meeting

Meeting ID: 398 742 356 431 966

Passcode: DK2q27Rx





Spring Events



Burnie Seed Library

📍 Burnie Library 30 Alexander St Burnie TAS

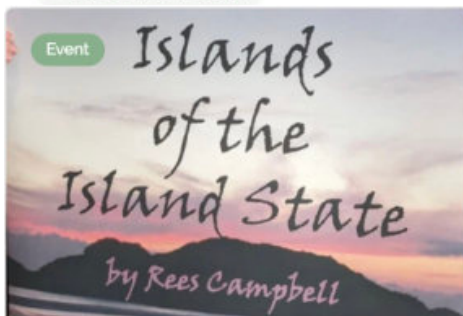
- ✓ 01/09/2026 at 4:00 pm
- ✓ 01/09/2026 at 3:50 pm
- ✓ Held 1st Tues of month: 4:30-5:50pm
- \$ Free



Okines Repair Cafe

📍 Okines Community House 540 Old Forcett Rd Dodges Ferry

- ✓ 06/09/2026 at 11:00 am
- ✓ 06/09/2026 at 1:30 pm



Book Launch: Islands of the Island State

📍 The Don Theatre, 26 Goldie St Wynyard TAS

- ✓ 11/09/2026 at 6:00 pm
- ✓ 11/09/2026 at 7:00 pm



Repair Cafe Derwent Valley

📍 63 High St, New Norfolk TAS

- ✓ 05/09/2026 at 11:00 am
- ✓ 05/09/2026 at 1:30 pm
- ✓ Held 1st Sat of month 11am-1:30pm



Permaculture Tasmania: Special General Meeting

📍 Online meeting

- ✓ 07/09/2026 at 7:00 pm
- ✓ 07/09/2026 at 8:00 pm



Sewcials at The ReDress Hub – creative get-togethers

📍 Shop 6-7 Quadrant Plaza 94 York St Launceston TAS

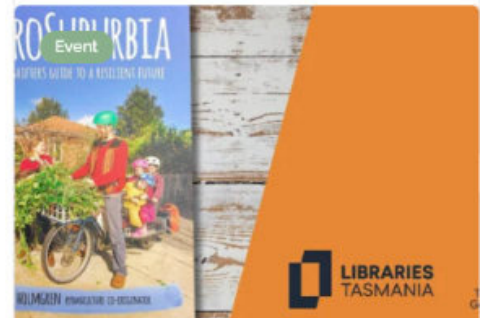
- ✓ 12/09/2026 at 10:00 am
- ✓ 12/09/2026 at 12:30 pm
- ✓ Held every Sat: 10:30-12:30pm



Bream Creek Farmers Market

📍 Bream Creek Farmer's Market Marion Bay Rd Copping TAS

- ✓ 06/09/2026 at 9:00 am
- ✓ 06/09/2026 at 1:00 pm
- ✓ Held 1st Sun. of the month, 9am-1pm



RetroSuburbia book club at Kingston Library

📍 Kingston Library 11 Hutchins St Kingston TAS

- ✓ 09/09/2026 at 6:00 pm
- ✓ 09/09/2026 at 7:30 pm \$ FREE



The Preloved Market —Sorell

📍 Sorell Memorial Hall 47 Cole St Sorell TAS

- ✓ 12/09/2026 at 11:00 am
- ✓ 12/09/2026 at 3:00 pm
- ✓ Held 2nd Sat of month: 11am-3pm



