



## President's Message

Well dear people, here is my last President's Meanderings. My last official events will be introducing the films each night at our Reel Change Film Festival in Hobart, (apart from the AGM later in the month). Each film screening will include a Q&A with an expert in the film's subject so that we can explore the issues and our best responses. I'm particularly looking forward to learning more about plastics. Remember to book your tickets!

This afternoon (Sunday 29 Sept.) I went to Okines Community House in Dodges Ferry to take part in a discussion on 'Nature Connection' as part of their Spring Small Town Market. It was really fun but also really inspiring – dozens of stalls, music, lots of food, heaps of people, all in the setting of the Okines Community House with its awesome community garden and food co-op. Sustainability and resilience in action, with a little rain! Okines is part of the Neighbourhood House network.



Lucky you if you live in Dodges Ferry.

I hope you watched the webinar from SLT's Principal Consultant, Todd Houstein, recently. He reported on his work for the State of the Environment Report (SOER) on air quality which included assessing particulate pollution and greenhouse gases. 'Someone' I know says it is the best webinar he's ever seen.

The SOER has just been released, many years late, and it shows the poor state of most of its environment measures, including Tasmania's greenhouse gas emissions.

Here's the link to the recording of [The "Poor" State of Tasmania's Greenhouse Emissions: SLT "Food for Thought" member & supporter e-forum can be found by clicking \[here\]\(#\).](#)

I hope I will see you at the AGM either in person or via Zoom. Thank you for all your support of SLT. I am planning to be still very engaged in SLT's future (a sort of SLT ambassador maybe), just not directly on the Board.

Margaret

Margaret Steadman  
President



# Upcoming SLT Events

## REEL CHANGE FILM FESTIVAL

14 - 18 October

various venues throughout Greater Hobart

## AGM

23rd October, 2024, 6pm

Lord Mayor's Court Room

## THE GATHERING 2024

16 November 2024

Windsor Community Centre, Riverside, Launceston

## THE BIG DAY OF CIRCULAR LIVING IDEAS

with ABC's host of War on Waste CRAIG REUCASSEL

22 March 2025

C3 Convention Centre, Hobart

## HARVESTING CONNECTIONS: A circular living event exploring gardening and community food production

Sunday Nov 9, 2025

Tasmanian Botanic Gardens

Details below and at [www.slt.org.au](http://www.slt.org.au)



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# REEL CHANGE FILM FESTIVAL

## 14-18 OCTOBER

Details & tickets from  
[www.slt.org.au](http://www.slt.org.au)

**MON 14 OCTOBER**  
KICKSTART ARTS



**TUES 15 OCTOBER**  
KINGBOROUGH COMMUNITY HUB



**WED 16 OCTOBER**  
REPUBLIC BAR 299 ELIZABETH ST NORTH HOBART



**THURS 17 OCTOBER**  
SUSTAINABILITY LEARNING CENTRE



**FRI 18 OCTOBER**  
HOBART BREWING CO



**JOIN THE AUDIENCE AND NIGHTLY Q&A SESSIONS**

Adults \$20/night or FULL FESTIVAL TICKET \$80

Concession \$15/night or FULL FESTIVAL TICKET \$60

Children 5 years & under FREE

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**Reel Change Film Festival is almost here!**

The focus in October is SLT's inaugural **Reel Change Film Festival** showcasing films and discussions on the themes of:

- **Sustainable agriculture**
- **Plastic waste**
- **Wildlife protection**
- **Fast fashion**
- **Climate change**

We hope you have your tickets because this event is set to inspire, raise awareness and drive action for meaningful sustainable change.

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

Tickets from <https://slt.org.au/upcoming-events/>

Special thanks to City of Hobart, Kingborough Council, Hobart Brewing Co and Republic Bar & Cafe for their support.

