

KALAMUNDA –A TRANSITION COMMUNITY

Background

Across the globe, including 60+ communities in Australia, local residents are coming together to strengthen their resilience to withstand the shocks associated with water shortage, climate change, peak oil, declining levels of social capital, food security, urban sprawl and bio diversity challenges. Communities are beginning to build upon important grassroots environmental and social capital building initiatives already in place, and create a coordinated range of projects leading to a collectively designed Energy Descent Action Plan. Here in Kalamunda, a group of residents and local groups have come together to explore the option of Kalamunda becoming a Transition Community.

Proposed Initial Tasks

To form a working group to –

- (1) Carry out a **community asset audit** on what is already happening to make Kalamunda a more sustainable community. Purpose of such an exercise is to –
 - Map all relevant current groups, projects and initiatives in such areas as local food supply, land conservation, bio diversity, renewable energy, water management, non motorized transport, eco and cultural tourism, green shopping, community gardens, recycling, healthy lifestyles, economic relocalisation and community connectedness.
 - Identify connections and relationships between the mapped community assets.
 - Produce a "*Green Kalamunda Guide*".
 - Convene a public event to display and share the information, and launch the Kalamunda Transition Community initiative.
- (2) Begin a comprehensive and highly community resident participatory **community planning process** to develop an Energy Descent Action Plan and a vision for a more sustainable and connected community through a series of Conversation Cafes and Open Space events.
- (3) Design and implement an **awareness campaign** through use of local media and newsletters of local organisations and presentations to local groups.