

PERMACULTURE WEST e-newsletter

Permaculture Association WA (PAWA)

www.permaculturewest.org.au

July 25th 2009

From the Committee:

PAWA AGM – August 8th – 1pm

Many hands make light work and diversity creates stability and resilience.

All positions will be open at the Annual General Meeting.

Traditional committee roles have been divided into lighter 1 hour a week jobs. Please look through the list below and see where you could lend a hand.

Convenor

Co Convenor

Administration guild

Secretary (minutes)

Secretary (written correspondence/ magazine distribution)

Phone/ email enquiries

Membership data base

Finance guild

Treasurer

Assistant treasurer

Communications guild

Website administrator

Assistant website administrator

E-news compiler

Magazine editor

Magazine assistant editor

Magazine layout designer

Events guild

Events - monthly guest speakers

Events - field trips/ site visits

Events - special events

Local group coordinator

Promotions guild

Promotions coordinator/ materials

Announcements writer/ flyer distribution

Festival organiser – PAWA display

Assistant festival organiser

2. Celebration Weekend

Celebration: 30 years of Permaculture

Celebration theme: 'Next Generation Permaculture: 30 years On'.

A weekend of inspiring Permaculture speakers, workshops, rekindling old friendships, making new ones and exploring the ways that Permaculture has enriched our lives.

Unfortunately we have been unable to secure a working party of 5 people to enable further organisation of this event to proceed. This is the last call for offers of help. Current committee members are only able to take on the planning if their current positions are filled at the forthcoming AGM.

The weekend celebration should be a truly inspiring and memorable experience. If you can help make it happen (in any small way), please contact Karen at: kjmckenzie@amnet.net.au

Events Summary:

Further information about the following events is detailed throughout the e-newsletter.

Date	Event	Location	Contact	Cost
July 30 6 weeks 6-9pm + 2 sat arvos	Sustainable Food Gardens presented by Central TAFE	City Farm	Yonna Sunderland 9427 1558 or yonna.sunderland@central.wa.edu.au	\$300
Aug 10/22	Permaculture Design Certificate 2 week full time 9-4pm	Ghana West Africa	International Permaculture Greg Knibbs. gknibbs@internationalpermaculture.com www.internationalpermaculture.com/courses2	visit website for costing
Aug 8 11-1:30	PAWA lunch 11am – 1pm AGM – 1pm	Perth City Farm East Perth	Elizabeth admin@earthsanctuary.com.au www.permaculturewest.org.au	Members free Visitors \$5
Aug 15 10-12pm	Hills Local Permaculture Group	Various	joythom@bigpond.com	Members free Visitors \$5
Sept 12 11-12:30	PAWA presentation: TBC	Perth City Farm East Perth	Elizabeth admin@earthsanctuary.com.au www.permaculturewest.org.au	Members free Visitors \$5
Sept 13 10-4	Sustainable House Day	various	Belinda Tester 0430722833 admin@shmeco.com	
Sept 7-19 9-4pm	Permaculture Design Certificate 2 week full time (12 days)	Enviro Tech Centre (ETC) Murdoch Uni	International Permaculture Greg Knibbs. gknibbs@internationalpermaculture.com www.internationalpermaculture.com/courses2	\$900 early bird
Sept 18	WA Community Garden Forum Friday Sundowner and Opening		Ailsa Grieve Project Support Officer Growing Communities WA ph. 1300 501 357	

Sept 19	Saturday Full day program of speakers and workshops			
Sept 20	Sunday Bus Tour of Community Gardens			
Sept 21-25 9-4pm	Permaculture Intro and Hands On (5 days)	ETC Murdoch Uni, Murdoch	International Permaculture Greg Knibbs. gknibbs@internationalpermaculture.com www.internationalpermaculture.com/courses2	\$495
Oct 10 11-12:30	PAWA presentation TBC	Perth City Farm EastPerth	Elizabeth admin@earthsanctuary.com.au www.permaculturewest.org.au	Members free Visitors \$5

Forthcoming PAWA Events:

August: Lunch followed by PAWA AGM

August 8

11am – 1pm (lunch)

1pm – AGM

Perth City Farm, East Perth (near Claisebrook Station)

Cost: Donation towards lunch

Spend a beautiful morning sharing lunch and catching up with Permie friends, browsing the Farmers Markets and exploring the productive gardens at Perth City Farm.

Local Permaculture Groups

Local Permaculture groups give people greater opportunity to share experiences, celebrate achievements (and share gluts) as well as overcome challenges. Belonging to a local group can also provide inspiration (and motivation), hands on practical help, opportunity to share equipment or swap seeds and cuttings. Lastly and maybe of greatest value, local groups can provide a sense of comradeship and connectedness.

If you would like to be a contact person for interested Permies in your local area you can forward a request through the e-news. See below for email contact details.

Hills Local Permaculture Group

The Hills Local Permaculture Group meets on the **3rd Saturday of the month**, 9:30 for **10am** start finishing at **12:00**. Contact Joy and Thom for details of their next meeting place.

joythom@bigpond.com or phone 9295 2408.

Busselton/ Dunsborough Local Permaculture Group

This group has been quietly active and would like to welcome Permaculturalists and 'interested persons' new to the region. No experience necessary. For more information on becoming involved please contact Warwick Rowell at: warwick.rowell@bigpond.com

'Permaculture West' Magazine

The spring edition of 'Permaculture West' will focus on 'Retrofitting Your House for Summer'. The magazine will be out early November. Articles/ stories/ photos etc need to be submitted to Warwick by mid September. Contact Warwick at: warwick.rowell@bigpond.com

Permaculture Courses/ Training

Permaculture Design Course (PDC) 2009

2 Full time courses

August 10 – August 22. (Ghana)

Sept 7 – September 19. (Environmental Technology Centre, Murdoch University.)