## Climate Ready Hobart Strategy:

*A guide to what the City of Hobart and the community can do together to respond to the climate and biodiversity emergency as we move towards 2040.*

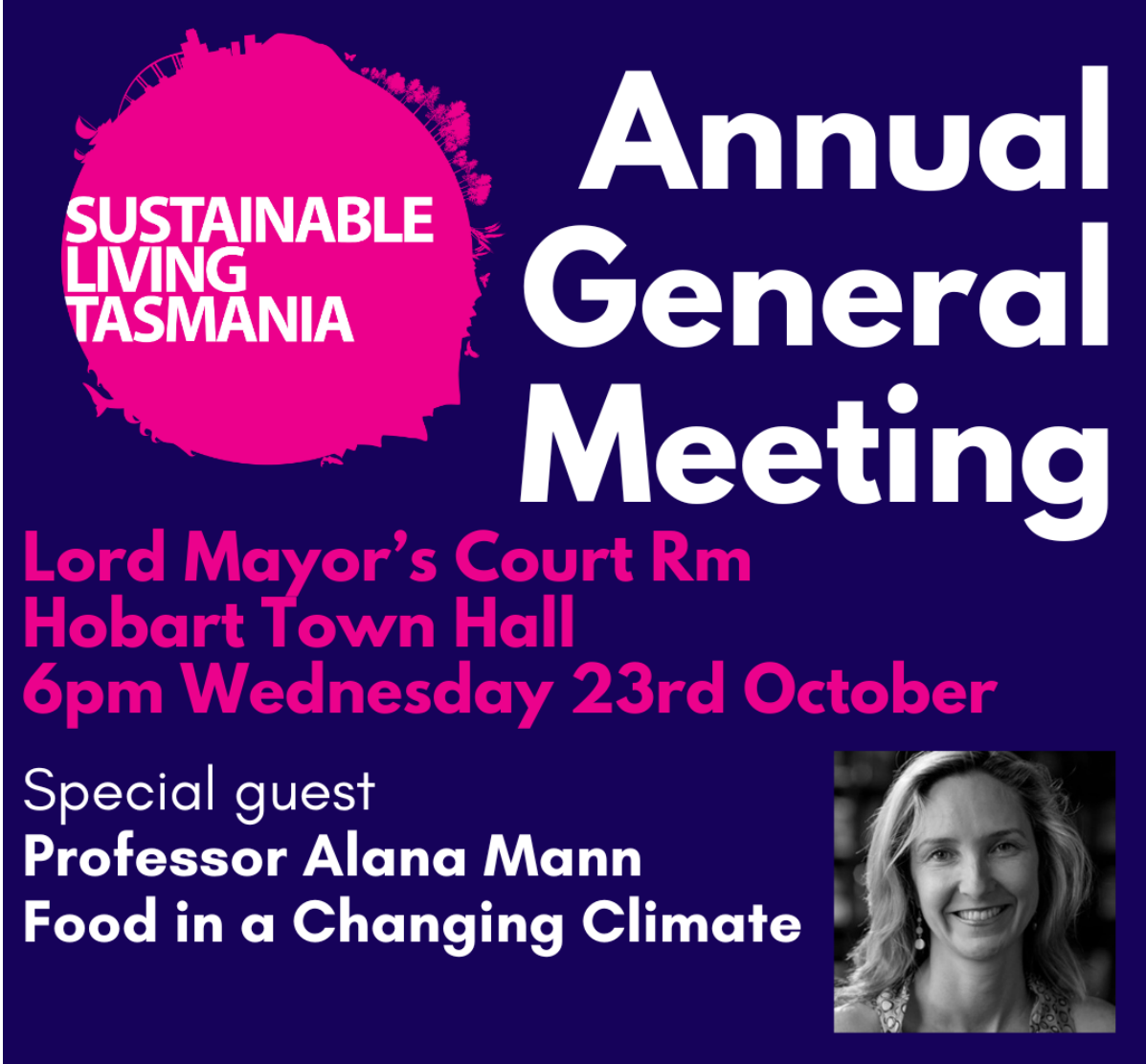


The City of Hobart has released their 2024 Climate Ready Hobart Strategy stating that it embraces the City of Hobart's responsibility as a municipal organisation to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the community. It sets a clear direction

for the City to lead by example across its core business and services, and to enable the community to act responding to climate change requires everyone to act.

The strategy sets goals and priorities for both the City of Hobart and the Hobart community that are a shared responsibility. It recognises that those with the greatest capacity bear the greatest responsibility for action.

To read the Strategy in full, click [here](#).




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# Annual General Meeting

**Lord Mayor's Court Rm  
Hobart Town Hall  
6pm Wednesday 23rd October**

Special guest  
**Professor Alana Mann**  
**Food in a Changing Climate**



**rsvp at [www.slt.org.au](http://www.slt.org.au)**

**Five standout cities making the world a  
better place**

3 April 2024  
Amanda Ruggeri, BBC



The Global Destination Sustainability Index reveals the destinations that are working towards a sustainable and lower-carbon future.

