

WHATS ON NOW

As you are aware, Permaculture Townsville holds a plot at the community garden in Railway Estate. It is an exciting time at the garden - a management committee containing all plot holders is being established and plot holders have been given the responsibility of creating a new set of rules to govern how the garden is managed. This includes rights and responsibilities of plot holders, maintenance requirements, responsibilities of council etc. For PcT, important topics include access for multiple members, plot conditions considered 'tidy', and requirements to maintain a larger plot (which we do).

As a member of Permaculture Townsville, you are entitled to provide your input and I encourage you to do so.

Please contact info@permaculturetownsville.org if you require further information.



**SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST
PERMACULTURE MONTHLY
MEETING TO BE HELD AT
PERMABLITZ**

WHATS COMING UP

SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST PERMABLITZ

Where: 62 Paxton Street, North Ward

When : come in and help out any time between 8.30 am and 2.30 pm.

***Shared morning tea with a show and tell of the Chicken Tunnel & Clucker Tucker plants
Shared lunch at around 12.30 including cold bevies***

This permablitz working bee will match a couple of interesting features! An outdoor solar shower will feed shower water into a Colin Austin wicking bed. This wicking bed is different from the ones you have seen around town and easier as well as cheaper to construct.

Come help out and learn, as an added bonus the third time round helping we will come help you! Beers and snacks provided. We will be there most of the day, if you'd like to bring some kids that will be fine - they will be looked after. Please do let us know so we can prepare.

Some of the jobs that we have planned:

- Build solar heater. We will make a solar panel following the link here:

<http://www.builditsolar.com/Projects/WaterHeating/CostaRicaThermosyphon/CostaRicaThermosyphon.pdf>

- Build build a Colin Austin wicking bed down length of fenceline.

http://www.waterright.com.au/wicking_bed.htm

- Build outdoor shower. Most of this work will be done before hand. If work has progressed far enough we will put in bamboo walls.
- Transfer trampoline frame so backs up against fence. Passionfruit is already established and ready to climb on new frame.
- Attach new shade cloth and extend to top of fence and over clothes line.

I fully expect there will be lots of chatting and very little work done but it's good to have a plan and start work. I'll get a case of beer and snacks.



The focus is on engaging the public and discussing permaculture and what the group does. We will be displaying lots of different types of tropical leafy greens and raffling off a hamper (or 2) full of them and other permaculture related things. If you can contribute a seedling which is a little bit out of the ordinary and thrives in our climate, or some delicious excess produce or preserves you'd like to share then please contact Lynn (lynn.saunders@hotmail.com) or drop the items to 13 Ackers St.

Currently we already have:

Seedlings - surinam spinach, aibika, kang kong, red pawpaw

Fresh produce - rosemary, curry herb, galangal, rare superhot chillis, red pawpaw and bananas (if they're ripe)

Preserves - moringa powder, fermented chilli sauce, chilli jam

We also welcome your help on the day

**SUNDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER
AGM and FUN DAY
Stay Tuned**

**SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST AND
SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST
TOWNSVILLE PLANT AND
GARDEN EXPO**

We will be running a stall at the Garden Expo this year!

Do you have cool edible plants, home grown produce or homemade preserves you'd like to share? Well you're in luck!

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10TH-25TH
Permaculture Design Certificate
course, Townsville**

Do you want to gain your Permaculture Design Certificate (PDC) but haven't had the time or finances to attend a two week course? Does your job or children make it hard to attend a residential PDC? In an effort to make the PDC more accessible Community Permaculture Services has developed a 50% face-to-face 50% external syllabus. The face-to-face section to be held on THE WEEKENDS OF 10-

11, 17-18, AND 24-25 OCTOBER 2015. Participants with children are WELCOME to attend, and there will be someone to look after them and keep them amused with a number of permie games and exercises.

The first weekend is devoted to practical sessions, and participants will learn some basic building skills. We will construct a shade house from old trampolines, a decent sized worm farm that won't dry out in our climate, and build seating from concrete rendered sand bags. The children will be taught how to make cheap portable wicking gardens and how to plant seeds.

