



# RETROSUBURBIA

THE DOWNSHIFTER'S GUIDE TO A RESILIENT FUTURE

## CHAPTER 12: STORAGE OF STUFF

### QUESTIONS:

- What spare space do you have available in your house? How could it be used better? If you undertook a major declutter, would it affect your answer?
- What extra space do you think you will need for more productive household activities? Think about such things as storage space for bulk foods and workshop space for fixing things. How might you go about finding this space?
- How much do you use public space in your day-to-day life? This might include parks and reserves, street verges, public seating or laneways.

### ACTIVITIES:

- Gift, take to the op-shop or throw away a large box of your unused stuff
- Do an audit of a group member's household from a space point of view – Where could space be utilised better? Are there suggestions for modifications?\*
- Make a list of all the tools owned by members of the group. Create a system for lending these to each other when needed. This might be as simple as everyone having a copy of the list and asking individuals directly when things are needed, or it might be a more formalised system. Remember to discuss such things as maintenance and repairs, and training for those who might not have much experience with the tool.

\* Further resources for this activity may be available to registered book clubs

