



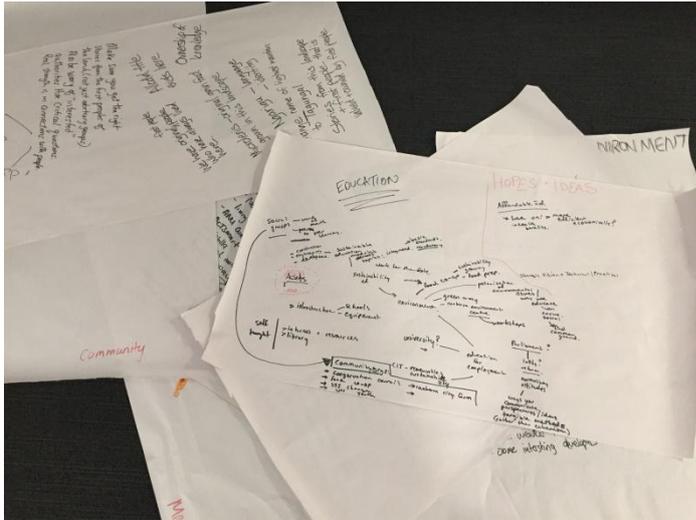
A vital ingredient for making change in a positive and specific direction is having a clear vision of the desired goal. The importance of creating this shared vision of a regenerative and desirable future is recognised by many. Ida Kubiszewski says that 'Creating a shared vision of a sustainable and desirable future is the most critical task facing humanity today'. While Paul Raskin states that 'It is business as usual that is the utopian fantasy'. And finally, Yogi Berra possibly sums it up best with 'If you don't know where you are going, you'll end up someplace else.'



Soon after we had planned our event, we saw that Rob Hopkins was set to take a part-time sabbatical in order to research and write a new book on imagination. This linked in perfectly with the idea of our event, so we contacted Rob, and he shared his thoughts via video.

Despite a progressive government with a plan for a carbon neutral city, Canberra Transition Town wanted to broaden the conversation to include topics that also needed to be considered, including, but not limited to: indigenous affairs, democracy, economy, education, carbon neutrality, food, natural environment, community, alternative measures of progress, and equality. The variety of topics would allow participants to join a conversation, and contribute to topics that aligned with their passions.

Often transition events in Canberra only draw the attention of a particular demographic. As this was a community based visionary activity we were very conscious of this, and endeavoured to open-up our invitation to feel more inclusive, and in-turn reach a wider audience. This saw new groups attending Transition Towns who would normally not engage in our activities.



To provide the opportunity for a wider audience to participate we held two events, one in Canberra's north, and the second in Canberra's south. Both events were we a great success, with strong attendance and active participation by all. All the information collected at these events will now be compiled into a summary report, with plans for future events in more of Canberra's suburbs, a draft of a future history, collaboration on a national level, and the development of an energy decent action plan.

