

**TIGER HILL FARM**

# INTRODUCTION TO PERMACULTURE

**11 - 12 JANUARY 2020**

A 2 DAY INTRODUCTION TO  
THE ETHICS, PRINCIPLES,  
AND PROCESS OF  
PERMACULTURE DESIGN.

Buckland, Tasmania  
Australia



**[WWW.TIGERHILLPERMACULTURE.NET](http://WWW.TIGERHILLPERMACULTURE.NET)**



# WHAT IS PERMACULTURE?

Permaculture is a practical design philosophy intended to help us live and prosper in an environment, while working with nature in a positive way. It is the harmonious integration of landscape and people to provide food, energy, shelter and other material and non material needs in a sustainable way.

The basis of permaculture is beneficial design. It is a process based on whole-systems thinking informed by a set of ethics and design principles. By incorporating these ethics and principles in our daily life, which are covered in our course, we can make the transition from being dependant consumers to responsible producers.

Permaculture is an attitudinal shift in our relationship with the environment, which we can consciously design our living space (apartments, homes, garden parks, farms, forests, work spaces) into productive, practical and beautiful places that enhance our lives, as well as support the lives of others, including all species of plants and creatures. Harmony with abundance

**“A SYSTEM OF DESIGN THAT PROVIDES ALL OF THE NEEDS FOR HUMANITY IN A WAY THAT BENEFITS THE ENVIRONMENT”**

**GEOFF LAWTON**





# COURSE

Our Introduction to Permaculture course introduces concepts applicable in both rural and urban contexts of varying scales. Learn Permaculture Principles & Ethics and how to assess your environment, along with the basics of designing systems for food, animals, structures and community.

The theory component is taught using Bill Mollison's book 'Introduction to Permaculture' and highlights how to identify site potential, design, construct and manage a permaculture urban or rural property that is productive, organic, healthy and low maintenance. We balance the theory with practical examples demonstrated at Tiger Hill Farm to build your confidence in starting on your own adventure towards living sustainably.

This course arms you with the systems, techniques and strategies for creating positive change at home and in our communities.

Although it is not a hands-on gardening course there *will* be the option to participate in free hands-on activities outside of the course sessions across the two days.

## **The course will cover:**

- Permaculture Ethics & Principles
- Permaculture Design framework - site design
- Animal systems
- Nutrient cycling
- Home garden abundance
- Urban & community strategies

Plus optional activities after hours to learn practical skills from the facilitators and fellow students - a huge bonus of being on a residential course with the students and teachers on site.



# TEACHING TEAM



**Kym Blechynden** has worked for nearly two decades in Public Health, food security and nutrition in Australia, the Middle East, Africa, Asia and the Pacific. This has included roles with Red Cross, international NGO's and the United Nations in emergency response, development and conflict settings. In Tassie she spent some years teaching at UTas, and co-organised the Tassievore Eat Local Challenge & Permblitz Tasmania. She has completed a PDC with Milkwood, and Permaculture Teacher training with Rowe Morrow and is a current Director of the Board of Permaculture Australia and member of the Permafund Committee, providing small grants to permaculture projects in Australia and overseas.

Kym has recently returned from two years living in Kuala Lumpur where she worked on emergency health and nutrition projects across the Asia Pacific region and is loving the cooler weather and seasons of Tassie! You are now likely to find her in the veggie garden, visiting markets, making cheese and ferments, and enjoying a glass of Tassie white with her partner, two dogs and chickens in the West Tamar region. Kym also works part time for Permaculture Australia as the Admin/Membership/Marketing Manager.

**Amy Buettel** is a registered nurse, a mother and a keen gardener who has grown up with a horticulturist as a father and a mother-in-law with a thriving acre property utilising Permaculture techniques. She is based in Launceston, with half an acre of clay and rock that has provided her with ample opportunity to explore Permaculture concepts, with many wins and as many failures.

Amy became expressly interested in Permaculture when she had her first daughter Poppy in 2015. The responsibility of being a mother to another human prompted the desire to look for ways to both teach her children concepts that ensure the protection, sustainability and safety of themselves and the earth that they tend, as well as to guide them to become more grounded, connected, kind and holistic members of society.





# TEACHING TEAM

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**Paul (Ringo) Kean** has been involved with permaculture for the past 20 years. He completed his first PDC in QLD in 2009.

With over 30 years experience in bulk earthworks in the construction and mining industries in Australia and overseas, he now consults in main frame water harvesting systems and land redesign.