Spring Events



Seed Raising Mix Skillshare

Warrane Community Garden 18 Heemskirk St, Warrane TAS

✓ 13/09/2026 at 10:00 am

✓ 13/09/2026 at 12:00 pm \$ FREE



Designing for a Regenerative Future

The Workshop, 128 Rory Spence Lecture Theatre 8 Invermay Rd, Launceston TAS

✓ 17/09/2026 at 6:00 pm

✓ 17/09/2026 at 7:30 pm



Crop Swap with Transition Tamar

Windmill Hill Memorial Hall 18a High St Launceston TAS

✓ 19/09/2026 at 1:00 am

✓ 19/09/2026 at 4:00 pm



Repair Cafe Launceston

Pilgrim Church Hall, 34 Paterson St Launceston

✓ 19/09/2026 at 1:00 pm

✓ 19/09/2026 at 4:00 pm

✓ Held 3rd Sat., — 1pm-4pm



Repair Café Hobart

Kickstart Arts St Johns Ave New Town Hobart TAS

✓ 19/09/2026 at 2:18 pm

✓ 19/09/2026 at 2:18 pm

✓ 3rd Sat. of month, Jan-Nov, 1-4pm



Garden & Skill Share #6

Glasshouse behind Great Lake Community Centre Cider Gum Rd, Miena TAS.

✓ 20/09/2026 at 11:00 am

✓ 20/09/2026 at 12:00 pm



Devonport Repair Cafe

Gunn St Devonport TAS

✓ 26/09/2026 at 8:30 am

✓ 26/09/2026 at 12:30 pm

✓ Held 2nd & 4th Sat: 8:30am-12:30pm



The Preloved Market — Glenorchy

Indoors Elwick Park 6 Goodwood Rd Glenorchy TAS

✓ 26/09/2026 at 11:00 am

✓ 26/09/2026 at 3:00 pm



Permaculture Tasmania AGM 2026

Online meeting

✓ 26/09/2026 at 1:00 pm

✓ 26/09/2026 at 2:30 pm \$ FREE



Kingston Grows Book Club

📍 Kingston Library Hutchins St Kingston TAS

- ✓ 30/09/2026 at 6:00 pm
- ✓ 30/09/2026 at 7:00 pm \$ Free



Backyard Biochar Workshop

📍 Warrane Community Garden 18 Heemskirk St Warrane TAS

- ✓ 18/10/2026 at 10:00 am
- ✓ 18/10/2026 at 12:00 pm



Eastside Repair Cafe

📍 150A Bligh St Warrane TAS

- ✓ 31/10/2026 at 2:00 pm
- ✓ 31/10/2026 at 4:00 pm



Free Home Composting Workshop

📍 Mathers HJouse 108 Bathurst St Hobart TAS

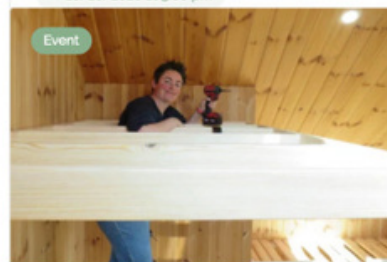
- ✓ 08/11/2026 at 10:00 am
- ✓ 08/11/2026 at 11:00 am