With time running out to keep global temperature to a 1.5C rise – above which, experts warn, consequences could include far hotter days, higher sea-levels and loss of nearly all the world's coral reefs – implementing solutions for a more sustainable, lower-carbon future is key. And when it comes to destinations, some are proving better at this than others.

The most recent Global Destination Sustainability Index looks at 69 indicators – such as recycling rates, air pollution levels, quantity of cycling paths and the percentage of hotel rooms that are certified eco-friendly – to select the world's most sustainable cities. While the index is geared towards recognising tourism sectors for their sustainability commitments, it also takes into account data that affects city residents – making the index a good resource not only for travellers who want to choose a sustainable destination, but for would-be residents looking to settle in an eco-friendly city, too.

The 5 most sustainable cities are Gothenburg, Oslo, Copenhagen, Helsinki, and Bergen. To read more, click [here](#).



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**THE GATHERING**  
**2024**

**10am-4pm**  
**Saturday November 16**  
**Windsor Community Centre Riverside**

An invitation to representatives from organisations and groups  
promoting a more resilience sustainable way of living

Register at [www.slt.org.au](http://www.slt.org.au)

Sustainable Living Tasmania is excited to invite up to 3 representatives of your sustainable living focused organisation to join us for this annual event.

The Gathering helps to foster collaboration and mutual support between like-minded groups and organisations focusing on building resilient more sustainable communities. Each group is encouraged to share what they are doing, their successes and their challenges, while also working together to identify gaps and issues we might be able to tackle together.

We welcome your ideas on how best to host the event, and what you would like to take away from it. If there is a presentation, workshop or discussion topic that you would like to suggest as part of the program, please let us know.

**To register for The Gathering, please click [here](#) before 4 November, 2025.**

It would also be greatly appreciated if you could assist in making day event more community-focused by:

- Offering to car-pool
- Bring a plate to share for morning and afternoon tea



- Bring your own mug for soup at lunch-time (provided)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sandy at [sandra@slt.org.au](mailto:sandra@slt.org.au).

\* Thank you to Tamar NRM and West Tamar Council.

## A small WA seaside town was forced to switch off gas, becoming a 'prototype' for the green energy transition

By ABC energy reporter Daniel Mercer

19 Sept, 2024



A couple of years ago, Sharon Vermiji got a rude shock when she opened a letter from her energy provider.

Enclosed was a blunt notice.

No longer would she be getting gas from the network of pipes that ran across the town of Esperance, about 700km south-east of Perth, and supplied her home.

Instead, she would have to choose – switch to bottled supplies or get rid of the gas entirely and go all-electric.

"I remember thinking at the time, 'What am I going to do,'" Ms Vermiji recalls.

Despite some initial trepidation – she enjoyed cooking with gas and had always been able to rely on supply – she chose to get off the fuel.

Instead of a gas cooktop and oven, she now has an [induction stove that runs on electricity](#).

And in place of her old hot water system, Ms Vermiji now owns a heat pump – which

uses power to warm up water much more efficiently than gas.

She says she hasn't looked back.

To read more click [here](#).



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**REUSE REDESIGN REMAKE**  
**RECYCLE REPAIR RETHINK**  
**REDESIGN RECYCLE**  
**REMAKE REUSE**  
**REPURPOSE RECYCLE**

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**THE BIG DAY OF  
CIRCULAR LIVING  
IDEAS**

with special guest  
**CRAIG REUCASSEL**  
Host of ABC's War on Waste

**HOBART**  
**Saturday 22 March, 2025**  
**C3 Conference Centre**



Expressions of Interest are now open for the

## **The Big Day of Circular Living Ideas**

to be held in Hobart on Saturday March 22, 2025.

This free event will celebrate the Circular Living principles of

- **recycling**
- **rethinking design**

- **remanufacturing**
- **reusing**
- **repairing**
- **repurposing&**
- **regenerating natural systems,**

to improve the health of our environment and our people with our special guest,

### **ABC's WAR on WASTE's Craig Reucassel**

Exhibitor Information and on-line applications forms can be found [here](#).