The second week will focus on the permaculture ethics and design principles. This is 'the heart and soul' of permaculture. On the third weekend we will be covering how to design and the main permaculture design methods. Participants will commence their main design exercise during the second weekend and add to it over the next few months. The external section of the course will run from October to mid-January and consists of a number of exercises, many of which will assist in completing the main design. Participants will be provided with the main permaculture text, 'Permaculture: A Designers Manual' (Mollison 1988), as well as over forty A3 mind-maps, the Mollison's Permaculture Ethics and Principles card set and an 8Gb usb stick packed with permaculture films and information. Participants will be expected to spend a minimum of three (3) hours per week for twelve (12) weeks on the external exercises and design work. Upon successful completion of the course participants will be awarded a Permaculture Design Certificate, recognised in over 100 countries around the world.

Course Teacher: The course teacher Brett Pritchard has been a professional Permaculture Design Consultant since 1990 and an accredited Permaculture Design Certificate teacher since 1993, and has extensive practical permaculture experience over a wide range of climatic zones. In addition to a Diploma of Permaculture Design in Education and Community Services Brett also has a Bachelor of Natural Environments and Wilderness Studies (UTAS). He was awarded the Permaculture Community Services Award in 1992 for his work pioneering permaculture in Malaysia. He has been based in the dry tropics since 2005 and is currently developing a 3-acre dry tropics permaculture demonstration site at Alligator Creek, just south of Townsville, with the help of two goats and a miniature pig. He has been the Education Officer for Permaculture Townsville Inc. since 2012 and is the initiator of the council funded Neighbourhood Garden

Project, as well as the developer of the organic low maintenance BioWicked urban food growing system. He is currently involved in establishing alley crop trials in Borneo and assisting with the establishment of a permaculture training centre in Bhutan, and in October is assisting with a Green Warrior PDC in the Philippines. Brett also has a Blue Card for working with children and a current Red Cross Certificate.

DATES: Saturday 10, Sunday 11, Saturday 17, Sunday 18, Saturday 24, and Sunday 25 October 2015.

TIMES: 9:00am till 5:00pm (2 half hour breaks and an hour for lunch from 12:30-1:30)

COST: Full Cost \$990, Concession \$750 (Permaculture Townsville Inc. members, Lions Club members, unemployed, single parents, disability or senior pensioners, students, etc.).

CONTACT: Message Brett Pritchard or email: drytropics@gmail.com for a registration form.

NOTE: THE CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO TWELVE (12) STUDENTS ONLY. This is to allow more student input and also allow for one-on-one advice. A deposit of \$250 is required to book your place on the course, with the remainder to be paid by October 10.

SUNDAY, 11TH OCTOBER INTERNATIONAL PERMACULTURE LONDON, 2015

Conference 8-9th September
Convergence 10-16th September

<https://ipcuk.events/>

PIP MAGAZINE HEADQUARTERS

With the winter solstice behind us, the days are lengthening and although we are heading into the depths of winter there is a feeling of heading into the light.

You'll be glad to know [Pip Magazine](#) is growing

like a good little pippy should. We're getting more subscribers every day and we're spreading our reach around the country. Issue 4 is starting to get laid out ready for print and it's going to be a great issue. We are increasing page numbers and we have some great features this issue. I can't wait to share them with you.

If you haven't already subscribed, do so now and be among the first to receive the next issue in your letter box.

IS ANYONE INTERESTED!

PERMACULTURE DESIGN STUDY GROUP

Is anyone interested in forming a permaculture design study group as a sub-group. Maybe we could have a website just for that and we could put up things like the Community Garden and Aitkenvale School as on-going projects. We could have something about the steps we have done so far and then indicate what we need to do next or things we are trying to work out, so people can contribute ideas. Maybe we could do the same with potential permablitz sites and when we have something together well enough to start on it, we could organise a day. We are still working on Viv Salu's leafy greens garden - with something like that we could have photos of the before and after and then have updates on after the after. People are used to the dramatic blitzes on TV and then are disappointed when there isn't a big difference, but if we could show how you keep plugging away until it comes good, they might be more hopeful.

Email Lynn if you are interested - lynn.saunders@hotmail.com

WHATS BEEN HAPPENING AT VIV SALU'S SINCE THE PERMABLITZ

Sweet potato has climbed to the top and will provide shelter and shade as the weather gets hotter.



pigeon pea for support (living trellis)



Viv couldn't bear to waste all the lemon grass and cassava and has planted pieces down one side for people to take for free. Everything that has been planted is growing well - it has just been growing a bit slowly in the cool weather.

