



Members' E-News Oct 2024



Upcoming SLT Events

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



Thank you to those who supported SLT's inaugural Reel Change Film Festival!

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all who supported the film festival, including all of our sponsors, facilitators, venues and ticket holders.

The festival was an intense look at some the world's most pressing sustainability issues:

- the impact of traditional agricultural practice,
- the need for strong climate leadership,
- the effects of plastics on our waterways, oceans and environments,
- the human impacts on our native wildlife, and
- the need to rethink fast fashion choices.

The films were a starting point for amazing community discussions, allowing SLT to listen to the concerns and views of our community members, for festival goers to share their insights and for all of us to connect in a more personal way, face-to-face,

in safe, respectful surroundings.

This was a test-pilot for future years - so hopefully, you will have the opportunity to be a part of this event in 2025.

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

SLT's Energised Learning wins Tasmanian Community Achievement Awards 2024!



Sustainable Living Tasmania is a proud winner of the 2024 EPA Sustainability Award at the Tasmanian Community Achievement Awards.

Winners were announced on Friday 18 October 2024 at the Awards Gala Dinner, where over 300 guests gathered from across the State to celebrate Tasmania's high achievers.

Presented by Chair of the EPA Board, Andrew Paul (pictured left with SLT's Principle Sustainability Consultant, Todd Houstein), Sustainable Living Tasmania took out the EPA Sustainability Award (Community) for its **Energised Learning** project which embeds renewable energy into the STEM curriculum across Tasmanian secondary schools. Students are engaged in real-world, practical, and hands-on sustainability challenges, including designing solar hot water systems, converting bikes to electric power, and creating a mobile renewable power station.

The projects have significantly improved energy efficiency, reduced carbon footprints, and fostered a culture of environmental responsibility amongst some of our youngest minds.

Special credit must be given to SLT's Principle Sustainability Consultant, Todd Houstein for driving the project, Nel Smit for all of her amazing efforts with Huonville High and Hobart City High, and securing the additional grant to build the portable renewable power plant (solar+battery trailer), Julie and Shayn, SLT Sustainability Consultants for the great work they did with Ulverstone Secondary College, Janine

for all of her accounting and administrative support, the 35 tradespeople and professionals who mentored students at the five school, and the Board for its encouragement and support.



'It was a pie-in-the-sky ridiculous idea': The US homes made from waste materials

8 October 2024

Linda Laban BBC



Earthships are designed to withstand the extreme temperatures of a desert, such as that around Taos, where extreme weather runs from sub-zero in winter to sweltering in summer.

Venture into New Mexico's beautifully stark high desert and you may well stumble across some fantastical and unconventional homes – some palatial and sculpturally rounded; others with an ancient temple-like form – that look like they're from a Star Wars movie.

Set in and around the town of Taos where they were invented almost 40 years ago, these are [Earthships](#): net-zero, sustainably designed homes built mostly from both natural and waste materials, such as old tyres, empty wine bottles and wood and mud.

To read more, click [here](#).



**SUSTAINABLE
LIVING
TASMANIA**

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

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.

* Thank you to Tamar NRM and West Tamar Council.

Open House Hobart 2024 is back!

BOOKINGS ARE OPEN

From Cold House to Cozy Home: Overcoming the Challenges of Energy Efficiency in Tasmanian Buildings

The next event in our popular series of sustainable building talks will help you transform your home into a sustainable, comfortable living space. Discover the science of passive solar design, embodied energy, and the prevention of mould.

The talk will examine star ratings, whole-of-home assessments, efficiency of appliances, and renewable energy. Nerd alert: the speakers will also crunch some numbers on hot water, insulation and return on investment.

Panellists:

- Uta Green – Architect with a focus on environmentally sustainable design (former SLT Board Member)
- Dr Rebecca Boyle – Energy Assessor

This event has been organised in conjunction with Sustainable Living Tasmania.

Cost: Free (Bookings essential). Click [here](#) for details.

Date/Time: Thursday 14th November 2024, 5.30pm start



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

THE BIG DAY OF CIRCULAR LIVING IDEAS

HOBART
Saturday 22 March, 2025
C3 Conference Centre

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The Big Day of Circular Living Ideas

Expressions of Interest are now open for for the BIG DAY - and they are filling fast! Exhibitor and presenter spaces are limited - so get in quick before they fill.

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

Be a part of a day of inspiration, sharing, innovation and information about living a more circular life. A family day filled with fun and activities.

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

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

Healthcare in a Changing World



Join us for a community conversation about climate change and how it will affect healthcare.

**Saturday 9th November
2024**

**10am-2pm
Lunch provided**

Hobart, Phillip Smith Centre



For more information
email CCI@Menzies.utas.edu.au or
register using the QR code

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Are you interested in climate change and its impact on our healthcare services?

Join Tasmanians Talk: Healthcare in a Changing World, a community conversation on Saturday, November 9th, from 10 am – 2pm.

After the conversation, we hope you will stay for a meal and a casual chat to continue sharing your thoughts and ideas.