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



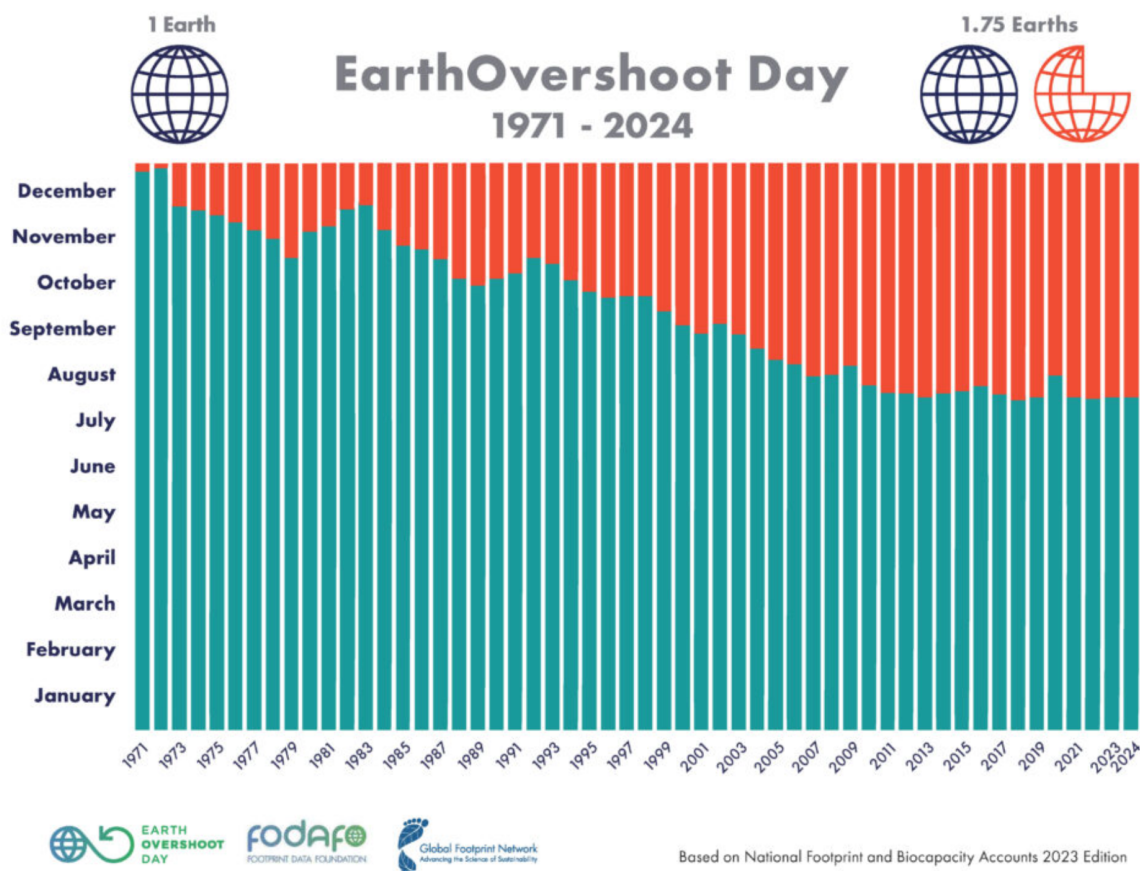
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Organisation Membership benefits include:

- Coordinated response to issues and increased lobbying capacity – a bigger ‘voice’
- Information sharing and event promotion
- Support for groups and individuals, mediated through website portal and in person
- Shared applications for funding
- Collaboration and cooperation based on goodwill and trust.

Head to [www.slt.org.au](http://www.slt.org.au) for more details and sign up today

## Earth Overshoot Day Update



Each year, [Earth Overshoot Day](#) marks the date when we have used all the biological resources that the Earth can renew during the entire year. To determine the date of Earth Overshoot Day, the [Global Footprint Network](#), an award-winning international research and non-profit organization, combines data and forms the most reasonable assumptions to assess humanity’s resource situation.

To read more click [here](#).

# Nature's blueprint for prosperity

Courtesy of the Ellen MacArthur Foundation



**"There are no landfills in nature."** Janine Benyus, Founder of Biomimicry 3.8, tells us how our cities and urban landscapes can function just like the wild land next door. By looking to the natural world for our models of how to design and innovate, we can create nature-positive, circular cities, where people and biodiversity thrive together.

