



APRIL 2024

A Message from SLT President Margaret Steadman



First a little bit of really good news, from the April 2024 Environmental Defenders Office newsletter:

Toondah Harbour win

Last week, developer Walker Group withdrew its application to build a destructive mega real estate development in Toondah Harbour, near Brisbane. This follows Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek's recent proposed decision to reject the development that threatened unique wildlife and critical habitat.

This is a huge win for the dugongs, turtles, koalas and migratory shorebirds that call Toondah Harbour home, and the incredible local community and organisations that have been fighting to save Toondah.

The proposed development was intended to be situated within the Moreton Bay Ramsar Site, an internationally important wetland and one of the few in the world that meet all nine listing criteria under the Ramsar Convention. It is also a critical habitat for some of our most vulnerable animals – including the critically endangered eastern curlew, which uses the wetland to rest and feed after its annual migration from the northern hemisphere.

[pic above: An Eastern Curlew in Toondah waters, having migrated from China or Russia for the northern hemisphere winter]

This is a triumph for community tenacity and collaboration. There is a short Youtube video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PyIOxdrZ-6s>

Speaking of community tenacity, the Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC), with other supporting organisations, is leading a national action Saturday 4 May called Rise up - No More Coal and Gas, to protest the federal government's approval of new coal and gas projects and its slow-down on the vital improvements to the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act. Rise-Up Hobart is Saturday 4 May, 12 noon – 1.30 pm. The young ones need our support.

Meanwhile, I have had my little house in the Sustainable House Day open houses on Sunday 21 April, to show an old cottage that has been made more liveable and energy efficient without spending lots. You can see the video at <https://sustainablehouseday.com/listing/hobart-cottage/>

Net Zero Channel are running a follow-up workshop 'Meet the Experts' Kettering Hall, May 5th, 3pm to 5pm. The event aims to focus on some of the features shown in RENEW's Sustainable House Day (SHD) videos by providing the opportunity to meet professionals who advise, sell and install the systems, devices and technologies that make our homes more energy efficient and sustainable. There will be time to question the experts and explore the opportunities for discounted group purchases. You will also have an opportunity to talk to the local SHD homeowners. As with previous NZC events refreshments will be available, at no charge, to make the afternoon an enjoyable, social experience. You can register at this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1196260>

I'm on a re-reading binge at the moment – David Suzuki 'The Sacred Balance' and Herman Melville's 'Moby Dick'. I'd love to know what you have been reading and thinking about. My email is president@slt.org.au

In the garden, the green manure crops are in and to my delight my tiny patch of saffron crocuses are regrowing. I hope your gardens are giving you some joy.

Margaret Steadman

The poster features a dark background with a faint image of a person's face. In the top right, there is a bright pink circular graphic with a distressed, torn-edge effect containing the text 'SUSTAINABLE LIVING TASMANIA' in white, bold, uppercase letters. Below this, the text 'HOBART & SURROUNDS' is in white, bold, uppercase letters, followed by '14-18 October 2024' in pink. Underneath, '5 unique venues' and '5 film sessions with Q&As' are in white. The main title 'REEL CHANGE FILM FESTIVAL' is prominently displayed in the center, with 'REEL CHANGE' in pink and 'FILM FESTIVAL' in white. At the bottom left, the website 'www.slt.org.au' is in white, and at the bottom right, 'Details coming soon' is in pink.

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**REEL CHANGE
FILM FESTIVAL**

www.slt.org.au **Details coming soon**

SLT's inaugural Reel Change Film Festival promises to be a unique event focusing on films that inspire, raise awareness and drive action for meaning sustainable change.

Be a part of these intimate film showings, and have the opportunity to participate in discussions and Q&As with experts, film makers and passionate advocates.

Tickets on sale soon. Follow our [Facebook](#) and [website](#) for updates.

