

# Permaculture Design Certificate Course

Monday, September 21, 2009 through to Saturday, October 3, 2009  
at Trinity College, Melbourne University

presented by



**Bill Mollison**



**Geoff Lawton**

## **WHAT IS PERMACULTURE?**

Permaculture is sustainable land use design. This is based on ecological and biological principles, often using patterns that occur in nature to maximise effect and minimise work. Permaculture aims to create stable, productive systems that provide for human needs, harmoniously integrating the land with its inhabitants. The ecological processes of plants, animals, their nutrient cycles, climatic factors and weather cycles are all part of the picture. Inhabitants' needs are provided for using proven technologies for food, energy, shelter and infrastructure. Elements in a system are viewed in relationship to other elements, where the outputs of one element become the inputs of another. Within a Permaculture system, work is minimised, "wastes" become resources, productivity and yields increase, and environments are restored. Permaculture principles can be applied to any environment, at any scale from dense urban settlements to individual homes, from farms to entire regions.

## **WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM A PERMACULTURE DESIGN COURSE?**

Since the first Permaculture Design Course was offered in 1972, people from widely diverse backgrounds and interests have graduated. Farmers, ranchers, landowners, foresters, landscape designers, architects, builders, planners, developers, accountants, financiers, bankers, publishers, attorneys, aid workers, educators, environmentalists and high school students have all brought Permaculture techniques into their homes, businesses and communities. This course is for anyone interested in gaining practical skills and perspective for sustainable living and productivity. During this two week course, you will gain an understanding of Permaculture theory, building your knowledge of all the necessary aspects to become fully conversant with Permaculture design. By the end of the course, you will be able to confidently create your first Permaculture design plan.

## **THE CURRICULUM IS BASED ON ALL SUBJECTS IN: PERMACULTURE: A DESIGNERS' MANUAL.**

### **Topics covered include:**

- Design methods
- Trees & their energy transactions
- Water
- Energy efficient architecture
- Strategies for urban and rural
- Right livelihood
- Cold climates
- Ethical investment
- Humid cool climates
- Climatic factors
- Waste management
- Legal strategies and trusts
- Effective working groups
- Dry lands
- Bio regional organisation
- Effective aid
- Understanding patterns in nature
- Aquaculture
- Soils
- Earthworks & their use in earth repair
- The temperate climates
- Money and finance
- Humid tropics

## LECTURERS

### **Bill Mollison**

Founding director of the Permaculture Institute, the first and longest running Permaculture Institute in existence, Bill is the most experienced Permaculture teacher and designer today. He has taught and developed projects from the Arctic through Subtropic and Equatorial regions of the planet. There are few countries left in the world where he has not personally planted the seeds of Permaculture. The Peoples of the Pacific, South East Asia, South Africa and seven Amazonian language groups have been inspired by and acted on his teachings, embracing Permaculture as a dynamic tool. He has also given courses in the drylands and developed projects with Native Americans, Indigenous Australians, tribal women of the Deccan, Kalahari, San groups and Pima people of the Sonora. In the USA, Europe and Scandinavia, Bill has lectured and helped to develop ecological designs for urban and rural properties, including many city farms and CSA's (Community Supported Agriculture).

Bill Mollison has been vitally concerned with the environment for over 40 years. His many roles include: scientist, naturalist and University professor. Later he became a vigorous campaigner against environmental exploitation which led him to develop Permaculture as a positive solution. Since then, Bill has devoted his energies towards designing sustainable systems, writing text books and articles on Permaculture, and most importantly teaching. Permaculture now laps the globe, resulting in hundreds of independent associations involved in the areas of sustainable agriculture, reforestation, education and village economics. His enduring commitment and endless enthusiasm continues as the span and scope of Permaculture broadens. True to his vision, throughout the world, Permaculture is becoming an everyday part of life.

**For more information on Bill Mollison, visit: [www.tagari.com](http://www.tagari.com)**

### **Geoff Lawton**

Permaculture Consultant, Designer & Teacher, Geoff was awarded a Diploma of Permaculture Design in 1995. In 1996 he was accredited with the Permaculture Community Services Award by the Permaculture movement for services in Australia and around the world. Since 1983, Geoff has undertaken thousands of jobs consulting, designing, teaching and implementing in more than thirty different countries around the world.

