

# PERMACULTURE ASSOCIATION WA (PAWA)

November 27th 2008

## **PAWA News**

### ***From the Committee***

Thank you to everyone who responded to the recent survey. Your feedback and ideas will assist the organisation in steering its course over the coming years.

The committee is hoping to create a data base of its contacts and the skills/ features that each person/ place has. If you have any Permaculture related knowledge or skill that you would be prepared to share with others please email Elizabeth at: [admin@earthsanctuary.com.au](mailto:admin@earthsanctuary.com.au)  
Alternatively you might like to suggest a place or a person who may be too shy to step forward.

### ***PAWA Quarterly Magazine***

The November issue of '*Permaculture West*' will be distributed shortly to all financial members. Publication has been delayed so an obituary can be included. Sadly Julia Boniface passed away recently.

Contributions for the February issue of '*Permaculture West*' can be sent to Warwick Rowell at: [warwick.rowell@bigpond.com](mailto:warwick.rowell@bigpond.com)

### ***PAWA Monthly Presentations:***

#### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008: Planning Session**

The PAWA committee invites you to join them in a visioning and planning session. The focus will be to develop an exciting calendar of events for 2009.

If there is something you would particularly like to learn, have demonstrated or hear about please bring your suggestions to the planning session. Alternatively email your wish list to Challis at: [aubergine70@hotmail.com](mailto:aubergine70@hotmail.com).

Wine and cheese provided.

7pm

St Marks Community Hall and Common Ground, Parker Street, Bassendean.

### ***Permaculture Courses/ Training***

#### **Permaculture Design Course (PDC)**

Location: Denmark, south west WA

Dates: January 10-22

For further information contact Claire at: [www.livingwaters.asn.au](http://www.livingwaters.asn.au)

#### **TAA cert 4, COW and APT updates....**

##### **Accredited Permaculture Training in WA**

This is advance notice to those involved in and those who wish to be involved in delivering Accredited Permaculture Training (APT).

Next March Virginia Solomon will be coming to WA to run a “COW” – or Course Orientation Workshop – in Perth for those who already have a Training and Assessment Certificate IV and need this component to deliver APT.

For those who have already completed a COW, Virginia will be running an APT refresher workshop to update those involved in APT and maintain their currency in the ‘industry’, either before or after the COW. All who attended the first WA COW at Murdoch are encouraged to attend.

This is to be followed by a 10 day Creative Facilitation Course that encompasses TAA Cert IV and a COW. Robin Clayfield from Crystal Waters will be co-presenting with Virginia, and it will be held at the Centre for Sustainable Living in Denmark, on the South Coast.

Details are being finalised and will be available soon. If you wish to register your interest to receive further information please contact: [jbowry-needham@elthamcollege.vic.edu](mailto:jbowry-needham@elthamcollege.vic.edu)

## ***Other Workshops***

### **Rockingham Environment Centre Sustainable Living Workshops**

#### ***Autumn Series 2009 Rubbish to enRICHment***

Yep, ok, we all know green house gas emissions are a BIG problem. But did you know that organic waste in landfill plays a significant role in this? Learn how you can easily ‘dispose’ of this problem on the home front!

You can choose workshops that will help you:

- make compost easily
- run your own worm farm
- grow your own yummy veggies
- create DIY fertilizers, herbicides and insecticides
- have happy hens
- create a simply stunning garden that features year round native colour and uses hardly any water or fertiliser
- reduce your CO2 emissions heaps

Thanks to the Zerowaste initiative the first 15 participants registered get FREE entry into each workshop. So get in early!

Workshops are held on Sundays starting from February 15th 1-2:30pm.

For more details please contact Naragebup on 9591 3077 or email us on [rrec@naragebup.org.au](mailto:rrec@naragebup.org.au) or have a look at our website [www.naragebup.org.au](http://www.naragebup.org.au)

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Save the Earth, it’s the only planet with chocolate on it!

