



TRANSITION TOWN
HERVEY BAY

Hervey Bay Transition Town Gardeners

"The Cottage", Peters Lane, Pialba

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Garden Schedule – November:

Workshops usually start at 8.30am and finish with morning tea. Feel free to bring something along to share for morning tea and the trade table. Meetings are 1st and 3rd Thursday and 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month.

Thursday 4 November.

General garden activities – everyone welcome!

Saturday 7 November.

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Thursday 18 November.

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Saturday 28 November.

Do you know how to determine what type of soil you have or why adding compost to the soil is a good thing? Have you wondered what a pH test means or how plants extract food from the soil? To find the answers come to our workshop on Soils and Plant Nutrition to be run by Alison Chappell.

Jottings from the Cottage Garden

Linda's workshop on "All Things Preserved", explained the difference between Jams and Jellies, Pickles and Chutneys and other preserving "goodies". With other participants recipes we now have a recipe booklet covering many fruits and veggies which are grown predominately in our area. These are for sale at \$5.00 a booklet. Many thanks to Alison for kindly producing the booklet.

Our propagating program is going ahead at full steam and if you have the more unusual herbs or vegetables we would welcome any cuttings or seeds. Better still come along and join the fun and learning, as a lot of us are amateurs and learning also.



Membership for 2010-2011 due now! \$5 for singles, couples and families entitles you to free garden workshops. This covers public liability insurance through the Neighbourhood Centre.

TRANSITION TOWN COTTAGE GARDENERS & HERVEY BAY SEED SAVERS HAVE SPREAD THE WORD & SEED AROUND TOWN

A grand total of 4670 packets were completed for distribution for the seed letterbox drop project. It all began with what one Transition Town member comically referred to as “Jen’s sweat shop” with the days getting more humid as we did each packing session.

Christel Schrank managed to bring on board the Booral Community Association and the River Heads Progress Association. They have delivered 500 packets each around their areas as their interest lies heavily with keeping the community self-sustainable.

Chris Vakas, a member of the Fraser Coast Sub-Tropical Fruit Club and the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints has also helped out tremendously. Their group has delivered over 2000 around the Kawungan and Scarness areas.

Ruth Hoeter has delivered some to the staff and residents of Bay Crest Nursing Home. Other members distributed in their local areas.

Some very positive feedback was given by some recipients, particularly with regard to the recycled seed packets. They were happy to see a group putting their actions where their mouths were. As one man put it, they loved the “earthy” approach and knew we were serious about what we “preached”.

We hope that this activity has inspired some households to go green in some small way at least. This may mean just looking up the Transition Town website and exploring ways of reducing their carbon output. It could mean they’ve made their first vegetable garden. Or even if it just meant being prodded to recycle more of their rubbish, then we would like to think that our mission was a success.

Thank you to everybody who helped out with this venture and this includes the wonderful journalists and photographers at the Fraser Coast Chronicle, Wayne Shearman of the local ABC radio for promoting “seedtober”, the Hervey Bay library employees who have allowed the group to leave seed packets at the counter, the many cottage gardeners who “sweated” their hearts out producing the handouts and delivering around the streets and to their other peers; and to our community groups described above, who believed in the importance of encouraging some grassroots changes in the Hervey Bay area.

Everybody’s small participation has allowed this big project to happen. Small positive steps everywhere make for a very big positive picture.

We would like to give a big thank you to everybody for making this possible.

Happy Seed Sowing from the Transition Town Gardeners & Hervey Bay Seed Savers Network.



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