Clients have included private individuals, groups, communities, governments, aid organisations, non government organisations and multi-national companies.

In October 1997 Bill Mollison, upon his retirement from overseas work, asked Geoff to establish and direct a new Permaculture Research Institute on the 66 hectare Tagari Farm developed by Bill. Geoff Lawton further developed the site over three years and established The Permaculture Research Institute Australia as a not for profit company limited by guarantee and global networking centre for Permaculture projects. Geoff Lawton is the managing director of The Permaculture Research Institute Australia and The Permaculture Research Institute USA a registered not for profit organisation that has tax deductible gift recipient status. Establishing sustainable aid projects as permaculture demonstration sites that also function as education centres for local and international students has become a major focus with the establishment of Permaculture Research Institutes in Jordan, Afghanistan, Spain, Malaysia, Vietnam, Yemen, United Arab Emirates, Morocco, Thailand, China and many more countries underway.

**For more information on Geoff and his work, visit: [www.permaculture.org.au](http://www.permaculture.org.au)**



## COURSE CONVENER

### Tagari Publications

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## VENUE

Melbourne University's Trinity College [Trinity College, Melbourne University](#)

Buzzard Theatre - Burge

Parkville (a suburb of Melbourne) Victoria, Australia

## COURSE DATES

**Lectures:** Monday, September 21, 2009 to Saturday, September 26, 2009 inclusive

**Mid course break day off:** Sunday, September 27, 2009

**Lectures:** Monday, September 28, 2009 to Saturday, October 3, 2009 inclusive

## LECTURE TIMES

### 9.00am to 10.30am – Lecture

*10.30am to 11.00am – Morning tea break, includes hot and cold drinks and a bite to eat*

### 11.00am to 12.30pm – Lecture

*12.30pm to 1.30pm – Lunch break, meal NOT provided*

### 1.30pm to 3.00pm – Lecture

*3.00pm to 3.30pm – Afternoon tea break, includes hot and cold drinks and a bite to eat*

### 3.30pm to 5.00pm – Lecture

## COURSE FEE & PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please note, dates and times referred to are Australian Eastern Standard time (AEST).

The Registration office is attended on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays only.

Closed Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. That's when we are busy with our farm

**Course Fees:** Full Course Fee = \$1,750.00 AUD inclusive of GST

Full Course Fee includes a non-refundable Registration Fee of \$175.00 AUD.

### Course Fees can be paid by:

Cheque/Money Order; Credit Card or Direct Bank Deposit

- Full payment on registration (see info on discounts for early payment below), or
- Payment of a non-refundable Registration Fee on registration, and balance of Course Fee \$1,575.00 AUD paid by Wednesday, September 2, 2009.

## DISCOUNTS FOR EARLY PAYMENT OF FULL COURSE FEE:

### Early payment 10% discount

If Full Course Fee is paid by 4.30 pm on Wednesday May 20, 2009, a discount of 10% \$175.00 AUD will apply

10% Discounted Course Fee = \$1,575.00 AUD

### Early Payment 5% discount

If Full Course Fee is paid by 4.30 pm Wednesday, June 24, 2009, a discount of 5% = \$87.50 AUD will apply

5% Discounted Course Fee = \$1,662.50 AUD

No further discounts apply for payments received after June 24, 2009.

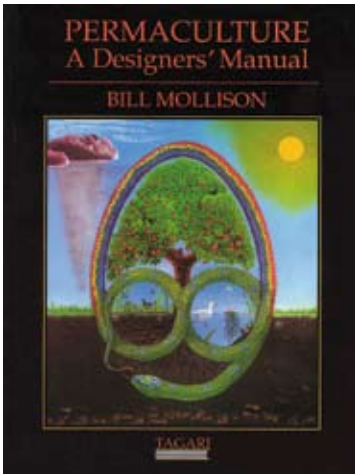
## BOOKS, PREPARATION AND READING:

The Permaculture Design Certificate Course is dynamic: concentration and learning can be quite intense. We strongly recommend that you come well prepared by learning and reading as much as you can about Permaculture before coming to the course.



