

WA COMMUNITY GARDENS FORUM 2009

18-20 september - growing together

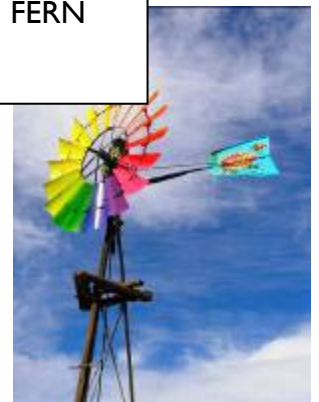


Growing Communities WA invites you to join us at the WA community garden sector's premier event for 2009

Friday, 18th Sept – Opening Sundowner at City Farm

Saturday, 19th Sept – Skill-Sharing Day at Piney Lakes Environment Centre

Sunday, 20th Sept – Bus Tour of Community Gardens starting from FERN



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Forum Program

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Friday 18 September: Opening Sundowner

To kick things off, we're having a celebratory sundowner.

End your week in the relaxing surrounds of City Farm, enjoy a wine on us, catch up and make new connections with other community garden enthusiasts and soak up the excitement of:

- **International Keynote Speaker, Rob Hopkins (Transition Culture, UK)** joining us via video link to speak on the role of community gardens in transitioning to a positive, low energy future
- Screening of a **video showcase of WA's community gardens**
- **Expo** of community garden suppliers



Photograph by Stephen Prior

Rob Hopkins is the co-founder of Transition Town Totnes and of the Transition Network. He has many years experience in education, teaching permaculture and natural building, and set up the [first 2 year full-time permaculture course in the world](#), at Kinsale Further Education College in Ireland. Rob is author of '[The Transition Handbook: from oil dependence to local resilience](#)', which has been published in a number of other languages, and which was voted the 5th most popular book [taken on holiday by MPs](#) during the summer of 2008. He publishes www.transitionculture.org and is the [winner of the 2008 Schumacher Award](#) of the [2009 Observer Ethical Award](#) for the Grassroots Campaigner category. He lectures and writes widely on peak oil and Transition, and is researching a PhD on Transition and resilience at Plymouth University. He lives in Devon and is a [keen gardener](#).

5.15pm to 7.30pm

Networking, drinks, finger food and expo from 5.15pm

Formal proceedings commence at 6.10pm

Video link-up with Rob at 6.50pm

Perth City Farm, 1 City Farm Place, East Perth (next to Claisebrook Train Station)

FREE event – All welcome

Please **RSVP** by **4 September** to info@wacgn.asn.au or 1300 501 357

Saturday 19 September: Skill-Sharing Day

9.00 Registrations

9.30 Welcome

10.00 Morning Workshops
(Choose one from the two options provided for each timeslot)

Workshop 1 10.00 – 11.15 Includes morning tea	Dreaming and designing your garden With Anne Goodall and Ailsa Grieve	Getting the people stuff right With Learning Centre Link
Workshop 2 11.15 – 12.15	Practical gardening workshop Presenter to be confirmed	Funding your garden With Anne Goodall and Learning Centre Link
Workshop 3 12.15 – 1.00	How gardens can work with local government With Chris Byrne and Sonja Farrow	Tour of Piney Lakes Community Garden or Gardening Workshop To be confirmed

Full details about the workshops and presenters will be available soon.

1.00 Lunch

1.30 Afternoon Open Space Gathering

Are you passionate about community gardens?
Do you have some ideas about how community gardens in WA can develop?

In this afternoon session, you are invited to contribute your ideas and passion to an Open Space Gathering on **“Growing a strong community garden sector in WA”**.

‘Open Space’ is a process that supports people to self-organise around what interests them most. We can promise:

- Every issue of concern to you will be on the agenda, if you choose to put it there
- All issues will receive as full a discussion as you choose to give them
- You will receive a written record of the discussions
- There will be the opportunity to identify actions that you wish to pursue

4.00 Close

Cost for the Day - \$35 per person
(includes lunch, morning and afternoon teas,
workshops and open space gathering)

To Register: Please return form and
payment to Learning Centre Link by
Wed 9 September 2009

Venue Details:

Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre

Within Piney Lakes Reserve, on the corner of
Leach Highway and Murdoch Drive, Winthrop.
Entry to the Centre is from Leach Highway,
between Riseley Street and Murdoch Drive.

Sunday 20 September: Bus Tour of Community Gardens

To wrap up the forum, join us for an enjoyable Sunday bus tour of four of Perth's community gardens.

Starting at Fremantle Environmental Resource Network (FERN) where the popular Sunday morning farmers' market will be in full swing, we'll then zip down to the lovely Naragebup Community Garden (Rockingham) before heading to the inner city to visit West Leederville Community Garden and Earthwise (Subiaco).

Get a taste of the diversity of what's possible in community gardens with plenty of ideas and tips for developing your own garden. You'll see allotments, communal gardens, poultry in gardens, markets, a pizza oven, fenced and unfenced gardens and lots more! Local gardeners will be on hand to introduce you to each garden and answer your questions. Time on the bus will give you the opportunity to network with other gardeners and have more of your questions answered.

10.00am to 3.00pm

Tour commences at FERN at 10.00am

You can make your own way to FERN (Cnr Montreal Street and High Street, Fremantle) or the bus can pick you up from Fremantle Train Station at 9.15am and bring you to FERN

Tour concludes at Earthwise at 3.00pm

The bus can either deliver you to Daglish Train Station or return you to FERN

Cost for the Day - \$10 per person

Please note: morning tea and lunch will not be provided.

You are invited to explore the markets and pick up morning tea at FERN before the tour starts
(Market starts 7.30am)

Please bring your own lunch to eat on the bus

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FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE FORUM

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