

Further information



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Sustainability is an area of increasing community concern

Sustainable Living Tasmania has witnessed a significant increase in awareness about the need for sustainable living practices within the Tasmanian community to reflect the growing interest in environmental sustainability globally. In the developed world, this growth in awareness and interest has emerged on the back of growing community concerns about air pollution, human health, water security and climate change.

In recent years, the threat of climate change and awareness about the need to reduce society's carbon footprint has emerged as the dominant issue of concern within the sustainability agenda.

Sustainable Living Tasmania

Sustainable Living Tasmania is a not-for-profit community environmental organisation devoted to promoting and supporting sustainable living.

Our organisation is based in Hobart and was established in 1972 as the *Tasmanian Environment Centre Incorporated*.

In 2006 it was renamed *Sustainable Living Tasmania* in recognition of our core focus on sustainable living philosophies and activities.

Governance

As an incorporated organisation we are governed by a Board of our members who are elected at Annual General Meetings. The principal role of the Board is to provide financial and operational oversight on our core activities.

Leadership

An Executive Officer is appointed on an ongoing basis and is responsible for the day-to-day running of the organisation. The Executive Officer makes decisions on behalf of all members in line with Board delegations.

Our people

We employ a small team of permanent staff. These staff members are supported by a number of dedicated volunteers who supplement the organisation in the delivery of its community services.

Sustainable Living Tasmania partners with government, business, industry, education, community groups and individuals to advance practical actions designed to improve the sustainability of the Tasmanian community. Our activities have been developed to support three core objectives.

1 SLT as Educator *Raising community awareness*

We have a long history of working in the wider community to raise awareness about the practical actions that can be taken to improve sustainability. Our current educational activities include:

- providing library services and print resource materials
- providing access to web-based resource materials and information
- circulating a newsletter to our members
- conducting school and adult education programs
- organising the annual Sustainable Living Expo
- delivering seminars and workshops for our members
- providing information to the media on new developments in the sustainability agenda.

We are working to expand our community awareness-raising activities by introducing a range of new services, including:

- seminars and workshops for government, business, industry, education, community groups and individuals
- providing regular information about the changing nature of community demand for more information about sustainable living.

2 SLT as Facilitator *Acting through partnerships with government, business, industry, education, community groups and individuals*

One of the central difficulties associated with advancing sustainable actions is the fact that very few actions can be implemented without the cooperation of a group of stakeholders. That is, business working with the community, government working with business, the community working with government.

We facilitate community networks and partnerships designed to improve sustainability in Tasmania.

Traditionally, our activities have been member-based but we are increasingly working with government, business, industry, education, community groups and individuals to promote a range of exciting collaborative actions in the future. These actions include:

- linking consumers and providers of sustainable living goods and services through the annual Sustainable Living Expo and our website
- hosting community forums and member 'listening posts' on specific sustainability issues
- supporting community organisations in their endeavours to undertake sustainable living projects
- collaborating with other community and environmental organisations to advance awareness and practical solutions
- participating on advisory panels and boards to advance awareness and practical solutions
- partnering with government, business, industry, education, community groups and individuals on specific sustainability projects and programs.

3 SLT as Catalyst *Supporting the adoption of sustainable practices*

We recognise that the key to the adoption of sustainable practices is for those practices to become part of 'business as usual'.

To achieve this goal, government, business, industry, education, community groups and individuals require pragmatic paths of transition whereby these practices become increasingly habitual and feasible.

We act as a catalyst in this transition by partnering with all sectors of the community to raise awareness of the practical steps that can be taken toward sustainable living and by directly assisting in the adoption of sustainable practices. Ways in which we assist the community in implementing change include:

- designing and distributing web-based motivational behaviour change programs such as the Environment Challenge
- conducting home sustainability assessments for low-income households
- directly supporting members and community groups with similar aims and agendas
- proactive marketing of sustainable living options.

“Our Vision

A community within which government, business, industry, education, community groups and individuals work in partnership to continually improve Tasmania's environmental and social sustainability.”