Location: Hobart, Phillip Smith Centre



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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 for more details and sign up today

How extended producer responsibility policy can tackle textile waste

By Emma Elobeid, Senior Editor, Ellen MacArthur Foundation and Valérie Boiten, Senior Policy Officer for Fashion, Ellen MacArthur Foundation.



The image of the equivalent of a rubbish truckload of clothes burned or buried every second is, unlike the clothes themselves, well worn. [More than 80 percent](#) of textiles discarded by households are incinerated, landfilled or abandoned in the environment: This fate, at these volumes, is a direct consequence of our current resource-extractive, linear economic system.

Tracking down what happens to textiles after use today gets messy. Material flows in the textile waste stream are complex, opaque and transboundary. Collection and sorting systems for discarded textiles are often voluntary and frequently small scale. In addition, they tend to focus only on clothing that is in good condition and suitable for reuse.

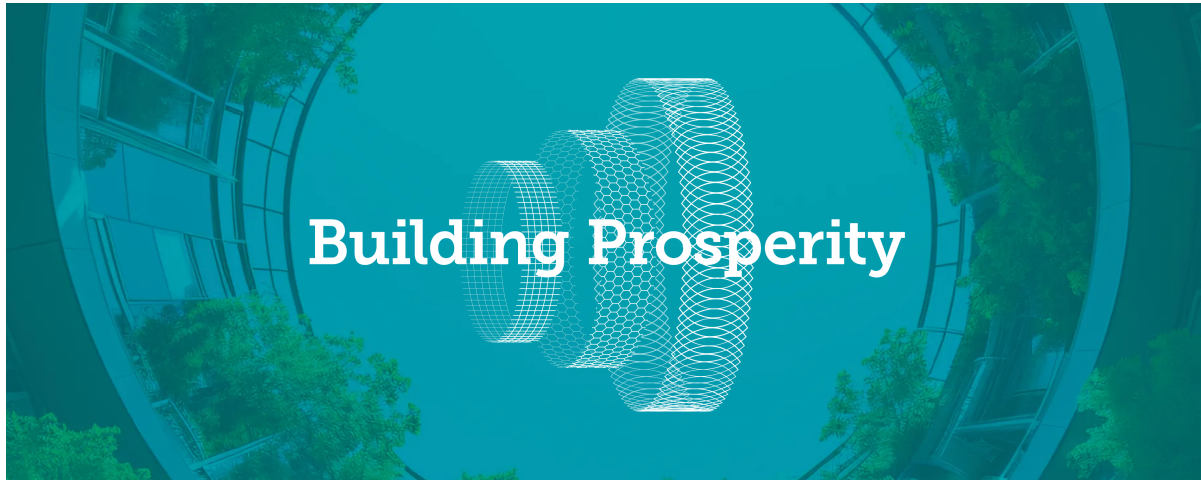
To divert textiles from landfill, incineration or leakage into the environment and keep them in use, it is crucial to build collection infrastructure at scale. Yet without decisive action, these collection systems are unlikely to see meaningful expansion.

The solutions are in sight.

To read more click [here](#).

Unlocking the potential of a nature-positive, circular economy for Europe

Courtesy of the Ellen MacArthur Foundation



With [The BIG Day of Circular Living Ideas](#) coming up, we thought we might focus on the importance of transforming to a circular economy, rather than a wasteful linear one.

The health of our economy relies on the health of nature, but nature has been over-exploited and undervalued – and is declining at an unprecedented rate. That needs to change.

A true circular economy is nature-positive by design and offers a pathway to a resilient economy and better outcomes for individuals and society. By harnessing the power of nature and shifting from a resource-intensive model to one that gradually decouples economic activities from the consumption of finite resources, the circular economy can deliver benefits across sectors and help meet climate and biodiversity targets.

This study focuses on Europe's built environment and explores how a nature-positive circular economy in the sector can unlock a huge economic opportunity for the continent, increasing resilience, competitiveness and the vibrancy of its cities.

To read more, and to download the report, click [here](#).

**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



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

Sustainable Living Events happening around Tasmania

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](#).

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.



Living Lightly Expo

REDRESSED 2024: ReFashion Show

Friday 15 November, 2024 6.30-8.30pm

Australian Italian Club of Launceston

Join us at The REDRESSED 2024 ReFashion Show to celebrate the amazing refashioned garments designed by local creatives for the [REDRESSED 2024 Competition!](#) Winners announced on the night.



Brought to our major sponsors
[Tasmanian Waste and Resource Recovery Board](#) and [Circular North](#)

For more information click [here](#).



Hobart Repair Cafe

Saturday 18 November, 2024 1pm - 4pm

Kickstart Arts

The last Repair Cafe for 2024 will see volunteers to help you repair clothing, electrical items, jewellery, general repairs and knife/tool sharpening.

For more information click [here](#).



Behind Closed Drawers

Saturday 23 November, 2024 11am - 2pm

St Albie's Hall Launceston

A POP-UP fashion market, with stalls filled with great quality pre-loved, handmade, vintage, up-cycled and brand new clothes and accessories. Sizes from petite to plus and everything in between. Their number one aim is to provide an opportunity where the local community can get fashion at a bargain price, and to reduce the amount of clothes that end up in landfill.

Click [here](#) for details.

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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