

PERMACULTURE WEST e-newsletter

Permaculture Association WA (PAWA)

www.permaculturewest.org.au

June 25th 2009

From the Committee:

Membership Renewal Due

PAWA membership runs from 1st July to 30th June in following year and costs \$30.00.

PAWA is entirely run by volunteers. Membership fees enable the organisation to cover the costs of venue hire, printing, promotions, stall space at festivals and events, special projects, guest speakers and more. Options for paying membership fees are detailed at the end of the e-news.

PAWA AGM

Organisations such as PAWA cannot operate without a dedicated team of supporters. Our motto is many hands make light work and we actively seek to apply the Permaculture principles to the running of the organisation. We particularly value diversity – that means you. We understand that people are busy so we only ask for whatever can be given. We work in teams so everyone is supported in some way and mentoring allows for smooth succession and evolution.

All positions will be open at the annual general meeting. During the following year we hope to focus on developing a more comprehensive promotions strategy. To this effect we look forward to recruiting a promotions coordinator and 4-5 people who can complete a small task each.

We hope more people can contribute to getting the Permaculture message out there by breaking traditional committee roles into lighter 1 hour a week (or 1 afternoon a month) jobs. See below for a list of 25 plus areas where you can make a difference.

- *Convener, Co convener,*
- *Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer (special events)*
- *Minutes Secretary, Grants Writer, e-news Compiler, Secretary (correspondence in and out), Membership Updater.*
- *Website Developer, Website Updater*
- *Magazine Editor, Magazine Assistant Editor, Magazine Layout, Magazine Distributor (mail out),*
- *Events Coordinator (monthly meetings), Events Assistant, Celebration Weekend Coordinator, Field Trips Organiser,*
- *Promotions Coordinator, Promotions Assistant, Flyer Distributor, Media Release Writer/ Networker*
- *PAWA Festival Rep, Festival Volunteers (set up stand/ promotional material), Festival Speakers.*
- *Local Permaculture Group Reps*

2. Celebration Weekend

Exciting progress has been made with the selection of a venue, theme and format for the weekend. However to move forward and make it a reality requires commitment and energy – not a lot from a few but a little from many. It rests on filling all the small jobs above. If you truly want Permaculture to be a strong force within our community, now is the time to dedicate 1 hour a week to getting us there. Please send your offer of help to kjmckenzie@amnet.net.au

NB: The committee meets at City Farm on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 1pm (after the guest presentation). Please join us.

Events Summary:

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

Date	Event	Location	Contact	Cost
June 28 8:30-4:30	Community Climate Change Dialogue	Murdoch University	conswa@conservationwa.asn.au	nil
June 30	PAWA membership fee \$30 due	Details at end of e-news	zamiahill@activ8.net.au	nil
July 4 10-11	NAIDOC week Bush Tucker Demo	Perth City Farm	Ph 93257229	\$5
July 11 11-12:00	PAWA presentation DIY grey water with Dr Ross Mars	Perth City Farm East Perth	Elizabeth admin@earthsanctuary.com.au www.permaculturewest.org.au	Members free Visitors \$5
July 11 12:30-2pm	PAWA committee meeting with special guest Liz Dare - Effective Meeting Strategies	Perth City Farm East Perth	Challis aubergine70@hotmail.com www.permaculturewest.org.au	nil
July 11/12 10-4pm	Introduction to Permaculture	Perth City Farm East Perth	Sparkles sparklemerchant@yahoo.com.au	\$100 \$80 concession
July 18 10-12pm	Hills Local Permaculture Group	Various	joythom@bigpond.com	Members free Visitors \$5
July 22 9-12pm	Organic Gardening Courses	APACE Fremantle	Margot on 9336 1262. admin@apace.org.au	\$25 \$20 concession
July 26 9-5pm	Permaculture Design Cert part time (10 Sundays)	Various	Ross Mars rossmars@yahoo.com Mobile: 0439971213 www.cfpermaculture.com	\$550
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 11-12:30	PAWA presentation: film TBC + AGM to follow	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 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 Sept 19 Sept 20	WA Community Garden Forum Friday Sundowner and Opening Saturday Full day program of speakers and workshops Sunday Bus Tour of Community Gardens		Ailsa Grieve Project Support Officer Growing Communities WA ph. 1300 501 357	
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

Forthcoming PAWA Events:

July: DIY grey water

July 11

11am – 12:00pm

Guest Speaker: Dr Ross Mars

Perth City Farm, East Perth (near Claisebrook Station)

Members Free/ Visitors \$5.00

Committee meeting follows

Household water reuse is one of the keys to more sustainable living including boosting our ability to produce food locally in our own backyard. In this workshop Dr Ross Mars proprietor of the successful Perth grey water business Water Installations will get into the nitty gritty of grey water techniques and present DIY options for Perth households..

August: Film presentation followed by PAWA AGM

August 8

11am – 12:30pm

Film: TBC

Perth City Farm, East Perth (near Claisebrook Station)

Members Free/ Visitors \$5.00

AGM follows at 1pm

Later in the Year

All about Soil

Wholefood Cooking

Do It Yourself Fiesta.

