

PERMACULTURE ASSOCIATION WA (PAWA)

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PAWA News

From the Committee

The committee is currently reviewing the future direction of PAWA and has developed a survey to gain information about member's needs. Please take a few minutes to answer the survey questions. Please click on the following link:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=3LCOuv_2bcINLcUQ_2fRxkHHaQ_3d_3d

NB: The survey has 2 pages.

PAWA Quarterly Magazine

This is a last call for contributions for the November issue of PERMACULTURE WEST.

Please send ASAP to Warwick Rowell at: warwick.rowell@bigpond.com

PAWA Monthly Presentations:

Wednesday 5th November – No Meeting

Due to poor attendance at the last three monthly meetings, the PAWA committee has decided not to organise a presentation for November. This is a disappointing decision, but I think you would agree, it is not an appropriate use of energy to book a speaker for an audience of less than 10. The committee hopes feedback gained from the survey will assist with future planning. If you haven't already done so please spend a few minutes completing the survey.

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If you have any further suggestions/ comments regarding PAWA's services and activities please email Challis at: aubergine70@hotmail.com.

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

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

Other Workshops

Upcoming Events

Opportunities and challenges for agriculture in a future low carbon world

Presented by: Mr Steve Waller, Director, Office of climate change

October 27th (Monday)
5 - 6pm

Institute of Agriculture, UWA, Geology Lecture Theatre (G21, Ground Floor)
Fairway Entrance 1: Car parks 18, 19 and 20

Western Australia’s agricultural sector is already experiencing unavoidable impacts of climate change. Forecasts for climate change indicate significant implications for productivity through increased average temperatures, changed rainfall patterns, increased levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide and increased climate variability. The economics of agriculture in Western Australia is also expected to change over the next decade, providing opportunities for revenue diversification.

The policy environment around agricultural practice will change significantly in the coming decades. The introduction of an emissions trading scheme has major implications for the agricultural sector. Future policy options regarding carbon offsets, sinks and biodiversity adaptation have the capacity for wide-ranging transformation of agricultural systems.

Mr Steve Waller, Director of the Office of Climate Change in the Western Australian Department of Environment and Conservation, will explore the constraints, challenges, and opportunities for agriculture in the coming low carbon future. The barriers to opportunities and how they can be overcome will also be discussed, along with policy implications, new skills and capabilities, as well as, research and development implications.

Thanks,

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Keep WA GMO Free Rally

October 30th (Thursday)

The rally will start at 11.45am from cnr Esplanade and Barrack Sts, up Barrack Street, then into Murray Street Mall and via Hay Street to Parliament House. Farmers bringing livestock, a ute or trailer, will need to be at the assembly point at 11.00am.

In the Mall, we will distribute flyers on the GM issue to the general Murray St Mall shoppers and lunchtime workers. I will need a few volunteers for this on the day. Let me know if you are able to help out.

Cheers
Maggie
Dr Maggie Lilith
SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE OFFICER
Conservation Council of WA 1967 – 2007 celebrating 40 years of speaking up for the environment!

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Western Australia's environment is under serious threat.
By joining CCWA you will be making an active contribution to protect our precious environment.

SUPPORT CCWA at: www.conservationwa.asn.au

National Recycling Week

Mon 10th November – Sunday 16th November
All your recycling questions answered at the following websites:
www.recyclingnearyou.com.au
www.zerowastewa.com.au

<i>Other Items of Interest</i>

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

GMO Petition

Unable to attend the **KEEP WA GMO FREE RALLY** but would like to register your support? Fill out Greenpeace's petition online at www.truefood.org.au/OurRightToKnow.

The petition is worded "We the undersigned call on the Federal Government, to keep its promises and to protect public health and consumer choice by introducing, and strictly enforcing, legislation to ensure that:

- **GM crops are only approved if they are proven to be safe 'beyond reasonable doubt'** using evidence from independent, long term, published studies – measuring indicators relevant to human health.
 - **All GM foods are clearly labelled**, including highly processed foods such as oils, starches and sugars from GM crops; and meat, milk, cheese and eggs from animals fed GM feed.
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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.

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.