Meet SLT's Members

Each month SLT is proud to feature one of our valued members with a sustainable business. This month SLT is proud to introduce:

This is Electric

Phil O'Neill & Sarah Bury



[This is Electric](#) is a new electrical company working for climate action in lutruwita / Tasmania.

Founded by Sarah Bury and Phil O'Neill in 2023, This is Electric exists to support homes, businesses and communities transition to clean energy and get off gas and fossil fuels.

Phil the '[electric electrician](#)' provides all of our electrical services in a fully electric tradie van, powered by our rooftop solar! Phil has over 15 years of experience in the electrical and automation industry, and is a part time electrical teacher at TAFE.

Sarah is a lawyer specialising in government policy, including human rights and social justice issues. Sarah loves policy development and supporting climate action community groups with grant writing, storytelling and strategy.

Our vision is for every home, business and community to be powered by safe, clean and affordable energy. We want the transition to renewable energy to not only be rapid, but fair and equitable, with benefits shared locally in our communities.

According to [Rewiring Australia](#), around 70% of Australia's domestic emissions come from the decisions we make at the local level - how we travel around, how we cook and how we heat our water and home. By making some simple changes in our homes and businesses we can help to reduce carbon emissions and save ourselves thousands of dollars.

This is Electric provides a wide range of electrical services to support this transition.

We specialise in charging solutions for electric cars including home charging, fleets, commercial and public charging. We are passionate about energy efficiency and support homes and businesses to replace gas appliances with efficient electric alternatives. We also design solar and battery set ups to replace diesel generators. Check out [our website](#) for more information on our services.



As a social enterprise, our profits go towards running clean energy education programs and supporting community energy projects.

We love partnering with aligned organisations, businesses and community groups on clean energy electrical projects. Get in touch if we can help!

Sarah@thisiselectric.com.au or
phil@thisiselectric.com.au.

Or call Phil on 0451 186 336

Do you have a sustainable business?

If you answered that question with a 'YES', SLT invites you to send through an image and a short bio to be included in the next newsletter.

Supporting our members is a priority, so we invite our members operating businesses incorporating sustainable living practices to share with us some information that enables us to publicise your business amongst our members.

Email your image and bio outlining what you do, the sustainable principles you have adopted and how these principles have given your business a point of difference within you industry to sandra@slt.org.au





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**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**THE BIG DAY OF
CIRCULAR LIVING
IDEAS**

HOBART
Saturday 29 March, 2025
C3 Conference Centre

Details available soon from www.slt.org.au

The news is too exciting not to share!

Get those 2025 diaries out and make Saturday 29 March, 2025 as

THE DAY OF CIRCULAR LIVING IDEAS!

Follow our [Facebook](#) and [Website](#) pages for updates.

Lots of exciting announcements to come!

**E-waste 'drawers of doom' growing,
say campaigners**

28 March, 2024



Lila, one of this year's Story Festival facilitators, practicing barkcloth painting, a traditional Samoan artform.

Now in its third year, Story Festival is back and now spans nine days!

Clarence City Council's Story Festival is council's annual week-long celebration of community, diversity, and sharing and is held in Autumn on Hobart's sunny Eastern Shore.

We have listened carefully to feedback from participants and facilitators alike and come up with a new schedule that allows more people than ever access to these fantastic sessions. This year; make gnocchi with an Italian master matriarch; learn to make a traditional Filipino Drum called the Gandang, participate in an Eritrean Coffee Ceremony, or learn how to make delicious Syrian Baklava!

Our hope for the festival is that people share insights and conversations – opening a window into someone’s world, their art, their cuisine, their cultural practice. We want people to have an opportunity to learn something new and unusual about another culture and have fun doing it.

The 2024 Story Festival runs from 18 – 26 May and is jam packed with workshops, performances, and countless opportunities to share in meaningful cultural experiences.

That’s two weekends, with workshops during the daytimes, and during the week, workshops will be held in the evening.

The Story Festival Market Day is back at Rosny Farm with music, food, song – and even a few workshops specifically for young people.