Local Permaculture Groups

Hills Group

The Hill's Local Permaculture Group met again on Saturday 20 June 2009 at the home and plant nursery of Ross and Jenny Mars. About 26 of us braved the cold and rain and were rewarded with an interesting and informative morning. We saw a power point photo story showing changes to the property over the last two and a half years and the building of the straw bale house. Ross talked about the challenges, progress and his plans for the future. Then we eager Permies upped umbrellas for a tour which included many fruit and nut trees and other useful plants, the nursery area, shade and hot houses. We learned about mixing bio brews and inoculating the soil with life giving microorganisms which Ross kindly demonstrated in the pouring rain.

Thanks to Ross and Jenny, to Elizabeth for organising and to Chrissie (Jenny's Mum) for the hot scones.

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.

Next meeting 18 July at the home of Jacqui and Tony Rawlings.

Other Local 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.

Permaculture West Quarterly Magazine

The autumn edition of '*Permaculture West*' with the theme 'Retrofitting your House for Winter in South West Western Australia' was distributed to all financial members recently. What a wealth of up to date information on designing for . I hope you have enjoyed it as much as I.

The spring edition of 'Permaculture West' will focus on 'Retrofitting Your House for Summer'.

Thankyou Warwick for your tireless work as editor and to Peter Austin who stepped in last minute to complete the layout.

To contribute to future issues contact Warwick at: warwick.rowell@bigpond.com

Permaculture Courses/ Training

Introduction to Permaculture

July 11-12

Facilitated by Sparkles

10am – 4pm

Perth City Farm, 184 Brown St, East Perth (near Claisebrook Station)

Cost: \$100 or \$80 concession, there are special options available for unemployed and students.

Course Description:

Permaculture is a world view which opens people up to the vision of a sustainable future. In this introduction you will learn about intelligent organic gardening and design principles as well as issues surrounding sustainable behaviour, both in and out of the compost heap!

Permaculture is much more than just growing your own food, it is about skill sharing, using resources wisely and connecting with your community. It incorporates everyone, and encourages diversity, whilst empowering individuals into self sufficiency and resilience.

The course will cover all the basics of Permaculture and organic gardening (ie composting, good soil, seed saving etc), and go into resource management, community building and touch on design.

Contact Sparkles on 0406 449 369 or sparklemerchant@yahoo.com.au

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.

Permaculture Design Course (PDC) 2009

Part time: **July 26 – Sept 27 (10 days)** Every Sunday.
Facilitated by **Dr Ross Mars**

Course Description:

The Permaculture Design Course is a 72 hour intensive course which combines theory with practical experience. Satisfactory completion of the course will enable you to begin to develop and implement your designs in a sustainable Permaculture system.

Cost: \$550.00

For more information or to receive a brochure please contact Ross at the following:

Telephone a/h 92956263

rossmars@yahoo.com

Mobile: 0439971213

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

APACE Organic Gardening Course

Wednesday July 22

9am -12pm

Apac Community Gardens, 1 Johannah Street in North Fremantle

Course fees are \$25.00 or \$20.00 with concession.

The three hour course covers topics & demonstrations on the principles of:

Organic Gardening

Compost Making

Crop Rotation

This is a great opportunity to tap into the wealth of knowledge Apac that community gardener, Dennis Tarrant, has harvested over years of organic gardening practice.

To register your interest please phone Margot on 9336 1262 or admin@apace.org.au

Upcoming Events

NAIDOC Week Celebrations

Fri 3 July – Thur 9 July

Perth City Farm, East Perth
Fri 3rd July 6pm Art Exhibition 'Where Land Meets the Sea'
Sat 4th July 10-11am Bush Tucker Demo (\$5)
Tue 7 July 10-11 Stories in the Sand (Gold Coin)
Thurs 9 July 1:30pm Learn Words in Wongi

Free talk - Sustainability and Surviving the Perfect Storm.

Thursday July 2

6pm – 8pm

Kim E Beazley Lecture Theatre, Murdoch University, South Street. Parking in Car Park 3

Presented by leading UK environmentalist Professor Jules Pretty OBE.

Will it be Convergence or Divergence?

RSVP to (08) 9360 6176 orrsvp@murdoch.edu.au by Friday 26 June.

The Professor of Environment and Society at the University of Essex's Department of Biological Sciences is a regular speaker and contributor to media, and presenter of the 1999 BBC Radio 4 series Ploughing Eden. He is also Chief Editor of the International Journal of Agricultural Sustainability. "The world and its cultures and environments face unprecedented challenges in the coming two to three decades," Professor Pretty said. "Consumption-driven stresses on food systems, nature, water and energy are likely to put many cultures and economies under serious threat. "What, then can be learned about divergent patterns of living that emphasise connections to land and nature?"

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.

Kind Regards,

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:

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)

Cheers,

Richard

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<http://permacultureprinciples.blogspot.com>

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

Membership renewal reminder

June 30

PAWA annual membership is due at the end of June. Your membership renewal provides you with regular e-news, magazine publications and free entry to presentations. Membership fees

enable PAWA to deliver these services as well as further develop its events calendar, website and promotional opportunities. Details on how to renew your membership or join as a new member are below.

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.

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.