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# **P** *ermaculture* **I** *nformation* **E** *xchange*

**Hello** and welcome to PIE #107, and my first as president of PcM. Following our AGM in October, it appeared that Trunk was headed for a period of stability, with a keen group of new and on-going members, all the committee of management (COM) positions filled and most of the roles accounted for. Alas, our somewhat prolonged process of succession and evolution has been disrupted somewhat by the recent announcements that Rhiannon Maclagan (treasurer) will stand-down from this position at the end of the year and Linda Cornelissen (secretary) will vacate the secretary position early in the new year. Like déjà vu all over again. So I am now calling for volunteers to help us fill these 2 very important roles. Thanks to Rhiannon and Linda, these positions are easier than ever to perform. Rhiannon has drawn-up a number of templates making account keeping an easier and more consistent process, and has generously offered to help mentor any person new to this role. Recent changes in Trunk have reduced the workload of secretary, and Trunk is happy to adapt the roles in any way to suit potential volunteers to these positions (e.g. 'job-sharing').

I would like to thank Linda and Rhiannon for their great work on Trunk and for PcM and wish them well in their future endeavours. I would also like to acknowledge Petra for her effort and energy on Trunk over a number of years, the last two as president, as well as her work with the SES local group. After many years, Graeme George has also managed to fulfil his desire to stand-down from Trunk duties and to concentrate his efforts on more local permaculture activities in the Yarra Valley and beyond. Graeme has worked tirelessly on behalf of PcM over many years, at times filling multiple positions concurrently. He has patiently given much time overseeing a smooth handover to a new committee of management, and his energy and attention to detail will be greatly missed. I look forward to the support and advice of these recent office bearers as we attempt to respond creatively to the challenges of increasing membership, new local groups and perhaps a greater functional role for PcM.

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**Our Vision is:**

A bioregional network of sustainable communities living in harmony with the environment.

**Permaculture Melbourne's Mission is to:**

- ◇ Promote the application of Permaculture principles in the design of communities and the landscapes that support them:
- ◇ Support its members in the pursuit of those goals and
- ◇ Network with like minded organisations

**Our Core values are:**

- ◇ Care of the earth.
- ◇ Care of people.
- ◇ Sharing of skills, knowledge and production.
- ◇ Reducing consumption.
- ◇ Recognising that there are natural limits to growth, and our activities must restore health to the planet.

<b>Trunk</b> President	Patrick O'Neill
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**Deadline for PIE 108 (Feb-Mar10) is  
Thursday 14 Jan 2010**

**Deadline for PIE 109 (April-May10) is  
Thursday 11 March 2010**

I wish to thank the following new members of the PcM COM for the generosity of their time and talents. Mal Boyd- vice-president and convenor of the IT working group. A number of PcM admin 'problems' are website/IT related and we eagerly await the working groups 'solutions'.

John McKenzie joins Trunk as ordinary member. Some members may recall John's intimate involvement with the very early days of PcM (he is a Life Member of PcM) and his clear thinking and energy are already apparent. John is co-ordinating the PcM presence at next years SLF.

Terry Avery joins as ordinary member and has willingly taken on some admin responsibilities.

We now need just two more people to fill our soon to be vacated positions of treasurer and secretary. It would be nice to have two more names to acknowledge by PIE #108.....could one of them be yours!!!! I would also like to thank Heather Elliot, Meredith Bryce, Robyn Currie, Leanne Mason and Michelle Archard for for their continued help fulfilling important functions for PcM.

Trunk's new meeting format, alternating admin with planning sessions is progressing well as we continue with the priority of revamping the local groups' guidelines. Trunk is also in the process of investigating the establishment of a central office and library. I look forward to consolidating the relationship between PcM and the local groups as we all confront the challenges of climate change and energy descent, and the surging interest in all things Pc related.

Have a happy and peaceful time however you celebrate the season. May your summer be a harvest of plenty, a soaking of rain and a time free of bushfire.

Triganin (until the next time)

Patrick O'Neill



*Permaculture Melbourne welcomes  
New Members*

- Margaret Main, Yarra Glen
- Geri Overberg & Tom Hissink, Camberwell
- Monica Anderson, Garfield
- David Lane, Belgrave Heights
- Larisa Frieverts, Burwood
- Dakini Maddock, Milgrove
- Julee Jeremiah, Healesville

# NEWS & EVENTS

## Sustainable Living Festival

19-21 February 2010, Federation Square, Melbourne

Permaculture Melbourne will have a stall and possibly a seating and garden area. We're also likely to be providing some talks and workshops. The SLF organisers are keen to make the event practical and informative and are encouraging all stalls to offer an engaging and interactive display.

We need to start organising a few things now, and you may be able to assist;

- we need some **container gardens** – anyone who could offer/loan a pot or box or container with a garden in it for the event.
- send a photo and some explanation text. we need **photos** of the lives of permaculture people, what are the permacultural activities you do. we'll make a photo montage, It would be good to have a set from each Local Group and Special Interest group. And if you're an IT person who can make the montage get in contact.
- we need some **designs**, garden designs, farm designs, both professional and amateur, for a display,
- review of **flyers and pamphlets** - if any local groups or special interest group has material for distribution, please let us know what you have.
- your **participation** to help with the stall. It will run from 9-6 for three days so there's plenty of shift opportunities.
- your participation in a **design workshop**, asking for PDC graduates, particularly those with an interest in designing to help run a workshop.

