



Towards APC10

Watch this baby grow

Update of progress towards the
Australasian Permaculture Convergence
Kuranda, Cairns, September 24—27, 2010
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Hello Permi's every where.

ONLY TWO MONTHS TO GO!

Registrations are open! A whisper on the grape vine has got back to us that we're all full-up. NOT SO.

But don't leave it any longer to register. Do it today to make sure you don't miss out.
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International guests



We've had a huge month of organisation since Daryl Hannah, actor and environmental campaigner, kindly accepted an invitation to come to APC10. She's planning to spend one month in Australia. She's very keen to get her PDC under her belt and is excited to attend our Convergence.

Daryl is bringing her dear friend Charris Ford and his wife and kids. Charris himself is a permi-legend in California, having done his PDC a couple of decades ago, his whole life has been devoted to clean energy, minimal waste and promoting paradigm change. That's why he and Daryl get along so well.

They met Lisa Heenan and Darren J. Doherty recently in Spain where Darren and Daryl spoke at the 2nd International Friends of the Trees meeting. If you're worried for a moment that this is a bit too Hollywood for a Convergence - please don't be. Daryl is very shy, earthed and humble. She's here for a month to promote great things happening in the region and overseas. This gives us lots of opportunities to shine the spotlight well and truly on permaculture.

Waste and Carbon Offset Policy

We're really proud to announce our policy to offset and reduce our wastes at this APC. We know this is a big issue for many of you who would prefer not to fly.

A car pooling discussion is on the policy page on our website: <http://www.apc10.org/node/36>
You can leave comments there to either find a lift or offer a lift from anywhere in Australia.

The *Grow Project* is a local tree planting scheme. We'll be asking APC10 guests to sponsor trees and together we will buy enough to help make APC10 carbon neutral. It is only \$4 per tree and to give them the best fighting chance, Permaculture Cairns members will volunteer to plant the trees during our next wet season at Warril Creek - home to two endangered frogs (Myola frog only in the Myola drainage basin, and the common mist frog, not now common) and the Myola palm, only stand in the wild. In this way, Permaculture Cairns commits to taking responsibility for the trees we are sponsoring ensuring their survival.

Check out their website: www.envirocare.org.au/growproject/index.html

The *Grow Project* and a reliable calculator, has helped us work out the following tables to help you.

How many trees?

If you are flying from:

Location to Cairns Return	Total tonnes of CO2 per person	No. of Trees	Grow Project Sponsorship
Brisbane	0.74	4	\$ 16
Sydney	0.99	6	\$ 24
Melbourne	1.13	7	\$ 28
Perth	1.61	10	\$ 40
Darwin	0.86	5	\$ 20
Hobart	1.38	8	\$ 32
Canberra	1.03	6	\$ 24

This has been calculated using www.carbonneutral.com.au/calc/ All flights are return flights.
If you are flying from other destinations you can use www.carbonneutral.com.au/calc/ to calculate your CO2 emissions.

Vehicle size	0-500km No. of Trees	Grow Project Sponsorship	500-1000km No. of Trees	Grow Project Sponsorship
Small petrol car	1	\$ 4	2	\$ 8
Medium petrol	1	\$ 4	2	\$ 8

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Large car petrol /medium petrol 4WD	1	\$ 4	2	\$ 8
V8/large petrol 4WD	1	\$ 4	2	\$ 8
Hybrid - petrol	0.5	\$ 2	1	\$ 4
Medium Diesel 4WD	1	\$ 4	2	\$ 8
Large Diesel 4WD	1	\$ 4	2	\$ 8
Motorcycle	0.5	\$ 2	1	\$ 4

For more information check <http://www.carbonneutral.com.au/calc/>

Check out our policy on the <http://www.apc10.org/node/36> website to find out what we're doing in relation to food, water, waste, energy and other things that matter.

Local tastes of the season and the region...

Oh, and speaking of food, our menu is up on the website on the venue and accommodation page www.apc10.org/node/7 so you can see the fabulous selection of local produce we have accumulated to feed you. Mmmmmmmmmmmmm.

Here's just a taste:

'Slow Food' Dinner

Counteract fast food and fast life. The disappearance of local food traditions and people's dwindling interest in the food they eat. Where it comes from, how it tastes and how our food choices affect the rest of the world matters. Slow Food brings together pleasure and responsibility, and makes them inseparable

- *Yellow coconut vegetable curry*
- *Honey and soy braised Happy Hogs pork*
- *Vegetarian lasagne*
- *Wok tossed asian greens*
- *Steamed jasmine rice*
- *Coffee & macadamia flourless chocolate cake with strawberry coulis*

The revised programme is now up www.apc10.org/node/10 A bit of tinkering has been going on to try to accommodate as many people's wishes as possible.

Pay particular attention to the Convergence programme. It has had a huge overhaul accommodating time for plenary; time for group discussions; time for individual presentations and time to network/meet and enjoy the moment.

We sincerely hope we've got that balance right.

Visit the Official Website at www.apc10.org and watch for updates and developments in the program. Email the organisers at apc10.2010@gmail.com