

TIGER HILL FARM

PERMACULTURE DESIGN COURSE

MARCH 15TH - 28TH 2020

TIGER HILL FARM IS
OFFERING THE
OPPORTUNITY TO ANYONE
INTERESTED IN
PERMACULTURE DESIGN TO
ENROL IN OUR 2 WEEK
INTENSIVE, LIFE
CHANGING COURSE

Buckland, Tasmania
Australia



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INTRO

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



WHAT WE OFFER

Our life changing course builds skills that are applicable in both rural and urban contexts of varying scales. Our PDC is based on Bill Mollison's, the founder of permaculture, curriculum of permaculture design and takes place where permaculture was conceived 40 years ago, here in Tasmania.

Over 2 weeks we will deliver 72 hours of content to give you the skills to observe, design and establish fundamental changes to improve general wellbeing for you, the greater community and the environment.

Our teachers will present practical examples of permaculture principles in action to help you gain a deeper understanding of the interconnectedness of all elements in our natural systems. You will learn the tools you'll need to work productively and sustainably within these systems in varied circumstances. To apply permaculture, we must adapt specifically for each situation we meet. The quality of each landscape and the people associated with it necessitate individual consideration and response.

The course and the teachers will not only assist you practically but will also inspire you to embark on your own permaculture journey. We will explore how we can transform our attitudes to see the capacity we have to transform our world, both in the small personal context, and in the much larger, even global situation. We incorporate elements of Deep Ecology into our course. We are not outside (or above!) nature, we are a part of it, with the capacity to stimulate abundance, for ourselves and for all that we share this planet with.

We welcome this opportunity to anybody who wishes to share our confidence and dreams for a better, more just, healthier world, characterised by awareness of what we can do, inspiration of where we are going, support and love for each other and the glorious world which we share.

COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN, IT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE!



COURSE OUTLINE

This course follows the set curriculum of the internationally recognised Permaculture Design Course. It introduces the remarkable potential of permaculture to address a broad range of issues, most obviously environmental, but no less significantly, social and financial. Active participation is encouraged, both in the exploration of the theoretical and philosophical themes, and also in the practical activities and observation exercises included throughout the program.

**“YOU CAN SPEND YOUR WHOLE LIFE TRAVELING AROUND THE WORLD SEARCHING FOR THE GARDEN OF EDEN, OR YOU CAN CREATE IT IN YOUR BACKYARD.”
— KHANG KIJARRO NGUYEN**

This is a very intensive two week course aimed to offer participants the maximum understanding and empowerment in the shortest time possible.

Course Outline:

- Theory and principles of permaculture
- Methods of design
- Limiting factors of design
- Understanding climate and landscape
- Water
- Soil
- Food production
- Earth working and earth resources
- Eco-friendly house placement and design
- Energy conservation techniques
- Recycling and waste management
- Integrated pest management
- Wildlife Management
- Aquaculture
- Designing for disaster
- Appropriate technology
- Community
- Money, wealth and income
- Creative problem solving
- Networking / Contacts



THE TEACHING TEAM

Our first inaugural permaculture design course is presented in collaboration with Nature Designs. You can expect to be taught by a fantastic selection of teachers, some with over 35 years of experience in their field.



John Button is a registered PDC instructor through the Permaculture Research Institute. He is a permaculture designer, educator and consultant with over 35 years experience. John originally studied under the founder of Permaculture, Bill Mollison, in 1980 and later with Lea Harrison, a permaculture pioneer, and Max Lindegger, a designer of ecological communities and sustainable systems of international repute.

John's worked in 18 different countries gaining experience in broadly diverse climatic, social and economic conditions. He was asked by Mollison to present permaculture to Plan International, a humanitarian organisation to advance children's rights in 71 countries across the world. He subsequently worked with them throughout South East Asia over a period of two years, teaching courses and consulting on their community development programmes. Having designed highly productive systems for many years, John believes permaculture offers a great opportunity to move toward a more sustainable and abundant future for all.

Dr. Francesca Simonetti is an agronomist, an expert in the science of soil management and crop production, and educator with more than 15 years experience. She has worked for public and private clients in various sectors, such as: landscape design, phytopathology and valuation of existing trees, environmental assessment, monitoring of forest and agricultural plants, environmental education and creative workshops.