Having volunteered and consulted on commercial and aid projects globally including India, Afghanistan, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, New Zealand and Australia, Paul (Ringo) has spent the past 8 years implementing Tiger Hill Permaculture; an ongoing 70 acre rural educational community project, based on permaculture design and sustainable agriculture and farm forestry.



**Davin Faux** was born and raised in Melbourne. He graduated as a surveyor from RMIT, and followed a pathway into GIS, civil construction, and eventually mining, working in Victoria, Malaysia, PNG, Nth QLD, and Tasmania.

Thanks to his mum and grandmothers, Davin has always had a strong interest in gardening & food production. He has lived and produced food on small and large properties in Melbourne, Sunshine Coast, Eungella, and Hobart.

Davin now lives with his family on Hobart's Eastern Shore where they are developing a 5-acre property to become a fully functional small acreage Permaculture Property for family, friends & visitors to enjoy.

Completing his PDC and PTC under Morag Gamble of the Permaculture Education Institute, he particularly loves the design/mapping elements, small scale animal applications, and community development strategies.

# LOCATION

## A 70 ACRE FARM SET AMONGST CROWN LAND AND MIXED FORESTRY

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**LOCATED 10KM FROM BUCKLAND VILLAGE  
AND 45MIN NORTH EAST OF HOBART  
AIRPORT**

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### SITE STRENGTHS

- Designed using permaculture practices
- Offers practical learning in permaculture design and sustainable living
- Substantial infrastructure to house students and volunteers
- Site welcomes up to 60 volunteers each season through social work exchange programs (workaway.info & helpx.net)
- 90% of food resources from within the farm
- Participate within the local community showcasing at the Bream Creek Farmers Market



### PREVIOUS SITE PROJECTS

- Extensive water harvesting to improve water security in a traditionally dry and eroded landscape
- Onsite swale and dam construction
- Composting systems
- Construction of chicken caravan utilising irrigation pipe and recycled roofing iron
- Implementation of 500m<sup>2</sup> orchard and kitchen garden
- Construction of a bath house and composting toilet systems
- Renovation of existing shearing shed into 12 bed bunk style dorm
- 6 x 3m poly tunnel nursery and proration area
- Classroom extension on main house for students
- 20 x 2m rock retaining wall for future polytunnel to house aquaponics and banana growing systems
- Construction of a fully functional rustic commercial kitchen including a pizza oven to facilitate extensive food preservation program
- Implementation of extensive Bamboo planting for windbreak

**WE OFFER LONG TERM PRACTICAL SKILLS EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR SUITABLE APPLICANTS. ARE YOU COMMITTED? CONTACT US**



# INCLUSIONS

For your course fee, you also receive:

- A copy of Bill Mollison's *Introduction to Permaculture* book
- Course notes
- Networking contacts
- Fresh healthy vegetarian meals with ingredients sourced mainly from the farm (if you follow an alternative diet you may wish to supplement with some of your own food).
- Accommodation (options below)
- Bonus opportunities for hands on learning

## Course accommodation & fee options:

IPC + meals + free camping \$330

You are welcome to pitch your tent or park your campervan anywhere on the farm. Campsite amenities are adequately basic. They include a composting toilet and a shower with hot water being provided by a wood fired hot water system.

IPC + meals + bunk style accommodation (BYO pillow and linen) \$350

We've converted the rustic shearing shed into an open plan, basic sleeping quarters. Located high up on the property it has beautiful views of the distant landscape. Inside there are 2 bunk beds and 6 single beds, sleeping 10 people in total, and a chill out lounge area. Toilets and showers are located about 20m away.

Ideally students live on the farm during the course as it creates a greater opportunities for learning, and builds a strong team and community sharing environment. However alternative suggested nearby accommodation include:

- The Store Keepers Inn 0439 114 996
- Brockley Estate (03) 6251 3123

**LIVE IT TO LEARN IT**

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# PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payment can be made through the following link:

**<http://www.tigerhillpermaculture.net/courses.html>**

Alternative payment possibilities: We are happy to discuss this further.

Working to learn: a direct work exchange in which the course fee is paid by equivalent work at Tiger Hill Permaculture Farm. Please contact us to discuss this option.

If you have a disability which limits work exchange, and finances do not permit full payment please contact us to discuss your situation. We feel sure we can find a solution. There are no problems, only solutions – changes in attitudes!

If you have abundant financial resource and would like to support any of the above concessions, or simply donate to Tiger Hill Permaculture because you are abundantly inspired and happy at the end of the course, of course you are welcome to donate.