To follow up on any of this please contact John McKenzie or Miriam Baxt

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## *In Transition 1.0*

The Transition Town movement has produced a film about building a transition movement in your community.

**'In Transition 1.0', is a 50 minute long documentary, with input from Transition communities around the world. It tells the story of the generation that looked peak oil and climate change square in the face, and responded with creativity, compassion and genius..**

This is the solution-orientated movie to follow the films that do such a good job at identifying the problems, such as "Age of Stupid" and "Inconvenient Truth".

It is available

- for purchase for group viewings
- download on "pay what you think it's worth" basis – "home showings only" licence
- as a beautifully packaged limited edition 2 disc DVD of the film containing loads of extras, out-takes, some of those clips on YouTube that people like but don't have good quality versions of, talks, and assorted other Transition film stuff, comprising a real Transition activists resource - "home showings only"

Check out the release schedule and details at

<http://transitiontowns.org/TransitionNetwork/TransitionMovie>

This December, our world leaders are gathering to decide how much they're prepared to do about climate change.

LET'S SEND THEM A SAFE CLIMATE MESSAGE THEY CAN'T IGNORE

**WALK AGAINST WARMING  
12PM, 12 DECEMBER 2009  
STATE LIBRARY  
SWANSTON ST, MELBOURNE**

Join the WALK AGAINST WARMING  
and help us form a massive HUMAN SIGN.  
A sign so big they'll get our message all  
the way over in Copenhagen.

For more information visit [www.waw.org.au](http://www.waw.org.au)

Every city. Every state.  
Australia's biggest day of action on climate change.

**Help us promote the Walk!**

You can help us make the walk a huge success.  
If you'd like to help, please contact Victoria  
on 9341 8112 or [victoria@envict.net.org.au](mailto:victoria@envict.net.org.au)

# NEWS & EVENTS

## URGENT – Treasurer needed

I am unable to continue filling the role of treasurer of Permaculture Melbourne beyond the end of December, so a new treasurer is urgently needed.

### Are you able to take on this important role?

Although some knowledge of bookkeeping would help, it is not essential. If you are an 'attention to detail' person then this role would suit you well. I will provide full training before handover and be available for advice and backup afterwards, so you won't be thrown in the deep end!

***A 'how to' manual for all tasks, plus both hard and soft copies of templates for the reports that need to be prepared will guide you into the role and allow for a smooth transition.***

Tasks include:

- Receiving mail (redirected from PO box) and forwarding to the appropriate person.
- Banking membership fees, book sales proceeds and grants – paid by cash, cheque and credit card.
- Payments of bills.
- Recording of bank payments and deposits and maintaining hard copy records of all financial transactions.
- Preparation of bi-monthly financial reports to Trunk – reporting on movements in 3 bank accounts.
- Preparation of consolidated annual financial report for presentation at the AGM.
- Preparation of annual financial statement for lodgment with Consumer Affairs.
- Preparation of monthly membership logs to be forwarded to the membership officer.
- Preparation of annual public liability and association's liability insurance application.
- Interim discussions / negotiations with the insurance broker to keep PcM's cover in line with the activities planned.
- Preparation and maintenance of a budget for the management of the organisation's finances

Please email Rhiannon [maclagan@dcsi.net.au](mailto:maclagan@dcsi.net.au) or phone 5626 7181 to discuss this critical role.

## Looking for permaculture design experience?

***The permablitz network needs volunteer designers. If you're a recent PDC graduate, it's a great way to test your learning on a first real world design. If you're an experienced designer, it's a chance to share your skills within an appreciative environment. Several volunteer blitz designers have gone on to do it professionally.***

**How it works:** Permablitz organisers insist that every permablitz is based on a design developed by, or with the assistance of someone with a PDC. When someone (who has been to few permablitzes) applies to host a permablitz of their own, and would prefer a volunteer ('student') design, we forward their details to the so called 'Permablitz Designer's Guild' -- a mailing list with around 100 PDC holders on it, and we normally allocate the design to the first few people to respond. As of late we've also been forwarding blitz requests to PM subgroups ESPG and POW when requests come from these locations (and will happily do so with any regional group wanting to facilitate local networks).

Usually designers work in pairs or small teams, so there's someone to bounce ideas off, and there are people within the network with lots of design experience you can get support from too.

We usually find volunteer designers, but sometimes can't, usually because of travel issues. We'd love to hear from any and all potential designers. Jump on the mailing list at <http://www.permablitz.net/contact-us/guild>

Adam [www.permablitz.net](http://www.permablitz.net)

## Access to land

Are you interested in multiple occupancy, land trust, community title, urban villages, cohousing, where a group of people lease or some land for a period of time (99 years), build multiple accommodation units on this land (in co-operation) own a share in the common land and all its produce.?

