

Peak Oil



SW Transition Initiatives Gathering

Networking for a sustainable south west

Join fellow concerned and motivated citizens, in an open space, and self-organising conference format. Share in the preparation of vegetarian/local food, bring along creative ideas.....

Some highlights include:

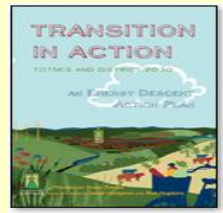
- The art of seed-saving - Claire Coleman (*Living Waters Permaculture Foundation*);
- Permablitz's – how to permaculture your community;
- Presentations by John Croft - community development facilitator and co-founder of the *Gaia Foundation* – on *Empowered Fundraising*, and the *Transition to Resilience* program;
- SW Transition group networking;
- “*In Transition*” movie screening – Friday night;
- Live Music and Jam Session – Saturday night;
- More “Open Space” sessions to be programmed.

Location: Donnelly River Holiday Village
Check in: 4-6pm, Friday 24th February.
Departure: Midday, Sunday 26th February.

To register by 31st January 2012 (if possible) please contact Fran Steele.

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All around the world, throughout Australia, and in our very own south-west, *Transition Town* initiatives are popping up, one by one, little by little. *Transition Towns* seek to address the effects and causes of peak-oil, climate change and global credit crunch in our communities by using general strategies such as resilience and self-reliance building and re-localisation. This first *South-West Transition Initiatives Gathering* is an opportunity for *Transition* groups from around the south-west and metropolitan WA to meet, share their experiences, ideas and opportunities for networking. We invite you to share in this gathering, as a concerned individual and/or representative of your community, to help create a more sustainable south-west WA.

THE SELF ORGANIZING APPROACH

In building a conference that is self-organizing, it is important that participants understand in advance that they are not coming to a conventional “talk fest” where a few “experts” present pre-prepared papers on their work, and where everyone else sits and listens passively, asking a few polite questions when the paper has been delivered. A self-organized conference engages all participants in active learning-by-doing, and challenges them to extend themselves to extend beyond their comfort zones of past experience. It is a place where people uncover new knowledge through active collaboration with shared insights, and undertake, through being active in the organization and administrative arrangements of the conference, to minimize their own and other’s costs. Conference proceedings get prepared on the spot and are available to participants soon after the end of the conference to aid continuing appropriate follow up. (Excerpt from Fact Sheet #3 *Self Organizing Conference Design* by John Croft).

When registering or checking in, you can help out by volunteering to be in one of the organizing groups:

Accommodation	Handles individual accommodation needs.
Financial	Takes responsibility for registration and payment.
Meals	Takes responsibility for food preparation as well as dishwashing and cleaning.
Program	Takes responsibility for organizing program, room allocation and presenters requirements.
Proceedings	Ensures the collection, copying, printing and distribution of proceedings.
Celebrations	Organizes the entertainment, any tours or excursions, and the closing event.

PROGRAM (a work in progress)