Click [here](#) to watch.



## Let us promote your sustainable business?

SLT invites members 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 your industry to [sandra@slt.org.au](mailto:sandra@slt.org.au)



# HARVESTING CONNECTIONS

A CIRCULAR LIVING EVENT EXPLORING  
GARDENING &  
COMMUNITY FOOD PRODUCTION

TASMANIAN BOTANIC GARDENS



Sunday  
Nov 9 2025  
8.30am - 3.30pm

[www.slt.org.au](http://www.slt.org.au)

A 2025 SAVE THE DATE

We know we are early - but save this date as you won't want to miss it! Follow our socials and website for updates



To make a tax deductible donation click [here](#)

## **Sustainable Living Events happening around Tasmania**

**Hobart Repair Cafe**



Saturday 21 October, 2024 1pm - 4pm

Kickstart Arts

October will see volunteers to help you repair clothing, electrical items, jewellery, general repairs and knife/tool sharpening.

For more information click [here](#).

## The Slow Fashion Sewing ADVANCED Series for Young People: REMAKING CLOTHING



Thursday 17 October 2024 4pm

The ReDress Hub Launceston

At *The ReDress Hub*, we're here to help you on your journey to be more 'circular' with your clothing choices, avoid or reduce the consumption of fast-fashion, and clothing and textile waste.

This series has been specially designed for **year 7-12 secondary students** who wish to advance their sewing skills in an after-school time slot

For more information click [here](#).



## Recasting the university with sustainable systems

Thursday 17 October, 2024 7 - 8.30pm

On-line

Join Education for Sustainability expert and keynote speaker Emeritus



Professor Stephen Sterling, University of Plymouth, UK, in a conversation about just how serious the disciplinary structures of universities are for the sustainability transition and what needs to change to embed a systems epistemology at the heart of academia.

The night of critical conversation includes guest speakers:

- Professor Dr Agni Kalfagianni, Erasmus University
- Professor Fred Gale, University of Tasmania.

Along with presentations from:

- Associate Professor Aidan Davison, University of Tasmania
- Dr Laura Ripoll Gonzalez, Erasmus University
- Dr Graham Wood, University of Tasmania
- Dr Ana Vasques, Erasmus University.

The event is being held as part of Global Climate Change Week 2024 .

Click [here](#) to register.



## Sustainable Expeditions: A Workshop on Antarctic Tourism and Conservation

Wednesday 23 October, 2024 8.30 - 10.30am

IMAS, Battery Point

2024 Marine and Antarctic Science Masters students would like to extend an open invitation for YOU to join us and a panel of experts to explore the ways we can change Antarctic Tourism to better our most precious resource!

**The topic: *How can we make Antarctic Tourism better for the environment and more affordable for everyone?***

In this session you will have the opportunity to hear from our exciting guests on their experiences with the world of the Southern Ocean and even take part in our Community Q&A! You can also work with us and our team to develop a new set of best practices for a better, more open world of Antarctic Travel!

Click [here](#) for more information.

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## Warrane Repair Cafe

Saturday November 2, 2024 2 - 4pm

Warrane Mornington Neighbourhood Centre

Eastside Repair Cafe is a free community event to share skills, repair damaged items and enjoy a neighbourly hot drink.

For more information click [here](#).

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## Living Lightly Expo

Saturday, 2 November 2024 . 10am to 1pm.

Devonport Community Garden on

The Living Lightly Expo will once again encourage and educate the public on how to live sustainably, eat locally and eat healthily. The family-friendly expo showcases affordable and locally sourced opportunities that may help people to lead a more sustainable lifestyle.

Click [here](#) for more details.

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## Grassroots Festival 2025

## The Tasmanian Sustainable Farming Festival Hosted by Gunningham Family Farms in North West Tasmania.

Wed, 12 Feb 2025 08:00 - Thu, 13 Feb 2025

789 Montumana Road Montumana, TAS 7321



Grassroots Festival is an immersive, boots on the ground, hands in the soil, two day event. The main event will be hosted on the 13th of February in Montumana, at Gunningham Family Farms, with an additional learning day on the 12th of February. Grassroots Festival 2025 will be covering a range of topics including, soil health, alternative and diverse pasture species, livestock health, farm forestry, financial health, farmers stories, carbon and renewable energy.

For more details and bookings click [here](#).

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