

PERMACULTURE ASSOCIATION WA (PAWA)

September 2008

PAWA News

From the Committee

1. Supper Surplus

We thought it would be fun to refocus on the Permaculture ethic 'Surplus Share'. Do you sometimes/ often have an over abundance of produce in your garden? Can you use it to create something for supper? Please feel free to share your surplus at PAWA's next monthly presentation. In sharing our surplus we share great ideas too.

2. Treasurer

We are still in need of someone to take over the Treasurer position. If you are willing to do this even for just a few months we would be most grateful. Please contact Challis at: aubergine70@hotmail.com

PAWA Quarterly Magazine

Warwick Rowell has kindly offered to compile the November edition of the PAWA magazine. To make Warwick's job a satisfying one (so that he will want to continue in this role) please volunteer some time and write an article about your Permaculture experiences or send photos (which speak a thousand words). Deadline for the mid November mail out is mid October. You can contact Warwick at: warwick.rowell@bigpond.com

PAWA Monthly Presentations:

PAWA has a new guest speaker coordinator for 2008/ 2009. If you would like to suggest a speaker, movie, theme, workshop or field trip for a future PAWA presentation please contact Elizabeth at: admin@earthsanctuary.com.au.

Wednesday 1st October - 7pm

Harvesting Water: the Permaculture Way

PAWA's October presentation will focus on swales.

What are they? What do they do? How are they designed and created?

These questions will be answered through practical demonstration using a sand box, a slide show from Geoff Lawton's DVD 'Harvesting Water: the Permaculture Way' and audience interaction.

St Marks Community Hall, Parker Street, Bassendean (just behind Bassendean Hotel), 100m from Bassendean Train Station.

Members free, Visitors \$5.

Permaculture Courses/ Training

Permaculture Design Course (PDC)

Facilitated by **Dr Ross Mars**

Full time: **Sept 29- Oct 10 (10 days)** Not Oct 4/ Oct 5. (WA school holidays)

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 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

Workshop: Home retrofitting for energy and water saving

Thursday 25th September

7.15 -9.30pm

Mt Claremont Community Centre,

Free but bookings are necessary.

Ph: Green Skills 9360 6667 or email Murdoch@greenskills.org.au

Supported by SEDO and the City of Nedlands

First 5 households to bring along an incandescent bulb can exchange for a free compact fluoro!

Upcoming Festivals and Events

Stop Climate Change Now: Love Earth Gathering

Saturday 4th October

10am – 4pm

Esplanade Reserve Perth (near the Convention Centre)

Bring the whole family - for the children there will be face painting, colouring-in, balloon animals, etc.

Food and beverages will be available, and you are welcome to bring a picnic.

This is to be a new, exciting and empowering event with speakers on climate change, alternative living, Permaculture, and self-sufficiency. Stands and marquees will promote sustainable and healthy living, inspiring artists and musicians will also create what promises to be a joyous atmosphere.

Individuals can make a difference.

Learn simple changes to your lifestyle which:

- Support local farmers and community
- Reduce your carbon footprint
- Save water
- Help protect wildlife and ecosystems
- Reconnect you with our planet

Learn how to:

- create a healthy, environmentally friendly diet for yourself and your family.
- grow your own vegetables in a sustainable and easy way.
- save fuel and power and still get things done easily and simply.

Enjoy:

- free vegetarian food tastings.
- enlightening entertainment.
- fun and creative children's activities

If you can, ride your bike or take public transport to the event.

Best of All-Free Entry

www.perthlovesearth.com

www.loveearthgathering.com

Home Retrofitting Expo

Sunday October 12th

10am – 5pm

Fremantle Town Hall

The Home Retrofitting Expo is designed to assist people to improve the water and energy efficiency of their existing homes by showcasing a range of industry and community exhibits which provide technologies and information to improve the comfort and performance of homes. There will also be a number of relevant workshops on the day including: re-cladding a Hilton fibro home, eco renovating, latest energy saving gadgets (including a standby saver for the entire home), solar showers, and of course water and solar energy harvesting.

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.