



The fifteen minutes you have between putting on the kettle and pouring your coffee in the morning is your opportunity to be part of the revolution, dammit!

So open your vertical blinds!
Get your hands dirty!
Water your pot plants!
Feed Erskineville!
Save the world!

Did you know that agriculture accounts for approximately 15% of Australia's carbon emissions? That's not to mention the planes, trains and automobiles that bring the food to your slick new grocery store. That's also not to mention the agricultural emissions in other countries. That's also not to mention the emissions from the multitude of other companies that the multinational corporation that owns your new grocery store also emit!

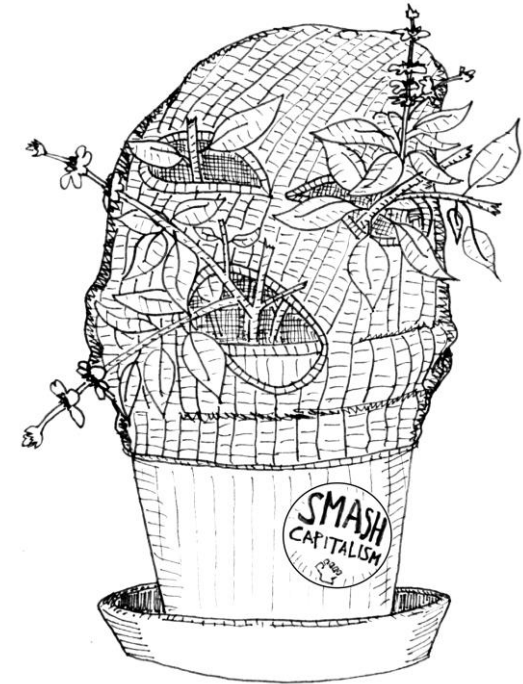
Do you feel overwhelmed and disempowered? You don't need to! Don't be fooled by a cheap branding exercise! Don't let your local identity be stolen, packaged and sold back to you by the Man! End the need for global food supply chains and fight climate change all from the comfort of your sun-drenched courtyards or from the breezy heights of your windowsills. Working together we can harness the potential of this great city. The power is yours!

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Erskineville:
The Revolution
Begins Here

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Welcome to the first edition of *The Renegade Pot Plant*: a radical weekly pamphlet encouraging everyone to do their bit to help slow climate change. This pamphlet encourages your participation in a long tradition of gardening or farming for political outcomes. During the two world wars, Canada, Germany, Britain and America had the *Victory Gardens*: private and public growing spaces that aided the war effort by feeding the population and building national spirit. In the 1920s and 30s Victoria had the *Better Farming Train*. Wending its way through the hills and dales of the great southern state, the train was a travelling exhibition, teaching the good citizens in each town up-to-date farming techniques to improve their yield for the good of the nation. But the 1.2 square kilometres of Erskineville has the same potential as all the victory gardens and farming trains combined.



The eggs your little chickens lay are gestational animal liberationists freeing the battery chooks and overthrowing the factory farming system!

The basil in your window box is the zygote of a great warrior that will grow up to fight climate change with its heirloom seeds, creating a future of GMO free pesto!



The tomato plant that is growing weed-like out of your compost bin is a fetal advocate of the carbon tax.

The mint you have sprouting between the cracks on your pavement is an embryonic double agent working to slow the thaw of the polar caps and end the exploitation in the tea industry.

