

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 6

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: GILBERT ROCHECOUSTE, FOUNDER VILLAGE WELL AND RENOWNED PLACEMAKER

9.15AM	WELCOME FROM THE TRANSITION AUSTRALIA COMMITTEE AND THE MAV	
9.30AM	'THE JOURNEY TO DATE', ROB HOPKINS, FOUNDER OF THE TRANSITION MOVEMENT. (PRE-RECORDED)	Rob Hopkins leads a vibrant new international movement of towns and cities that utilize local cooperation and interdependence to shrink their ecological footprints. In the face of climate change he developed the concept of Transition Initiatives -- communities that produce their own goods and services, curb the need for transportation and take other measures to prepare for a post-oil future. While Transition shares certain principles with greenness and sustainability, it is a deeper vision concerned with re-imagining our future in a self-sufficient way and building resiliency. Transforming theory to action, Hopkins is also the co-founder and a resident of the first Transition Initiative in the UK, in Totnes, Devon. Hopkins wrote the principal work on the subject, Transition Handbook: From Oil Dependency to Local Resilience, a 12-step manual for a post carbon future.
9.40AM	'URBAN DESIGN FOR CLIMATE CHANGE: WHAT CAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES DO?' Rob Adams, Director, City Design and Projects at the City of Melbourne and a member of the Cities of the Future Council of the World Economic Forum.	Rob and his team have been the recipients of over 150 local, national and international awards including on four occasions receiving the Australian Award for Urban Design and the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Award 2014 for its Adaptation and Resilience Projects. His recent focus has been on how cities could be used to accommodate and mitigate rapid population growth and the onset of climate change. He has published and presented extensively on the subject of 'Transforming Cities for a Sustainable Future'.
10.35AM	'THE ROLE OF THE TRANSITION MOVEMENT IN CONTRIBUTING TO SOCIAL COHESION AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY' Fleur Anderson, Team Leader, Sustainability Policy and Programming, City of Whittlesea.	Fleur has substantial experience in both State and Local Governments, particularly the community and environmentally focussed contexts. Responsible for managing paid and volunteer staff to deliver innovative programs and projects, Fleur's interests lay in developing and implementing a strong policy and strategy framework and operational processes whereby environmental stewardship opportunities that foster positive outcomes for the community and the environment can be supported and flourish.
11AM	TRANSITION PECHAKUCHA 1: WHAT WE DO, WHAT'S WORKING WELL, OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT	
11.07AM	MORNING TEA NETWORKING	
11.30AM	TRANSITION PECHAKUCHA 2	
11.37AM	'TRANSITION STREETS BANYULE; A GROWTH STORY' , Mary Stringer.	Transition Banyule connects with the community by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • running a variety of projects across the municipality such as Edible Garden Tours, Fruit tree planting workshops in schools, Transport forums, workshops on community-building, Mapping the Groundswell of Sustainability, and the Transition Streets project. • nurturing and encouraging Transition groups focused on a local area, typically a suburb or postcode: the Montmorency Community Group, Sustainable Macleod, Transition 3081 and Transition Warrigal (postcode 3084). These groups connect with the community by running regular practical events focused on the local area, such as veggie swaps and social gatherings, a community garden (Macleod), and numerous practical workshops (seed-raising, edible weeds etc). Within this framework, the Transition Streets project provides a workbook and invites people to find nearby residents to meet for seven sessions in someone's home working through the seven chapters on Food, Energy, Water, Transport and Waste.
12.05PM	TRANSITION HUB AUSTRALIA: LAUNCH OF THE NATIONAL HUB, INCLUDING THE WEB SITE.	The web site will be designed to allow individual Groups to have their 'own space' on the site. Table discussion to focus on ideas and next steps. How can independent strands of community action and change weave together into a fabric of sustainability, interdependence and resilience? This web-tool aims to bring together Transition and like-minded sustainability groups from across Australia together to share ideas, provide a web-structure to enable groups to have their own 'space' and most importantly build a visible narrative of change. But any tool is only as good as the way it is used. This session will launch the website for the Transition Hub and use the wisdom in the room to explore how best to use it.
12.53PM	TRANSITION PECHAKUCHA 3	
1PM	LUNCH	
1.43PM	TRANSITION PECHAKUCHA 4	

1.50PM	'PLACEMAKING: COUNCILS ARE THE PUBLISHER, NOT THE AUTHOR' , Gilbert Rochecouste, Village Well.	Gilbert is the founder of Village Well and is recognised both nationally and internationally as a leading voice in Placemaking. He has worked with hundreds of communities, mainstreets, developers and businesses over the last 20 years to create more vibrant, connected and resilient communities. Gilbert will demystify the practical art and science of empowering community engagement and Placemaking processes, skills to mobilise communities for action and discuss Inspiring and practical case studies of can-do communities.
2.30PM	'GOOD PRACTICE IN COMMUNITY GARDENS' , Richard Rowe, Learning and Training Coordinator, Sustainable Gardening Australia.	Across Australia community food spaces are popping up. They are on the roofs of apartment buildings, in derelict public spaces, adjoining community kitchens, in public parks and gardens, in hospital grounds – anywhere that is suitable, accessible and available. They are in densely built urban areas, in remote rural communities and in small regional towns. The common thread between all of them is that they bring people together in a spirit of sharing, an appreciation of food and a respect for how it is grown and prepared. Community food growing is about the joy of being a community in the truest sense. Richard will discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How local government can contribute to the success of community gardens • Identifying good practices for community gardens that contribute to success
2.40PM	'HEALTHY LIVING HABITS THAT LAST A LIFETIME' , Ange Barry, CEO, Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation (SAKGF)	The Foundation activities are designed to support pleasurable food education for children, with the vision that all children form positive food habits for life. The Kitchen Garden Program model is based on students experiencing regular gardening and cooking activities, learning to grow, cook, prepare and share their own fresh, seasonal, delicious food. This learning is designed to create ripple effects throughout families and the wider community. The Kitchen Garden Program provides a real response to the growing global childhood obesity crisis, attempts to address the burden of disease, and supports World Health Organization recommendations for food literacy in schools. Over 30 nations have sought support from SAKGF to introduce the model into their communities, and the Program has been evaluated as successful in changing food habits, reinforcing learning, supporting diversity and building communities.
2.50PM	PANEL (WITH GILBERT, RICHARD AND ANGE) DISCUSSION WITH PARTICIPANTS: HOW DO WE PUT THESE IDEAS INTO PRACTICE?	
3.23PM	TRANSITION PECHAKUCHA 5	
3.30PM	AFTERNOON TEA NETWORKING	
3.53PM	TRANSITION PECHAKUCHA 6	
4PM	VISIONS OF ACTION: RE-IMAGINING AND RE-BUILDING OUR WORLD	Taking the lead from the presentations of the day this is a session to define what are the crucial steps, the important conversations or the structures that need to be built if we are to make community sustainability a reality. Using the 'Open Space' approach this session flips the presenter-audience relationships and puts you in charge of defining the focus.
4.50PM	INFORMAL NETWORKING SESSION: NIBBLES AND DRINKS	
5.45PM	CLOSE	