Please, explore with me land and land acquisition and use as it affects all of us.

Set up a Wiki, where we will post the information. This then will make it easier for those who wish to use the information to start their own multiple occupancy, land trust, community title, urban villages etc.

As a starting point we will use chapter 14 of the Designers Manual.

Parts we could explore could be 14.7- 14.8 - 14.9-14.11 and 14.12

Bela Beke  
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I will post more information as it becomes available at my blog

[www.foggyforge.blogspot.com](http://www.foggyforge.blogspot.com)

## APC10, September 2010 - your great ideas wanted

# Permaculture Cairns will be hosting the 10th Australian Permaculture Convergence (APC10) in September 2010

*They have sent out the following letter looking for ideas and involvement.*

*Apologies for the timeline—this was received as PIE went to print.*

*The email address for replies is [apc10.2010@gmail.com](mailto:apc10.2010@gmail.com)*



*Care of the Earth, Care of  
People, Share the excess*

## Permaculture Cairns Empowering communities with sustainable solutions

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11 November, 2009

Dear Friends,

Permaculture Cairns has been entrusted with the great challenge and excitement of hosting APC 10 in 2010!

We are a small young group with lots of energy and hope that hosting the event will give Permaculture up north the boost it needs to galvanise the community towards positive sustainable change on a much larger scale.

We want to host a dynamic conference/convergence that challenges Permaculture thinking, inspires forward direction and prepares us for helping our communities face the economic, environmental and energy challenges ahead.

So to meet as many peoples needs as possible, **we are asking all members of the Permaculture movement to have their say around what the conference/ convergence program should include, important issues for discussion, speakers, format considerations, any other recommendations or offers and lessons learnt from previous events.**

From all the information gathered we will try to amalgamate everyone's thinking into a program that collectively represents where the movement is currently at, where we are heading, and how we will get there. In your reply please keep in mind that we can only afford to hold the event over three to four days. Therefore the program will be tight and intensive.

The event will be held from September 24th to 27th 2010. In order for us to consider all responses and keep to our planning schedule, **all replies must be received by the 30th of November.**

This mail has been sent to as many movers and shakers in the movement that we can find. Please pass it through your Permaculture networks so that hopefully no one is missed or fabulous ideas left out. Also, we **would like to know if you think you will be able to attend** for a preliminary idea of numbers we could expect to attract.

We are enthusiastically looking forward to reading all your responses and putting together a dynamic program and so thank you in advance for your time, feedback and good spirit, in helping us to create a truly worthwhile event at such a critical time in human history.

Best wishes

Permaculture Cairns

APC10 Steering committee

Come meet the Permaculture Cairns gardeners who meet on the **3rd Tuesday of the month** from 6pm at the Saints Football Clubhouse, Monk Street, Manunda, opposite The Trinity Bay SHS's main entrance, Aumuller St. Everyone is welcome.

## LOCAL & SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

### **Mountain Districts Permaculture Group**

**September meeting.** Michael from Monbulk Rural Enterprises in Silvan talked to us all about bird netting, poly house plastic, shade-cloth and other products we can use to help us grow food and protect it from pests. His talk seemed well received with lots of questions during and after; we may invite Michael back in winter to talk more about many other items they have that are used in the Horticulture industry and may be useful to us at home.

**Stringy Bark Festival @ Knox** (the heart land of the Rowvalite) In October Peter & Silvia had a stall on behalf of MDPG & HFS to promote Permaculture and Heritage Fruits. A few people came in to talk to us about Permaculture in general. The event has finally realised it is called a "sustainability fare" and kicked out almost all the stalls selling rubbish, even the food was either community based (Rotary, scouts) or was good organic food. Thanks to Michele and Belinda for coming to talk, it was interesting to see we have been elevated to the main hall and given a site 6 times the normal size outside, now all we have to do is utilise it each year.

**MDPG is about to move its communications into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**, after good feed back over the last 13 years of our current newsletter format, we will have a new Troika to manage the brand new version from 2010, along with the MDPG website update and rebuild we also have a Yahoo group, this tool has proved very successful during the last PDC (Thanks to Mal from ESPG) and helped Pete's Permies reduce paper use by well over 75% with handouts put straight up to the page. I am also aware that ESPG has grown rapidly since I started it at the Stringybark festival a few years ago and has a very healthy internal communications system by using the Yahoo group.

Our group will have its own logo in November and we intend to invest in good display material to use at all the venues we get invited to speak at and have displays.

I will now focus on providing some meaningful content (I hope) for our newsletters now I have finished being the editor after 10 years  
Cheers Peter Allen MDPG

**NB: for Jan, Feb & March we have made a decision that if the meeting day is a TOTAL FIRE BAN DAY or a rating of ORANGE- SEVERE the meeting is automatically cancelled. We will then endeavour to reschedule a speaker or visit later on if needed.**

### **Eastern Suburbs Permaculture Group**

October and November seem to have been the busiest months this year for ESPG, with more than the usual number of activities. In early October some of us gathered with members of Melbourne East Seed Savers at Leanne's place in Ashwood for a great workshop on propagation (from seeds and cuttings) by Nola Garbett of YVPG. After a shared lunch we sat on Leanne's back lawn (the last bit that hasn't been taken over by expanding vegetable beds!), and learned some of Nola's great tips and tricks which made it all sound so easy.

