



# RETROSUBURBIA

THE DOWNSHIFTER'S GUIDE TO A RESILIENT FUTURE

## CHAPTER 8: WATER HARVESTING AND STORAGE

### QUESTIONS:

- How much water does your household use? Where could you make savings?\* Swap strategies with other group members.
- How practical would it be to capture water from your roof? Consider locations of downpipes and height of gutters\*
- What options have you got for capturing water? Consider roofs, neighbouring buildings, and kerbs.\*
- What options have you got for storing water? Consider tanks, bladders under decks, ponds and in the soil.\*

### ACTIVITIES:

- Explore ATA's [Tankulator](#) – how much water would you need to store to get your kitchen water from tanks? How much would you need to store for the garden? How much for the household overall?
- Construct a pond at a member's house. This could be permanent in the ground or relocatable in a repurposed bath or sink.
- Using a 'jam tin', bucket or sponge bath, go without a shower or bath for the week.

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