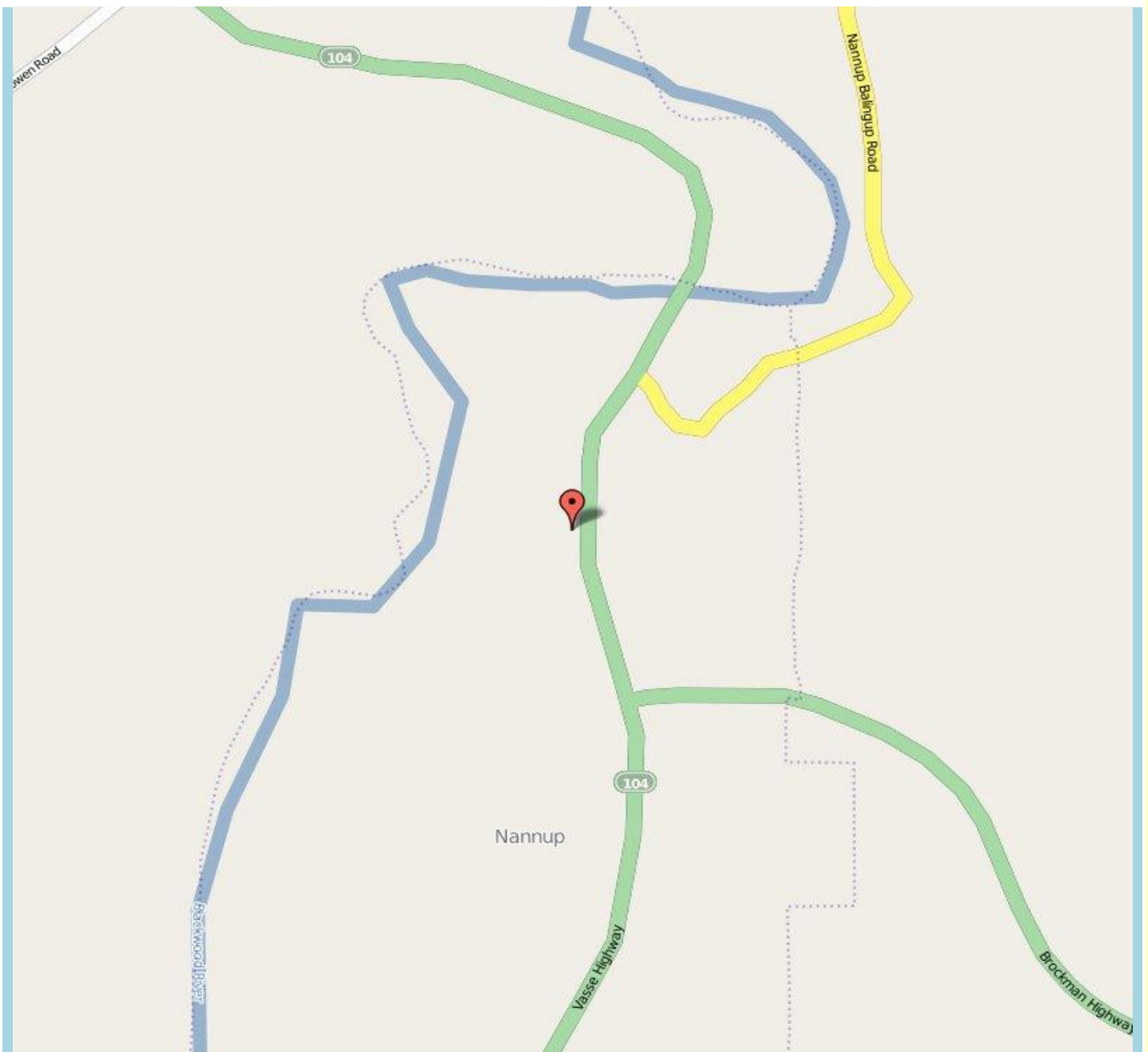
FRIDAY 24 th February 2012		
2pm	Check in to accommodation available.	Accommodation group/everyone
4-6pm	Registration and volunteering.	Financial group/everyone
5-7pm	Meals preparation and eating.	Meals group/everyone
7-9pm	“In Transition” Movie Screening	<i>Transition Kwoorabup-Denmark</i>
	Conference Planning	Facilitator/Program Group
SATURDAY 25 th February 2012		
7:30-8:30am	Yoga (Optional)	-
9-10am	Breakfast	Meals group/everyone.
10am-1pm	Workshops, Presentations...	John Croft/Other/Program group
1-2pm	Lunch	Meals group/everyone.
2-6pm	Workshops, Presentations...	John Croft/Other/Program group
6pm	Dinner	Meals group/everyone.
7pm	Live Music and Jam Session	Celebrations group/everyone
SUNDAY 26 th of February 2012		
By 10am	Accommodation Checkout and Breakfast	Meals & Accom’ groups/everyone
10-11am	Farewell gathering in open area	Celebrations group/everyone

COSTS

We have endeavored to keep costs low, with shared cottage accommodation at \$20 per person per night, and providing some bulk staple and seasonal foods to share. We ask participants to bring a plate of local food to share.

Adult	Weekend/Two Nights: \$100	Saturday Day & Night: \$70	Saturday Day Only: \$40
Under 16	Weekend/Two Nights: \$80	Saturday Day & Night: \$50	Saturday Day Only: \$20
Family Pass	Weekend/Two Nights: \$300	Saturday Day & Night: \$200	Saturday Day Only: \$100

Donnelly River Holiday Village



How to get to Donnelly River

From Perth:

- Choose either the Kwinana Freeway which continues onto the Forrest Highway OR the South West Highway via Pinjarra. Both continue to Bunbury;
- From Bunbury, take the South-West Highway through Boyanup, Donnybrook and Balingup to Bridgetown;
- One kilometre from the Bridgetown Post Office, immediately after crossing the traffic bridge over the Blackwood River, take the road to Nannup on the right (The Brockman Highway);
- Three kilometres onwards Mockerdillup Road leads off to the left to Donnelly Village - 24 kilometres.

Total travel time from Perth is approximately three hours and 15 minutes.

From Manjimup:

- Leave the town via Graphite Road;
- Turn right about three kilometres from the town centre along Ralston Road;
- Watch for the signs to Donnelly Mill, as there are two more right hand turns and one to the left.

From Nannup:

- Head towards Bridgetown on the Brockman Highway for 23 kms;
- Turn right at Sears Road and travel another 9 kms to the village.