PDC with GoodLife Permaculture — nipuluna/Hobart

📍 Sustainability Learning Centre 50 Olinda Grove Mt Nelson Hobart

- ✓ 04/10/2026 at 9:00 am
- ✓ 16/10/2026 at 5:00 pm



Basic Building Skills for Women

📍 12361 Highland Lakes Road Golden Valley

- ✓ 24/10/2026 at 9:30 am
- ✓ 24/10/2026 at 3:00 pm



Garden Produce Tour — Government House

📍 Government House Tasmania 7 Lower Domain Road Queen's Domain Hobart

- ✓ 05/11/2026 at 10:30 am
- ✓ 05/11/2026 at 12:00 pm



Veggie Gardening for Beginners

📍 12361 Highland Lakes Road Golden Valley

- ✓ 22/11/2026 at 10:00 am
- ✓ 22/11/2026 at 2:00 pm



Kingston Repair Cafe

📍 24 Hawthorn Drive, Kingston TAS

- ✓ 04/10/2026 at 2:00 pm
- ✓ 04/10/2026 at 4:00 pm
- ✓ Bi-monthly Sun. 2-4pm



Woodworking Skills

📍 12361 Highland Lakes Road Golden Valley

- ✓ 25/10/2026 at 9:30 am
- ✓ 25/10/2026 at 2:30 pm



Tasmanian Community Landcare Gathering 2026

📍 Deloraine TAS

- ✓ 06/11/2026 at 9:00 am
- ✓ 08/11/2026 at 5:00 pm



Cygnnet Spring Garden Market

📍 Cygnnet Town All and surrounds

- ✓ 28/11/2026 at 4:00 pm
- ✓ 28/11/2026 at 8:00 pm



Find permaculture related events on our website:
<https://permaculturetasmania.org/find-an-event/>



RESOURCE:

Beneficial Blooms Guide

Download PDF

by NRM South, September 2025

Using flowering plants to support beneficial insects on your property



Beneficial blooms guide – using flowering plants to support beneficial insects on your property from [NRM South](#).



The guide offers a range of helpful tips to boost beneficial bugs – including which common flowering plants to select, and easy ways to create insect-friendly habitat.



While pollination services in our horticultural landscapes are often thanks to European honeybees, there's also a myriad of native insects that are important for pollination and pest control – and there's actions we can take to encourage them to thrive in our gardens and orchards.

Read about [\[PDF guide 3.9MB\]](#):

- crop pollinators
- natural pest enemies
- boost diversity and abundance of flowering resources
- choosing your plants
- native bees
- creating habitat for native crop pollinators
- resources and further reading.





Spring Gardening Guide

by Peter Cundall

Source: [ABC website](#)

SEPTEMBER

PLANT: Potatoes, Jerusalem artichokes, globe artichokes, chives, rhubarb divisions and seedlings of cabbage, cauliflower, celery, broccoli, lettuce, silverbeet, spring long-keeping and salad onion and leeks.

SOW DIRECT: Carrot, beetroot, parsnip, silverbeet, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, lettuce, onion, kohlrabi, summer spinach, leeks, swede, turnip, peas, Asian brassicas, Japanese turnip, peas. Under glass in containers sow tomatoes, pumpkin, zucchini and sweetcorn

OCTOBER

PLANT: Potatoes, globe artichoke and chive divisions. Also seedlings of cabbage, cauliflower, celery, broccoli, leek, lettuce, salad and spring onion, leeks and towards the end of the month seedlings of tomato, zucchini, pumpkin, squash, bush and climbing beans and sweetcorn.

SOW DIRECT: Carrot, beetroot, parsnip, silverbeet, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, lettuce, spring and salad onion, leeks, late peas, tomato, zucchini, pumpkin, squash and sweetcorn. Under glass or in containers sow cucumber, eggplant, capsicum and tomato.

NOVEMBER

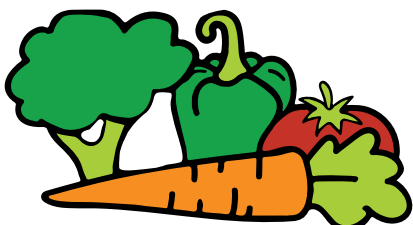
PLANT: Potatoes, globe artichokes and seedlings of Brussels sprouts, tomato, capsicum, kale, eggplant, zucchini, cucumber, sweetcorn, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, broccoli, silverbeet, lettuce, leek, Asian brassicas and roots.

SOW DIRECT: Asparagus, bush and climbing beans, beetroot, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, Asian brassicas, capsicum, carrot, cauliflower, celery, eggplant, kale, kohlrabi, leek, lettuce, salad onion, parsnip, late peas (cold districts only), pumpkin, winter squash, radish, rhubarb, summer spinach, swede, sweetcorn, tomato, turnip and zucchini.

Source:

Peter Cundall's year-round planting and sowing guide for vegetables (suitable for Tasmanian cool-temperate conditions) ...

<https://www.abc.net.au/hobart/peter-cundalls-year-round-planting-guide/10514064>



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