Later in the month some NERP and SES members joined us in our trip to Violet Town and Euroa, where David Arnold took us on a very informative tour of his impressive Murnong property close to the centre of Violet Town. Currently Murnong comprises David & Michele's family residence with its vegetable plot, a small flock of chickens, lots of trees for food, timber, firewood and windbreaks, and water capture methods. Murnong is now at the 'community consultation' phase with a view to becoming a subdivided permaculture village and David shared insights from this interesting journey with us. We then had a pleasant afternoon with poultry specialist Megg Miller, who joined us for dinner at a local pub. A great day out was had by all!

We've had a really useful interaction with Permablitz. Some ESPGers with PDCs helped Vicky design her vegetable garden, then a bigger group of ESPGers plus Adam from Permablitz and Annette from the Dandenong Edible Garden Group, had a one-day working bee to install drip irrigation, create trenches and root barriers for the bramble berries, and plant and espalier fruit trees. Throughout the day, Adam workshopped "how to run a permablitz" which has inspired us to run more such events.

In November Vicky hosted a very useful and informative workshop on preserving our harvest, and Cam and Jessie Wilson (<http://forestedgepermaculture.com/>) invited us to visit their wonderful garden in Heathmont. In December and January we'll have a few informal social events, before our 2010 journey of discovery begins in earnest.

Heather

## LOCAL & SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

### **Permaculture Cardinia Baw Baw**

At our October meeting we were fortunate to have Barbara Birch speak to us about Bush Foods. Barbara grows a wide variety of bush tucker plants and her very enjoyable and informative talk covered both how to grow them and how to cook with them. The delicious taste samples Barbara provided certainly encouraged us to grow a range of bush foods in our own gardens.

Geoff Boadle of Sustainable Impact spoke at our November meeting. He helped us to understand just what is happening in the solar industry and what rebates are available now for households wanting to install either a solar hot water system or a solar power grid-connect system.

We have recently had a change of office bearers for our group, with Terry Avery as our new Convenor, Jackie Holland as our new treasurer and Abbie Lane as our new writer of PIE articles.

As mentioned in the last PIE, we will be holding a green grafting / budding workshop on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm at the Bunyip Hall. Neil Barraclough will be teaching us the skill of green grafting, whereby we can graft our own peaches, nectarines, almonds, avocados, citrus, sapotes and anything else anyone wants to try, so pot up all sorts of things to be ready. If you would like to attend, please phone Rhiannon on 5626 7181 or email [maclagan@dcsi.net.au](mailto:maclagan@dcsi.net.au)

### **Yarra Valley Permaculture Group**

Hi again.

Yarra Valley Permaculture group will be **winding down for the summer holiday**, we have decided to extend our break. We usually break from the Christmas party until the end of January. This year and I expect from now on we will be extending our break until the end of February as February is the fire season for us. We found last year that we had to move dates and addresses, and many of our members evacuated, and we believe that if a meeting falls on a total fire ban day it will be a waste of time to try and have a meeting.

**On behalf of all of the fire affected family** I would like to thank Permaculture Melbourne and Permaculture North for their generosity. A Donation of \$1135 was made by Permaculture North and Permaculture Melbourne matched the donation from the Clarkson fund, giving us a total off \$2270. It was unanimous that the money be given in the way of book vouchers. There will be 13 recipient families, including 3 from Kinglake's Permaculture Group.

Once again I would like to **congratulate our Newsletter Team** for the fantastic job they have

been doing. and the other people that have been contributing. I am expanding my knowledge with every edition and a special thank you to Robynne Mauger for doing a wonderful job as editor and driving the newsletter to be an interesting read and a useful tool.

YVPG has an abundance **of new life flourishing** throughout our member's homes with chicks hatching, kids being born and lambs too.

We are very excited to see our new partnership with **UYCEP Upper Yarra Community Environmental Park** growing. UYCEP is having an open day with the Mayor official opening the Artist's space. The day starts with the Permaculture Design Certificate student's final presentations, then there will be an Ecological tour by our member Graeme George, a talk by the Community Gardeners about 'no-dig' gardens, and the latest Al Gore Climate Change presentation with Michael Zaar, plus much more - it is shaping up to be a wonderful event. Hope to see you there.

Nola



Yarra Valley PDC recently visited Brockspur Eco Farm at Steels Creek for the 'animals on farms' section of the course, doubling up with a look at bushfire behaviour and aspects of design in fire-prone environments. The class helped out with the clearing out of weeds and the replacement of some burnt fruit and nut trees. It was encouraging to see how much progress Edd and Amanda have made with the help of family, friends and volunteers.