## **Herb Gardens @City Farm**

**Starting** – Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2008

**This community program is open to all and there are no pre-requisites for this course**

**You will learn:**

- Introduction to the key elements of your garden, their multi functions and appropriate placement
- Designing your herb garden (spirals etc)
- Introduction to herb species
- Propagation and plant requirements
- Soil functions and properties
- Using & cooking herbs(smudge sticks, pot-pourri, seasoning, medicine etc)
- Composting
- Worm farming
- Reticulation design
- Attracting predators to your garden
- Appropriate herb species
- Maintenance – Mulching, weeding, pest control, pruning
- Fertilizing herb plants
- Harvesting
- Seed saving
- Annual planting Calendar
- Crop rotation
- Drying
- Preparations
- Making organic fertilisers
- Ecosystems
- Microclimates

Duration: 11am – 2pm over 6 weeks

Dates: Saturdays, commencing on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2008

Venue: City Farm, 1 City Farm Place East Perth 6004

Cost: \$200 per person (no concession available)

For more information call Maria Sojak on 9427 1223 or email:

[maria.sojak@central.wa.edu.au](mailto:maria.sojak@central.wa.edu.au)

### **“Man Should Not Live by Bread Alone!”**

Professor Dyno Keatinge Director General, AVRDC- The World Vegetable Centre, Taiwan

Institute of Agriculture Food and Agriculture Lecture Series

Thursday 11th December 2008

11:00 - 12:00pm

Molecular & Chemical Sciences, Lecture Theatre (G.33), UWA

(Fairway, Entrance No. 4, Car Park 14 and 21)

The seminar will be an evocation of the importance of horticulture as a means for small-holders in the developing world to grow themselves out of poverty and to ensure that their families are neither undernourished nor malnourished. The importance of good nutrition for all as the rising tide of obesity and related ill-health problems, such as type 2 diabetes in both the developed and the developing world, can and should be effectively diet controlled. The importance of indigenous vegetables such as *Momordica* spp. (Bitter gourd) will be mentioned.

Professor Dyno Keatinge has worked with several international agricultural research and development organizations such as the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) in Syria and the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) in Nigeria. Since 2002 he was Deputy Director General for research at the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) in India. Professor Keatinge was appointed as the Director General of the World Vegetable Center in Taiwan in April 2008. He received his PhD in Agronomy/Crop Physiology from Queen's University, Belfast, UK in 1978. From 1993 to 1999, he was Professor of Agricultural Systems and Management at the University of Reading, UK.

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## ***Upcoming Events***

### **'Earth From Above'**

An aerial portrait of our planet – towards sustainable development.

By Yann Arthus-Bertrand.

Now till 21st January

7 days/ 24 hours

FREE

Cultural Centre Outdoor Grounds, Northbridge, Perth (between Art Gallery and Museum)

## ***Other Items of Interest***

### **Permaculture Diary 2009**

Fun and informative. Discover Permaculture tips from individuals, schools and communities. Full colour photographs, yearly planner, editorial throughout and a planting chart. Spiral bound.

Available through Diggers Club. Retail \$34.95 Club \$29.95. Order online at:

[www.diggers.com.au](http://www.diggers.com.au)

### **Multicultural Markets at City Farm**

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Nov

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Dec

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

9am – 1pm

Lime Street East Perth

Incorporating Organic Growers and City Farm Artisans Markets.

Food, art/ craft stalls, live music, kids activities, face painting.

[www.cityfarmperth.org.au](http://www.cityfarmperth.org.au)

## **Sustainable Energy Community Seminar Kit**

The Sustainable Energy Development Office (SEDO) has developed a kit for use by local government, community groups, and other interested organisations to promote understanding of energy efficiency and renewable energy use in the community. The kit is available at no cost to organisations who want to conduct free seminars in their community. SEDO will be running free demonstration sessions to show you how to use the Kit which you can attend if you like (for further details see information below).

To find out more about the Community Seminar Kit, the free demonstration seminar or SEDO please visit our website at [www.sedo.energy.wa.gov.au](http://www.sedo.energy.wa.gov.au) or email [karen.lee@energy.wa.gov.au](mailto:karen.lee@energy.wa.gov.au)

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### **PAWA membership.**

To join PAWA please send a cheque or money order for **\$33.00** to **Permaculture Association of WA, PO Box 4107 Coolbellup 6164**. Include your details (name, address, phone and email address) especially if they have changed. Alternatively you can pay your annual membership in person at any of the monthly public talks.