She is an expert in adapting the principles of permaculture for each individual situation to harmonise the relationship between the landscape and the people utilising it to create a system that is both productive and sustainable in the long term.

John and Francesca have been working together as a team, Nature Designs, for the past eight years in design and consultancy situations, as well as teaching and facilitating courses and workshops in various countries. They feel blessed to pass on the optimism they have for conscious human synthesis within our natural systems to create highly productive, low maintenance, sustainable and beautiful environments.

THE TEACHING TEAM CONTINUED..

Celia Leverton has farmed most of her working life with experience in beef, dairy and wool production. Her most recent enterprises have been pastured poultry and market gardening. Celia has designed her own farm along permaculture principles and designs gardens and farms state-wide.



She has recently been to Brazil assisting on holistic management and regenerative grazing courses with cattle ranches, specifically around community building, permaculture and women's role in agriculture. Celia has worked as a rural journalist with the ABC and in the print media. She is president of the Regenerative Agriculture Network of Tasmania and is a foundation member of Huon Farmers for Action on Climate Change, Permaculture Tasmania and Huon Producers Network.

**TOGETHER, OUR TEACHERS CREATE A RICH
STIMULATING TEAM THAT UNITES
PROFESSIONALISM, PASSION AND BROAD
EXPERIENCE, TO SERVE FOR A PRESENT AND
FUTURE, MORE CONSCIOUS AND SENSITIVE
APPROACH TO DESIGN**



THE TEACHING TEAM

CONTINUED..

Paul Kean, also known as Ringo in the permaculture world is the founder of Tiger Hill Permaculture. He's been involved with permaculture for the past 20 years after completing his first PDC in QLD back in 1999.

Paul has 30 years experience in bulk earthworks in the construction and mining industries in Australia and overseas and 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) is now, and has been for the past 8 years, implementing Tiger Hill Permaculture, a 70 acre rural educational community project based on permaculture design, sustainable agriculture and farm forestry.



IN 2011 PAUL PURCHASED HIS OWN 70 ACRE PROPERTY TO START AN EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY PROJECT BASED ON PERMACULTURE, SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND SELF SUFFICIENCY.

ABOUT THE FARM

A 70 ACRE FARM SET AMONGST CROWN LAND AND MIXED FORESTRY

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

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 500m² 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**

COURSE FEES

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT OF \$100 FOR
THOSE WHO PURCHASE THE COURSE
BEFORE 30/11/19
10% DISCOUNT FOR PERMACULTURE
TASMANIA MEMBERS

Our live in course provides loads of opportunity for hands on learning.
Included in your course fee structure is:

- A copy of Bill Mollison's Permaculture Designers Manual Book
- Training resources
- Accommodation
- Site visits
- Networking contacts
- Fresh healthy meals with ingredients predominately sourced from the farm (we are only able to cater for vegetarian options, if you have an alternative diet you may need to supplement with some of your own food)

**OUR COURSE WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE, A BOLD
STATEMENT, WE KNOW! THE TESTIMONIES OF
MOST PEOPLE WHO HAVE COMPLETED A PDC
SUPPORTS THIS CLAIM WELL**

The integrated nature of permaculture is a vital learning change and you will learn a host of immediate practical applications, and the context in which to use, adapt and place them. With such an outcome, the course is very modestly priced. However, we recognise that the cost may still be beyond some peoples limits. We believe that nobody should be limited from participating on account of their financial situation and therefore offer a unique several different possibilities to support those in difficult circumstances.

PDC + free camping \$1650

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.

PDC + bunk style accommodation (BYO pillow and linen) \$1930

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 we'd like our students to all be residential on the farm during the course as we've found it creates the ultimate experience for your training and builds a strong team ethic and increases the community sharing environment. However alternative suggested nearby accommodation include:

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

WE BELIEVE YOU MUST LIVE IT TO LEARN IT

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payment can be made through the following link:

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

Alternative payment possibilities, which we are happy to discuss further:

Working to learn: a direct work exchange in which the course fee is paid by equivalent work at Tiger Hill Permaculture Farm.

Part payment / part work exchange: \$650 + 2 weeks work exchange or \$1150 + 1 week work exchange. Work exchange to be completed prior to PDC commencement

If you have a disability or incapacity 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.



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