# CALENDAR

## December 2009

Thur 3 Dec 7:30-10pm	Permaculture Cardinia Baw Baw	PcCBB monthly meeting – Christmas breakup (BBQ)	Supper Room, Bunyip Hall Contact Terry – phone 5626 6278 or terryavery@optusnet.com.au
Sun 6 Dec 1-4pm	Eastern Suburbs Permaculture Group	End-of-year/Christmas party	At Michelle's place in Mt Waverley.
Sun 6 Dec 2:30pm	Southeast Suburbs Permaculture Group	Talk about using charcoal/char, and garden tour at Andrew's. (This is the rescheduling of 22/11/09's session).	In Oakleigh Contact Miriam Baxt (03) 9578 7237 permaculture@betweenskyandearth.com.au
Sun 6 Dec 3pm	Permaculture Cardinia Baw Baw	Garden visit to Catriona & David's 6 month old garden in Warragul and the 'official opening' of their new chookhouse	Warragul Contact Terry – phone 5626 6278 or terryavery@optusnet.com.au
Fri 11 Dec	Southeast Suburbs Permaculture Group	End of year BBQ	At Cathy's in Glenhuntly Contact Miriam Baxt (03) 9578 7237 permaculture@betweenskyandearth.com.au
Sun 13 Dec 12 noon	Yarra Valley Permaculture Group	Christmas Party at UPPER YARRA COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT PARK. Get together & share a meal, plant swap & share and site wander. This is a lovely time to catch up with members and check out the UYCEP if you haven't already. Please bring a plate to share, your own cutlery & plates and a picnic blanket or chairs.	UYCEP Old Warburton Rd, Wesburn Between the recycling center and the pipe line Nola Garbett Phone 5964 7578
Thur 17 Dec 7pm	Mountain Districts Permaculture Group	Doris Pozzi will talk about the booklet she has published on "Edible Weeds in Melbourne". We will also do our usual donations jar with all the proceeds going to TEAR Aust	At Vikki Bickertons, Wandin East Contact Silvia 040 777 5883
Sun 20 Dec	North East Ranges Permaculture	Christmas Party	Contact: Sue Ogilvy 0419 546 079 sueogilvy@inet.net.au

## January 2010

January 2010, date & time TBC	Eastern Suburbs Permaculture Group	ESPG social barbecue at Fran & Ian's, Camberwell	At Fran & Ian's, Camberwell. Contact David mespg@yahoo.com.au
January 2010	Southeast Suburbs Permaculture Group	Jan 2010 we will have garden tours of various members' gardens in honour/to demonstrate what can be done - visitors from UK staying at Petra's (Petra's, Andrew's and Miriam & Adrian's gardens to be visited, possibly others also). Date to be confirmed.	Contact Miriam Baxt (03) 9578 7237 permaculture@betweenskyandearth.com.au
Sunday 17 Jan 2pm	Permaculture Cardinia Baw Baw	Green grafting workshop with Neil Barraclough. <b>RSVP is required for this workshop</b>	Bunyip Hall Contact Rhiannon—phone 5626 7181 or maclagan@dcsi.net.au
Thur 21 Jan 7pm	Mountain Districts Permaculture Group	We will visit John & Lucia's productive garden in East Ringwood, and see how many fruit trees & veggies you can fit into a ¼ acre block	At John & Lucia's in East Ringwood Contact Silvia 040 777 5883 (Cancelled if a TOTAL FIRE BAN)

# CALENDAR

## February - April 2010

Thur 4 Feb 7:45-10pm	Permaculture Cardinia Baw Baw	PcCBB monthly meeting – topic to be advised	Supper Room, Bunyip Hall Contact Terry – phone 5626 6278 or terryavery@optusnet.com.au
Thur 18 Feb 7pm	Mountain Districts Permaculture Group	Speaker: Moondarra Blueberries will talk about growing blueberries and the varieties (Cancelled if a TOTAL FIRE BAN)	Venue: Peter & Silvia's room Telopea Mtn- Invermay Rd Monbulk Contact Silvia 040 777 5883
Fri 19-Sun 21 Feb	Permaculture Melbourne	Sustainable Living Festival We will have a stall and possibly a seating and garden area. We're also likely to be providing some talks and workshops	Contact John McKenzie 9786 3700 jlmckenzie@optusnet.com or Miriam Baxt 9578 7237 permaculture@betweenskyandearth.com.au
Thur 11 March	Yarra Valley Permaculture Group	Members meeting	Venue TBA Contact: Nola Garbett 59 647 578 nmgarbett@internode.on.net
Sat 20 March	Yarra Valley Permaculture Group	Autumn Fest at the market	Healesville Railway Station
Thur 8 April 7:30pm	Yarra Valley Permaculture Group	Meeting to investigate options in regard to incorporation.	Venue TBA Contact: Nola Garbett 59 647 578 nmgarbett@internode.on.net

## Permaculture Out West

*POW is the newest local group, based in the Western suburbs of Melbourne.*

*Below is an introduction to the group, from their website [www.pow.org.au](http://www.pow.org.au) For more information, meeting details, links etc, go to the website*

*"We're a group of people who were inspired by how Permaculture provides practical solutions. Our members live in the Western suburbs of Melbourne; Seddon, Footscray, Kingsville, Maidstone, Werribee and Moonee Ponds. We started in May 2009.*