The Story Festival is fully funded by Clarence City Council. For more details click [here](#).



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A promotional image for a conference. It features a circular logo in the top left with the text 'Regenerative Agriculture Network Tasmania' inside a green, grass-like border. The background is a photograph of a person in a blue shirt standing in a lush green field of crops. In the top right, a green box contains the text 'July 10-11 2024 Tailrace Centre Launceston'. In the bottom left, a green box contains the text 'Conference 2024 Thriving in Agriculture: Land, People & Profits'.

For details & tickets visit www.regenagtas.org.au

This event is more than just a conference – it is very much a ‘How-To’ guide to resilient, profitable, productive, joyful farming. It will focus on practical solutions on how to rapidly build landscape health, functionality, biodiversity and soil carbon sequestration – all while enhancing profitability and farmer well-being.

Globally renowned speakers who have effectively implemented these practices on their farms and in their work will share their practical insights grounded in real-world experiences. Farmer case studies, alongside cutting-edge research and trials, will be shared during the event. Expect a highly interactive conference with a strong emphasis on fostering a supportive community of practice to assist farmers in their ongoing endeavours.

Tickets are available [here](#)

Partnership Opportunities are available [here](#)

Trade Stall Exhibition sites are available [here](#)

For more information visit www.regenagtas.org.au

Sustainable Living Events happening around Tasmania

Let it Grow: TIA's veggie growing comp for Agfest 2024

2nd May 2024, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Quercus Park, 415 Oaks Rd, Carrick
TAS 7291, Australia

Back for Agfest 2024!

Register your school now to participate in the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture's Let it Grow competition.

The 2023 vegetable was the Daikon Radish and we could think of only one vegetable that might beat it! The Beetroot!

The school entry that produces the largest beetroot (weight) will win the school a Subpod grow pack valued at over \$500 and a workshop at your school with one of our incredible soil scientists.

For more details click [here](#).



Growing Food and Flowers with the Burnie Seed Library

Tuesday, 7 May, 4 - 5.30pm

Burnie Seed Library is a free community seed-sharing group that aims to encourage a love of growing & gardening, promote sustainability, improve seed diversity & build food resilience & self-reliance in our community.

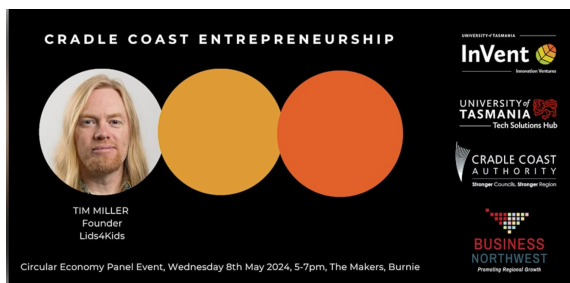
Click [here](#) for details.



Cradle Coast Entrepreneurship (Circular Economy)

Wednesday, 8 May, 5-7pm

The Makers - Technology and
Innovation Hub



Are you passionate about sustainability and innovation? Join us at **The Makers - Technology and Innovation Hub** for an evening dedicated to exploring the inspiring world of circular economy entrepreneurship. Connect with like-minded individuals, learn from industry experts, and discover how you can make a positive impact on the environment through your business ventures. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be inspired and empowered to create change!

The evening will be hosted by UTAS InVent, in collaboration with the UTAS Tech Solutions Hub, UTAS Sustainability team, Cradle Coast Authority and Business NorthWest. This is a free, public event open to anyone with an interest in sustainable entrepreneurship.

Click [here](#) for more details.



Redress Hub May Activities

Shop 4 94 York Street Launceston, TAS 7250

Lots of activities.

Lots of dates.

Click [here](#) for all the details.

Let us help promote your next sustainable living event!

Does your organisation have a sustainable living event you would like us to include in our newsletter?

Email the details and links to sandra@slt.org.au

Deadline 25th of each month

www.slt.org.au

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