

Permaculture Design Certificate Course

Course Outline

The course will cover the background knowledge, design skills and practical techniques of the 72-hour Permaculture Design Certificate Course. This PDC course will run over a full year, giving participants plenty of time to absorb the concepts, develop designs, and relate the ideas to the real world.

The course involves one night per week during school terms and several trips to develop on-site design skills. Designs will be developed to cover the range of situations a designer might meet. This will include backyard town/urban/suburban planning, larger semi-rural acreage, and broadacre farm design and community planning.

The 38 week course covers

- Principles and Ethics of Permaculture
- The Cultivated Ecology
- Designing Productive Landscapes
- Sustainability and Productivity
- Permaculture in Social Context
- + Practical Organic Gardening Techniques

Graduates are entitled to the Permaculture Design Certificate from the Southern Highlands Permaculture Institute.

Course Presenters

David Johnson enjoys a balancing act between part-time teaching, PC design, web design, music and earthier pursuits on his property at Penrose. David, with a Science background, did his PDC in 1990 and has recently been awarded the Permaculture Diploma in Education and Media.

Jill Cockram lives in Exeter where she puts permaculture theory into practice on her one third acre site. An inspiration to visit, it is a highly regarded destination for permaculture tours. Jill completed her PDC with David Holmgren (1997). She is active in CANWIN and the Moss Vale Community Garden.

Debbie Hebbard is a mainstay of Permaculture Southern Highlands where she runs the seed bank. She gained her PDC in 1998 and has been a regular contributor to the course since then, specialising in the hands on activities. She coordinated the very successful SeedSavers Conference in 2004 and now manages the kitchen garden at Berrima Public School.

Tim Flaus is a high school science teacher who lives in Moss Vale where he tries out permaculture ideas in the garden. He did his PDC with the Southern Highlands team in 2009.

Course Fees

The full cost of the course is \$600.

A deposit of \$100 is required to secure a place. (This is not refundable unless the course is cancelled or at least two weeks notice is given)

A generous \$50 discount is available for full payment at the beginning of the course.

Payments can be made easier by an initial payment (after \$100 deposit) of \$200 and two further instalments of \$150 at the start of terms 2 and 3.

An alternative payment plan can be arranged to suit individual circumstances.

The Design Manual by Bill Mollison is the essential textbook for the course. It is available for \$75 (\$105rrp!). Please indicate on the application if you require a copy.

Other concessions for the course are available, for households, pensioners, unemployed, etc. Please ring or email for details.

Other Course Details

Please note that the course will only be run if there are sufficient participants. Your help in recruiting students would be appreciated.

The class size is limited to a maximum of 18, to encourage participation and facilitate learning.

Application deadline is Friday 27th January 2012

Late applications may be successful, depending on availability of places.

Permaculture Design Certificate Application Form

Step 1

Please ring David 4884 4214 or Jill 4883 4399 to indicate your interest and to ensure that there are still places available in the course.

Step 2

Complete the details below

Step 3

Post this application together with your deposit to David Johnson 1121 Penrose Rd, Penrose 2579.

Cheques should be made out to *Permaculture Southern Highlands*.

Name:

Address:

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Email:

Phone: (H) (W)

Brief summary of relevant background -training, employment, experience, interests, skills, resources

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Permaculture Design Certificate Application Form (cont)

Please check the details requested below and sign and date the form before sending.

Course Deposit

- Deposit \$100 included

Course Payment

My preferred method of payment is:

- Full Fee Upfront
\$600 less discount and deposit
=\$450 at start of course
- Term in Advance
\$200 payment after deposit at the start of the course and \$150 instalments at the starts of Terms 2 & 3
- Negotiated Instalment Plan

The course payments are not due till the first night of the course.

Designer's Manual order

- Please order a Manual for me at \$75
- I do not require a Manual

Manual payment required on receipt of the book at the start of the course.

I hereby apply for inclusion in the Permaculture Design Certificate Course to be run by Permaculture Southern Highlands during 2012. I understand that, if my application is accepted, the deposit is non-refundable unless the course is cancelled or unless two weeks notice is given.

Signed:

Date:

When, What Where

Starting date for the course is Tuesday 7th February 2012. Classes run 7 to 9.30pm in two sessions, usually including theory and practical. A supper break allows time for informal discussion and networking.

The main venue for the course is the old Principal's Residence at **Berrima Public School**.

Weekend Away

This weekend is an important part of the course with opportunity for practical permaculture experiences and enjoyable socialising. Cost is approximately \$50 including food and the date is negotiated with the class.

What is Permaculture?

"Permaculture is a philosophy which seeks to offer practical strategies for sustainable living. It links notions from the social justice and environment movements. It provides the practice for community-based Ecologically Sustainable Development. Permaculture was first articulated in Australia in the late 1970's and is now a world-wide movement with local groups in most countries of the world. The concepts of permaculture have been developed around a set of ethics and design principles."

International Permaculture Development Agency Project Plan

Permaculture Southern Highlands

This association was formed in 1982 as a means of communicating information about Permaculture in the region. It offers a calendar of activities, field trips and courses, and a website with many articles on cool climate permaculture. A seed bank has been established for sharing acclimatized and interesting seed stock. Subscription is open to the public at \$20 pa. Participants in the PDC are given a year's subscription gratis.

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**Permaculture
Southern
Highlands**

Permaculture Design Certificate Course 2012

- Tuesday nights through 2012
- Held at Berrima Public School
- Presenters -
David Johnson, Jill Cockram,
Debbie Hebbard and Tim Flaus
plus guest lecturers
and resource people

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