## RECOMMENDED READING:

(All prices are in Australian dollars)

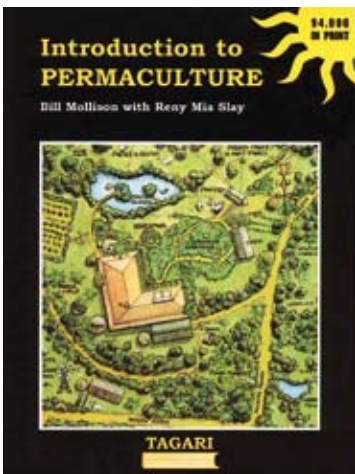


### The curriculum for the course:

PERMACULTURE: A Designers' Manual

by *Bill Mollison*

\$114.90 Plus postage

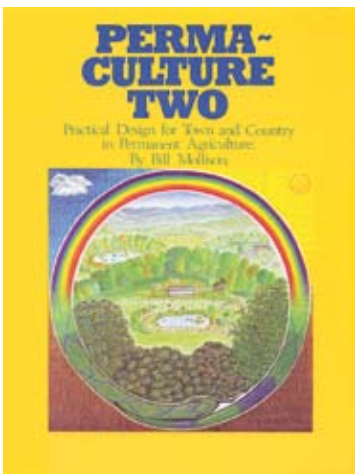


### Recommended reading:

Introduction to Permaculture

by *Bill Mollison*

\$41.70 Plus postage



### Recommended reading:

Permaculture Two: Practical Design for Town and Country in Permanent Agriculture

by *Bill Mollison*

\$37.10 Plus postage

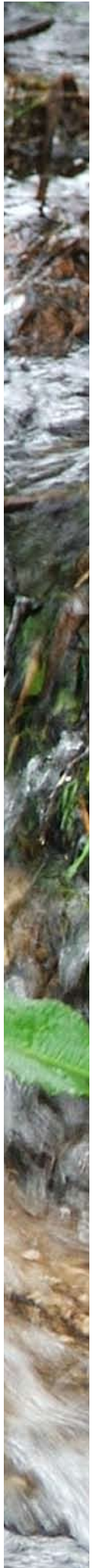
For more information on Tagari's books and postage costs, visit our web site: [www.tagari.com](http://www.tagari.com). Books may be ordered with registration, but must be paid for, in full, at the time of order.

## COME PREPARED

Bring a substantial notebook, pens, pencils, coloured pencils and markers, ruler and tracing paper.

Please bring your own cup or mug for your hot beverages. As you will be sitting for long periods, for your own comfort perhaps bring a cushion to sit on. If you have special dietary needs, or prefer particular teas or beverages you should bring your own supplies.

We are happy for people to bring their own snacks and bottled water into lectures – learning does stimulate the appetite!



## VENUE LOCATION:

Melbourne University's Trinity College [Trinity College, Melbourne University](#)

Buzzard Theatre - Burge

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[Trinity College Location](#)

## TRANSPORT & PARKING:

Transport and parking information see: [Trinity College Parking](#)

Limited free parking may be available at Trinity College.

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN MELBOURNE:

For general information on public transport within the Melbourne area see

[Met Link Melbourne](#)

## ACCOMMODATION:

Students will need to make their own enquiries. Be advised that late September is a busy time in Melbourne with a number of major cultural and sporting events taking place. Accommodation can become difficult to find so you are advised to make your arrangements as early as possible.

Accommodation has been sourced and temporarily held at three locations near Trinity College, please view the Accommodation PDF for further details. Alternatively there is other temporary accommodation [nearby](#) so view this link for a listing of hotels and backpackers accommodation etc.

## MEALS

Included in the Course Fee is morning and afternoon teas (hot and cold drinks and a bite to eat). Please note that lunch or other meals are not included, however there are many food outlets and cafés on the University campus – have a look at the University web site, "Living on Campus" page at:

[Living on Campus Meals](#)

## ATMs, POST OFFICE, STATIONERY AND COMPUTER SUPPLIES

All available on Campus - have a look at the University web site, "Living on Campus" page at:

[Living on Campus Supplies](#)

We reserve the right to refuse service. No unauthorised audio, video or other electronic recording permitted. Student numbers are strictly limited – register early to ensure your place.

## ENQUIRIES TO:

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