9am – 4pm

The courses are taught by Greg Knibbs (and friends). Greg is a registered teacher with the Australian Permaculture Institute founded by Bill Mollison. Greg has worked on Permaculture projects with communities, non-government organisations and private companies in the Philippines, West Africa, Cambodia and Australia.

Cost for courses held at Murdoch Environmental Tech Centre (ETC) – \$995 (included lunch/ snacks). Early registration discount of \$95.00.

Course details and registration at: www.internationalpermaculture.com/courses

More about Ghana PDC

Come to Ghana, get to know the people and culture and share in this 12 day Permaculture course. Visit local Permaculture sites and see what the members from the Ghana Permaculture Network are doing. Take part in helping to design the proposed Permaculture Demonstration Farm and Training Centre. Part of the course fees will help raise much needed funds to continue on the work that Greg and Paul are undertaking.

See above website for more info.

www.cfpermaculture.com

Permaculture Intro and Hands On

Sept 21 – Sept 25 (5days)

Murdoch Environmental Technology Centre

Facilitated by Greg Knibbs

Cost: \$495.00

Course details and registration at: www.internationalpermaculture.com/courses

Other Workshops

Sustainable Food Gardens

Presented by Central TAFE

Course starts Thursday 30 July 6pm -9pm
(6 weeks plus 2 Saturday sessions 12:30pm - 3:30pm)
City Farm, 1 City Farm Place, East Perth

\$300 per person (no concession available)

A short community program covering:

- Introduction to food gardening outlining the main functions
- Introduction to the key elements of your garden, their multi functions and appropriate placement
- Designing your garden
- Introduction to plant species
- Propagation and plant requirements
- Soil function and properties
- Composting
- Worm farming
- Reticulation design
- Attracting predators to your garden
- Appropriate plant species
- Maintenance
- Mulching, weeding, pest control, pruning
- Fertilizing
- Animals in the garden
- Seed saving
- Annual planting Calendar
- Crop rotation
- Ecosystems
- Micro climates

For more information call Yonna Sunderland
9427 1558 or
email yonna.sunderland@central.wa.edu.au

Upcoming Events

Sustainable House Day

Sept 13
10 – 4 pm
Various locations
Belinda Tester 0430722833
admin@shmeco.com.au

WA Community Garden Forum

Growing Communities WA and the Community Garden Network are pleased to be hosting The WA Community Garden Forum this September. Please make note of the following dates as it is sure to be a great event;

Friday 18th September - Sundowner and Opening

Saturday 19th September - Full day program of speakers and workshops

Sunday 20th September - Bus Tour of Community Gardens

If you are interested in contributing to the development of the Forum Program in anyway such as facilitating a workshop, catering, nominating or being a speaker, promotion etc. please contact us.

Ailsa Grieve

Project Support Officer

Growing Communities WA

A project supporting community gardens

ph. 1300 501 357

Please note I work in this role 8 hours per week, mainly Monday and Wednesday mornings.

Other Items of Interest:

The Ashes of Childlow 1890's to 2010's

August 1

10 – 4pm

Childlow Shopping Centre, Thomas Street (next to hotel)

The Childlow shop owners are looking for customers, tenants, staff, suppliers.

Contact: Frank Ash

92712576 or farm 95731240

email: fandjash@iinet.net.au

www.caresafe.iinet.net.au

Organic Growers Association WA – AGM and Festival

August 2

AGM 9:30 – 11:30

Organic Festival 12 – 4pm

Piney Lakes Environment Centre

Winthrop

94531783

www.ogawa.org.au

Gnangara Sustainability Strategy

Released for public comment

document available at: www.gnangara.water.wa.gov.au

Phone Dept of Water 63647600 for hard copy

Submissions close Aug 31

Permaculture Ethics and Design Principles DVD

New release

A presentation by David Holmgren

A summary of the DVD can be viewed on YouTube [www.youtube.com/watch?v=I - J71k2bXE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-J71k2bXE)

DVD's can be purchased from www.holmgren.com.au or the Permaculture Principles website [www.permacultureprinciples.com/resources principlesdvd](http://www.permacultureprinciples.com/resources_principlesdvd)

Potato Varieties

Having difficulty obtaining seed potatoes in WA?

Warwick and Gillian recently came across the wonders of the markets in Albany, and in particular, Andrew Bathgate. Andrew provides seed potatoes and is happy to talk with Permaculturists about **substantial** purchases. This would mean bulking up with family or friends to have order quantities of **at least 5kg per variety**.

He advises that from June he will have most of the following varieties:

Kestrel
Delaware
Ranger Russet
Nicola
Norland
Royal Blue
White Star
Eureka
Maris Piper
Kipfler
Dutch Cream
Pink Eye

Andrew Bathgate

abathgate@optusnet.com.au

08 9842 5196

Join PAWA

How to join/ renew

Membership fee is \$30.00 annually (1st July to 30th June). A pro rata fee of \$15.00 is charged for new members joining after December 31st. Payment options are as follows:

- Send a **cheque or money order** to **Permaculture Association of WA, PO Box 442 BAKERS HILL 6562**. Include your details (name, address, phone and email address) especially if they have changed.
 - **Direct deposit** into Bendigo Bank BSB: 633-000 Acc: 111195988 (Permaculture Assoc of WA). Send an email to treasurer Jeremy at zamiahill@activ8.net.au so your payment can reconciled.
 - **Cash payment in person** at any of the monthly presentations.
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PAWA e-news is compiled by K.McKenzie. If you would like to contribute please email Karen at: kjmckenzie@amnet.net.au. The newsletter will be emailed to members around the 21st of each month. We welcome announcements from other environmentally focused organisations and support cross pollination between groups to further the sustainability message.