*Our interests and activities focus around Permaculture and the many offshoots inspired by Bill Mollison and David Holmgren's ground breaking work, Permaculture One.*

*We carry out Permablitzes, advocate on behalf of people for more community based gardens, run courses on garden design, water systems, seed saving, preserving produce, and much much more.*

*For any queries about joining, please send an email to [membership@pow.org.au](mailto:membership@pow.org.au).*

*If you have questions regarding permaculture, or about activities the group is involved in, please send an email to [admin@pow.org.au](mailto:admin@pow.org.au).*

*If you're interested in organising a permablitz at your place and it's located in the Western suburbs of Melbourne, please send an email to [permablitz@pow.org.au](mailto:permablitz@pow.org.au)*

*We have meetings on the last Wednesday of each month. As members come from from Little River, Werribee, Footscray, Moonee Ponds and Newport, the location moves around each month. Go to the POW Meeting page. Please feel free to come to one of our meetings to see what it's all about."*

### Message from Trunk

Re: Trunk Grafting meeting Minutes circulated on 6/11/09.

6. **PIE/Trunk meetings** – there was consensus from the meeting that we should swap Trunk Planning and Admin. meetings, to align with PIE circulation. The meeting has decided that Trunk Admin. meetings will be held on the last Monday of even months. Planning meetings will be in the last week of odd months.

*One complication caused by this change would be that renewal dates for memberships will be out of synch with PIE and Trunk Admin. meetings. Graeme recommended that the renewal **date for individual memberships be extended by one month** to correlate with the new two monthly cycle of membership acceptances. The meeting agreed to the change to alleviate extra work for the Membership Officer.*

## Permaculture Melbourne's Policies and Procedures

*After our Planning Workshop in June and two subsequent planning meetings held to review how PcM is operating, it is apparent that many members are not fully aware of how our organisation is structured. The following policy and procedures documents set out existing PcM policy. Some require updating to incorporate recent changes that have been adopted or to allow for changed circumstances as our organisation grows and groups become more active in their local communities.*

**1. Constitution 2001.** This is based on the Model Rules for Incorporated Associations set out by Consumer Affairs, but modified to allow for the establishment of a Trust Fund and Tax-deductibility status, which has never been activated. Under the model rules management of our association's affairs is the responsibility of an elected Committee of Management (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Ordinary Committee Members). This responsibility is delegated to Trunk. Trunk is made up of the six elected C o M members plus any of the following who nominate to serve as an active member to assist with the administrative workload -

- ex-officio office bearers, eg PIE Editor, Membership Officer, etc.
- representatives of Local or Special Interest Groups
- the Immediate Past President

**2. Guidelines for the Operation of Special Interest and Local Groups.** This sets out the working arrangements and responsibilities of Trunk and Groups and is a key document. It should be noted that there is no constitutional provision for the operation of Local or Special Interest Groups. Groups operate as an administrative arrangement within the organisation. Suggested amendments to improve accountability earlier this year prompted some reaction from Local Group leaders which has resulted in the current review of PcM's structure.

**3. Guidelines for Starting a Local Group - a Step by Step Guide.** This replaces an earlier document called a Start-up Kit and is designed to assist the formation of new groups where -

- a group of members wish to form and operate as a Local Group, or
- an existing independent group wishes to join PcM and operate under the PcM umbrella

**4. Guidelines for the Staging of Major Events.** These are based on the experience of hosting the Annual Seed Savers network Conference in 1998, setting up the Organic Farmers Market at Healesville in 2004, staging APC8 in 2005.

**5. Membership Procedures.** These set out the procedures for processing membership applications and renewals and were introduced when the change was made from a fixed subscription date to a system based on a two-monthly cycle of the publication of PIE and administrative Trunk meetings.

**6. Operational Guidelines for Trunk.** These set out the communication and decision-making protocols needed to efficiently deal with policy development and administration of PcM's affairs.

**7. PcM Job Descriptions.** This list identifies the various jobs that need to be done to assist Trunk in running PcM. Some of these set out the responsibilities of the "Officers of the Association" under the constitution. Others are administrative jobs that can be done by Trunk members or others who volunteer to help with the workload, but who don't wish to be on Trunk.

**8. Keeping Minutes.** This is a draft document aimed to help with the efficient recording of policy, administrative and financial decisions made, in a form that makes sense to those not at the meeting and to those who may want to refer to past decisions at some time in the future

**9. Strategic Business Plan.** This sets out the aims and objectives of PcM and the periodic strategies and actions required to achieve the organisation's goals. Strategic Plans need to be periodically reviewed and updated in the light of feedback. PcM doesn't have a good track record in this area and the SBP is out-of-date.

The above documents are periodically distributed to Trunk Members, Office-bearers and Local Group Convenors. The commencement of regular bi-monthly Planning Meetings will hopefully allow regular input to allow these documents to be kept up to date and relevant.

