

# Permaculture Townsville Incorporated

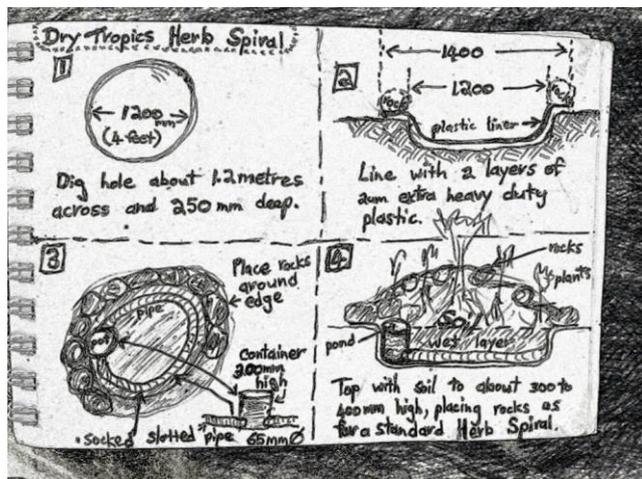
## WHATS BEEN HAPPENING

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December a Permablitz was held at Bronwyns place.

Bronwyn was looking for assistance in building a herb spiral along with some general mulching of garden fronds and yard tidy up.

## HERB SPIRAL

The herb spiral was designed by Brett to suit the dry tropics.



### Step 1

A hole was dug into the ground around 30 centimetres deep and lined with black plastic to form a sunken garden bed.



### Step 2

A garden pot with Ag Pipe coming out of two holes in the side close to the bottom, was placed into the sunken garden bed. The Ag Pipe was then curled around the bed.



### Step 3

The bed was then re-filled to ground level with a mixture of compost and original soil. The bed was then inoculated with Bokashi.



### Step 4

Rocks were then placed around the edge of the bed and more soil/compost used to fill the bed to the top of the rocks.

### Summary

The concept is the pot is filled with water which then runs through the Ag Pipe and into the plastic lined hole, keeping it moist. The herbs are placed in the layer of soil above the wet area. Their roots should grow downwards to the wet area.

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Let us have your feedback before mid January on whether to have a BBQ at the end of the day.

We are also looking at organising a two hour talk beforehand with Julie Roach on Townsville Soils which will probably cost around \$10 per person depending on numbers. Further information will be provided around mid January although expressions of interest can be emailed now to [lynn.saunders@hotmail.com](mailto:lynn.saunders@hotmail.com)

## MULCHING AND YARD CLEANUP

Palm fronds were mulched so they could be recycled back into the yard.



## March 1<sup>st</sup> (Sunday)

### Permablitz

Where: 25 Mt Elliott Drive. Mt Elliott

Time: 10am

If you would to see some of Bretts designs in practice this Permablitz will be well worth your time.

Brett would like some mulching done around the yard. Then he will give us a tour of the property. Bring lunch to share  
The day will end with a Q & A with Brett.

## April 12<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)

### Community Garden

Propagating plants for Eco-Fest

***A big thank you to those who attended the permablitz.***

***The raffle was great fun, make sure you don't miss out next year.***

## WHATS COMING UP

### February 1<sup>st</sup> (Sunday)

#### Community Garden

To get yourself into the Permaculture frame of mind for the year, come along to the community garden at 3pm for a talk and a tour of the garden. A helping hand with some of the weeding is always welcomed. Fulfil your new years resolutions about getting involved and bring a Friend. New Members also welcome.



## Townsville Eco Fiesta

31 May, 9am-4pm  
QUEENS GARDENS