

TRANSITION TAURANGA NEWSLETTER

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Transitioning Tauranga to a Brighter Future

Matariki (Maori New Year) and Winter Solstice are just around the corner.... Even though the weather is cooling down, the amount of activity in our network is heating up!

"Ideashare 2012" was held at the end of May where local community initiatives were given the opportunity to present their projects over an evening at [Creative Tauranga](#) corner of Willow and Wharf Street. It was inspirational to get a better understanding of the different projects that are being undertaken in our local network. You can read more about the evening and the projects [here](#). A big thank you to Emily Marks for writing a synopsis of the evening for her blog [Wild&Grace](#).

The wonderful Jenni Werth has been hard at work updating our website. You can view the fruits of her labour [here](#) to find out more about our local network and events www.transitiontowns.org.nz/Tauranga

Project updates:

Community Fruit Project: The project was recently featured in the Bay News and had new volunteers and recipients sign up as a result! Three banana boxes each of gold kiwis and mandarins were picked and distributed to the St Vincent de Paul Foodstop Food Van. Thank you to the volunteers and fruit donors. We already have plenty of demand for fruit so if you know of any trees laden and ready for the picking get in touch or drop it off near you at:

- Tauranga Community Foodbank on Dive Crescent, open Monday to Friday 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
- Salvation Army on Cameron Road (above the Family Store)
- St Vincent de Paul in Gate Pa on Cameron Road
- Merivale Community Centre

Contact Ailie and Jenni on communityfruitproject@gmail.com or [click here](#) to receive project updates

Papamoa Lighten Up Lantern Festival: workshops are producing some incredible creations in the lead up to the event in June. [Like them on facebook](#) for new updates on workshops in the upcoming weeks.



OOOOBY: A group got together at Julia Sich's abode last Saturday (our local green smoothie queen) and went through her huge selection of edible plants. Some of the features included fruit trees planted in bins, raised bed gardens and examples of organised chaos of edible weeds. A really wonderful example of what you can grow in a small urban section and one participant described her place as an "edible paradise". Find out more about the local OOOOBY group and their get togethers [here](#)

Tauranga Environment Centre: Had a afternoon tea with the Fabulous Funky Flora fashion designers and those involved with Sustainable Backyards last Saturday to gather feedback and ideas for next March and Sustainable Backyards month. There is a series of [energy efficiency workshops](#) starting this week and you can check out more local events in their [events calendar here](#)

Welcome Bay Community Garden/Transition Welcome Bay: A new site is being investigated for the project including a potential community orchard. Contact Transition Welcome Bay for any feedback and ideas at transitionwelcomebay@gmail.com

Want to learn about worm composting? Tauranga City Council run a workshop twice a year (the next workshop is in September) where you can learn the basics and take home a worm composting kit valued at \$225 for only \$30! Register now with Kimberley Cleland on 577 7000 or kimberley.cleland@tauranga.govt.nz

Upcoming events:

Wednesday 13 June: [Energy workshop #1](#) - Energy efficiency for your home - 7:15 pm @ Wellesley Centre (Thirteenth Avenue) - \$5 or free for [Friends of the Centre](#)

Thursday 14 June: [Inspiring stories](#) community film screening - 7 pm @ 142 Durham Street (Waikato University) - Gold coin donation

Saturday 16 and Tuesday 19 June: [Green Superfood smoothies](#) and identifying wild weeds - 10 am to 12 pm @ 1 Bellbird Rise, Pyes Pa
\$25 (includes e-book) - register with Julia Sich on juliasich@xtra.co.nz or 5432823

Saturday 23 June: Living probiotics for your pantry - 9:30 am to 11:30 am - 190a Tara Road, Papamoa - \$20 to attend and RSVP to Jane on blissfulbubbles@xtra.co.nz or 5422257

Saturday 23 June: Papamoa Lighten up Lantern Festival: Winter Solstice/Matariki Lantern Parade - 6pm @ Papamoa beach plaza - Contact Ally on 027 921 8652.

Monday 25 June: Public meeting about gold mining in Te Puke - Papamoa Community Centre - Contact Ron on rlopert@xtra.co.nz or 544 5360.

Sunday 1st July: Timebanking social function - Mid winter Christmas pot luck social dinner - See [facebook](#) and the [website](#) for updates.

*Also in July.....Tauranga Monthly Film Night "Hungry for Change", Insulation options for your home, the Mid-Winter Christmas market at the Village and more!
See the [Transition Tauranga website](#) for details.*

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Please send us through your updates for projects and events through to transitiontauranga@gmail.com :)

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on behalf of the Transition Tauranga network