Graeme George

## Australian acacias in semi-arid Africa (2)

**This is the second of three instalments drawn from the article 'Australian acacias as multi-purpose agro-forestry species for semi-arid regions of Africa' by Anthony Rinaudo (World Vision Australia) and Peter Cunningham (Serving In Mission, Mali, West Africa), published in *Muelleria*, the journal of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne, volume 26 (1), 2008. Excerpted for PIE with permission. The authors acknowledge the Australian Aboriginal people without whose traditional knowledge this work would not have been commenced.**

Human populations living in semi-arid regions of the developing, tropical world who are reliant on annual crops and/or pastures (for livestock) for food are particularly vulnerable to hunger and periodic famine. Certain Australian *Acacia* species have great, untapped potential as multi-purpose tree species in agro-forestry systems in these regions. A number of species thrive under conditions in which annual plants struggle to survive. Uses include planting for windbreaks, reclamation of degraded land, biomass production for mulch and organic matter, firewood, feed for honey bees, and food for humans and livestock.

The first instalment (see *PIE* #99) focused on the broad challenges facing rain-fed agriculture in Africa. This second instalment highlights how Australian acacias can boost food security for famine-vulnerable people in semi-arid Africa. The concluding instalment will focus on how Australian acacias are boosting sustainable farming in semi-arid Africa.

### Promotion and use of Australian acacias for human nutrition

Australian edible seeded acacias have great potential for combating hunger in semi-arid lands (Rinaudo *et al.* 2002). A number of species thrive under conditions which are adverse for common annual crops such as millet and sorghum. Growth and yield performance of such annuals can be compromised by high soil temperatures at planting time, strong winds causing abrasion of leaf surfaces and desiccation, inadequate or untimely rains, or outright burial by sand. Whereas annual crops must be planted each year and so face these risks annually, acacia trees live for many years after establishment and are resilient to high temperatures and strong winds.

*Acacia* species trialled in Niger have extensive root systems and other drought coping strategies and being perennial, they are able to take advantage of untimely rains. These include species such as *A. colei* Maslin & L. A. J. Thomson var. *ileocarpa* M.W. McDonald & Maslin, *A. coriacea* DC. sens lat. (including *A. sericophylla* F. Muell.), *A. elachantha* Maslin & M. W. McDonald, *A. torulosa* Benth., *A. tumida* F. Muell. ex Benth. var. *tumida*, *A. tumida* var. *kulparn* M. W. McDonald, and *A. victoriae* Benth. sens lat. (subspecies unknown).

The seeds of these species are tasty, safe to consume and nutritious, having a protein, carbohydrate and fat content of 17-25%, 30-40% and 14-16% respectively (Brand and Chirikoff 1985). In many regions, such as West Africa, the seeds ripen at a time of low labour demand when non-irrigated crops are not being cultivated. Being perennial and thus having established root systems, mature acacias can take advantage of rains that would be ineffective for annual crops (e.g. out of season or poorly distributed rains). *Acacia* seeds are easily harvested and processed into flour using simple and existing local technologies. The flour can be incorporated into local dishes and in "non-traditional" foods such as spaghetti, bread and biscuits. The seed also has great potential as a food supplement for livestock. Alternatively, the hard-coated seeds can easily be stored for many years so give flexibility with timing of use and can act as a famine reserve food. *Acacia* species can also supply various other products, especially fuel wood, and services such as improvement of soil fertility through fixation of atmospheric nitrogen.

With the technical assistance of the Australian Tree Seed Centre, *Acacia* species trials were commenced in the Maradi region of Niger in 1992 by the Maradi Integrated



Traditional porridge ('Tuwo') made from 25% *A. colei* flour and 75% millet flour.  
Photographed in Niger Republic, 1998, by Oliver Strewé.



*Acacia colei* var. *colei* used as a multi purpose windbreak in Niger Republic, protecting annual crops and providing firewood, mulch and edible seed.  
Photo by Tony Rinaudo.

Development Project (MIDP). During the famine of 1994, MIDP facilitated the planting of over 100,000 *Acacia* trees and promoted the utilisation of the seeds for food. Since 1994, MIDP staff have continued to promote *Acacia* planting and use in the Maradi Department. Despite these concerted efforts, adoption of *Acacia* seed into human diets in Niger has been slow, although a number of individuals and in some cases, whole villages in the Maradi area are consuming *Acacia* seed regularly (Abasse & Yahaya, pers. comm.).

In light of Niger's chronic food shortages and recurrent famines, the slow adoption rates have been both surprising and disappointing. The lack of market demand for seed for consumption both locally and abroad has also resulted in a general lack of interest in planting and cultivating acacias. It is now felt that in order for the farmers to become interested in planting acacias, and in the absence of a significant market for seed, focus has now moved from promotion for direct human consumption alone to promotion of the multiple benefits acacias offer.

## SUMMER IN THE GARDEN WITH GRAEME

### DECEMBER IN THE VEGIE PATCH

Early Summer is time to keep up with successional sowings of the main warm weather crops and to start Brussels Sprouts and Swedes for winter harvest. Both these brassicas need a long growing period before cool weather sets in

**Sow** - Grain and Leaf Amaranth, French, Climbing & Runner Beans, Beetroot, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Chinese Cabbage, Chives, Choys (Boy Choy, Tatsoi, Choy Sum, Mizuna, etc, but cooler areas only), Carrots, Celeriac, Celery, Sweet Corn & Maize, Cucumber, Endive, Kohl Rabi, Leek, Lettuce, Marrow, Mustards, Parsnip, Parsley, Pumpkin (bush vars) Quinoa, Radish, Shallots, Leaf Beets (Silver Beet, Rainbow Chard), Squash, Sunflower, Swedes, Zucchini.