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9AM	TRANSITION PECHAKUCHA 7	
9.07AM	'THE DAREBIN COUNCIL'S CLIMATE EMERGENCY PLAN' , Gavin Mountjoy Coordinator Energy & Adaptation, Darebin Council.	Gavin will discuss the leading-edge Darebin Plan in the context of the following MAV State Council Resolution from May 2017: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> we are in a state of climate emergency that requires urgent action by all levels of government, including local councils human induced climate change stands in the first rank of threats to humans, civilisation and other species it is still possible to restore a safe climate and prevent most of the anticipated long-term climate impacts – but only if societies across the world adopt an emergency mode of action that can enable the restructuring of the physical economy at the necessary scale and speed; the MAV has a particular role in assisting local governments in this regard.
9.55AM	'VISIONS AND PATHWAYS 2040' , Dr Seona Candy, VEIL Victorian Eco-innovation lab.	Visions and Pathways 2040 (VP2040) is a four-year research and engagement project funded the Australian Cooperative Research Centre for Low Carbon Living (CRC LCL). It involves three universities – University of Melbourne, University of NSW and Swinburne – plus many government and industry partners. The project aims to develop visions and innovation and policy pathways for transforming Australian cities to achieve rapid decarbonisation and increased resilience in the face of climate change.



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10.25AM	'MAPPING THE MELBOURNE SHARING ECONOMY', Jenny Kennedy, Melbourne Networked Society Institute.	The sharing economy is an umbrella term used to describe various forms of exchange that range from renting and lending, to swapping, bartering, giving and sharing. It invites individuals, communities and organisations to forgo ownership in favour of access to resources or experiences shared between parties through a variety of mechanisms. A team from the Melbourne Networked Society Institute has mapped the Melbourne sharing economy and Jenny will discuss the outcomes.
10.53AM	TRANSITION PECHAKUCHA 8	
11AM	MORNING TEA NETWORKING	
11.23AM	TRANSITION PECHAKUCHA 9	
11.30AM	'THE AMAZING ZERO IMPACT MAN', Brett Hedger, Greenhouse Programs Officer, Port Phillip Council.	Whilst we are passionate about minimising waste, it is rare to meet someone putting that passion into practice – and at an organisational level. Brett Hedger from City of Port Phillip has made it his mission to ensure ALL the waste coming out of the municipal office in St Kilda is being dealt with sustainably. Now Brett has developed a tool for everyone to be able to see what they need to do to move to zero impact over time. Brett will discuss his view of the global challenge and what we need to do in response.
12.10PM	'CLIMATE AND COMMUNITY ACTION', Alison Rowe, CEO, and Rachel Maddocks, Head of Engagement, Moreland Energy Foundation Ltd.	The Moreland Energy Foundation Ltd (MEFL) is an independent not-for-profit organisation based in the municipality of Moreland in Melbourne's inner north. MEFL is dedicated to tackling climate change. MEFL is a social enterprise providing practical advice and great deals on sustainable energy for households, businesses and organisations. In addition, MEFL has a skilled and experienced multi-disciplinary team including community engagement specialists, policy and strategy experts, building design, planning specialists and engineers. Alison and Rachel will describe the achievements to date and future directions.
12.40PM	TRANSITION PECHAKUCHA 10	
12.47PM	LUNCH	
1.30PM	TRANSITION PECHAKUCHA 11	
1.37PM	'SOLAR FOR SCHOOLS', Rob Gell, environmental and communications consultant.	Rob is the Chairman of the Mornington Peninsula and Westernport Biosphere Reserve Foundation Ltd. Chairman of Wildlife Victoria and a member of the Victorian Coastal Council. He will outline a program to install photovoltaic solar system of up to 99kW on school rooftops in a partnership with a solar provider.
2PM	FACILITATED PLENARY DISCUSSION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learnings from the past 2 days 2. Ideas for action 3. Next steps: what can we do together?
2.50PM	FINAL WRAP UP	
3PM	CLOSE	

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Councillors and Council officers, members of Transition and Sustainability groups, as well as stakeholders and consultants.

COST

- Local Government officers & Councillors (and consultants): \$462
- Community representatives (Transition Group members and volunteers): \$195.

Note: No single day registrations are available.

TO REGISTER

For online registration and conference details go to www.mav.asn.au/events (click on 'upcoming events' and scroll down to September 6.)

NOTE:

Program subject to change.
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