**Plant** - Seedlings of tomato, capsicum, chilli & eggplant, tubers of Potatoes.

### JANUARY IN THE VEGIE PATCH

January is the last chance to sow some summer crops for autumn harvest. It's also time to start thinking about winter crops that need to be well grown before cool weather sets in. Autumn is too late for many of these. A second planting of crops like Silver Beet & chards will give you extra plants to see you through the winter when production slows right down.

Cucumbers or zucchinis that are not filling out evenly will benefit from a dose of wood ashes to supply potash.

**Sow** - French Beans, Beetroot, Broccoli, Chinese Cabbage, Choys (Bok Choy, Tatsoi, Choy Sum, Mizuna, etc), Carrot, Cauliflower, Celeriac, Celery, Chicory, Sweet Corn, Cucumber, Endive, Kohl Rabi, Leek, Lettuce, Mustards, Parsnip, Radish, Shallots, Leaf Beets, Button Squash, Swedes, Zucchini.

**Plant** - Seedlings of Brussels Sprouts (don't wait till the autumn – that's too late), tubers of Potatoes.

### SUMMER IN THE ORCHARD

Keep the water up to young fruit trees with regular deep watering to enable them to keep growing and develop a strong root system. Also keep the water up to berries after they've finished fruiting to ensure continued growth of new canes for next year's crop. Heavy mulching will ensure that you don't lose too much to evaporation. Some light summer pruning of your fruit trees can be done by pinching out any shoots growing too vigorously in the wrong direction. Some wood ashes sprinkled around trees that are developing fruit will supply potash to improve fruit quality and flavour..

### *From the Bookshop...*

***Fabulous Food from Every Small Garden*** by Mary Horsfall, shows how to grow food at home in even the smallest of spaces. It explores the reasons for growing your own food, including the many potential benefits such as improved taste, freshness and nutrition. Many types of food are covered, including vegetables, fruits, herbs, bush tucker plants and edible flowers.

The book provides detailed instructions for successfully growing plants from seeds, and explains the use of organic pest and weed control and efficient watering methods. In addition, readers are shown how to improve soil fertility by making their own fertiliser.

Written by the author of the best-selling *Creating Your Eco-friendly Garden*, this practical book also offers solutions on incorporating food plants with other plants to create beautiful gardens in spaces

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such as balconies and flowerbeds. This is complemented with information on innovative techniques such as aquaponics, hydroponics, wicking beds and grid gardening to achieve high productivity in small spaces. The final chapters concern growing, harvesting and storing produce, and contain some simple recipes.

Available from PcM Booksales @\$28 for PcM members.

**The guide to ethical supermarket shopping**, produced by The Ethical Consumer group. This shopping guide provides information on the environmental and social record of companies behind the brand names of common supermarket products. This is based on assessment gathered from over 25 sources including the work of organisations such as Greenpeace, Choose Cruelty Free, Corporate Monitor, Reputex, Responsible Shopper and Sustainability Victoria. Copies are available to PcM members @\$3.50

**Seed to seed; food gardens in schools**, by Jude Fanton and Liz Elliot

Learn how to grow gardens that make a difference: energy and water efficient as well as economical. These gardens are biodiverse, organic and water-wise with low inputs and have the full plant cycle: *from seed to seed*.

Chapters include why have food gardens in schools, planning, planting and maintaining such gardens, how to harvest and eat from the gardens and how to save seeds for replanting. There are amusing and informative cartoon illustrations and B/W photos of food garden projects in schools throughout.

As former high school teachers and organisers and trainers of dozens of courses in Permaculture and seed saving, the authors have a strong interest in encouraging food gardens in schools. With the financial crisis and global awareness of environmental meltdown, these are an essential strategy for change. With this in mind, they wrote and published a handbook for school teachers, parents and educational administrators and planners on establishing food gardens in educational institutions. Choosing what seeds to plant is a crucial decision in this process.

This book is written for teachers, in particular primary school teachers, as a planning and educational tool. It is best read from cover to cover, though you will find satisfaction from dipping into it. The authors have suggested activities for most of the topics.

Available to PcM members for \$23. If interested, contact Robyn at rcurrie@optusnet.com.au

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**Accommodation wanted**

Mature age permie student (male 50+) seeks accommodation (non drinker or smoker)  
Within 45 minutes drive from Eltham.

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Wanted ***two Silkie Hens***

***These are a Christmas present for an 8-year-old girl, so cuteness and some egg-laying is essential, but pedigree/breeding is not.***

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***Did you attend IPC9 - the 9<sup>th</sup> International Permaculture Conference & Convergence, held in Malawi in November 2009 ?***

*If you were there, a short report for PIE would be appreciated.*

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