

# Permaculture Design Certificate Course

September 22, 2008 through to October 4, 2008

at Trinity College, Melbourne University

presented by



**Bill Mollison**



**Geoff Lawton**



**Greg Knibbs**

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

# 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 Subtropics 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 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 1985, Geoff has undertaken thousands of jobs consulting, designing, teaching and implementing in seventeen different countries around the world. Geoff and his wife Nadia have just finished a cross country lecture and workshop tour of the Unites States and are presently travelling through the Middle East in route to set up an eco-village there, perhaps the first in the Islamic 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, asked Geoff to establish and direct a new Permaculture Research Institute on the 66 hectare Tagari Farm previously developed by Bill. Geoff Lawton further developed the site over three years and established The Permaculture Research Institute as a registered charity and global Networking centre for Permaculture projects. Geoff Lawton is the managing director of The Permaculture Research Institute.

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

## **Greg Knibbs**

Is a passionate Permaculture designer and teacher who has worked in Africa and the Philippines over many years. Greg is the founding Director of International Permaculture Services and brings to the course a wealth of experience and knowledge in all aspects of Permaculture Design.

Greg has run numerous Accredited Permaculture Courses Internationally for different organisations and groups of people. Greg was instrumental in setting up the Philippines Permaculture Institute and also played a central role in the development of the Permaculture Network Ghana.

In 2003 Greg worked briefly with Rotary International of Wester Endeavor on a Discovery Trip to Cambodia to look at improving agriculture in a selected village Rotary made contact with.

For a period of six years Greg was the primary Permaculture Educator, running courses at the Environmental Technology Centre for Sustainable Development at Murdoch University in Perth, Western Australia.

**For more information on Greg and his work, visit: [www.newearthpermaculture.com.au](http://www.newearthpermaculture.com.au)**



## COURSE CONVENER

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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 22, 2008 to Saturday, September 27, 2008 inclusive

**Mid course break day off:** Sunday, September 28, 2008

**Lectures:** Monday, September 29, 2008 to Friday, October 3, 2008 inclusive

**Round Table Discussion and Graduation – final day:** Saturday, October 4 2008

## LECTURE TIMES

**9.00am to 10.30am – Lecture**

*10.30am to 11.00am – Morning tea break, includes hot and cold drink 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 drink 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 Pacific Sydney time.

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 September 12, 2008.

## DISCOUNTS FOR EARLY PAYMENT OF FULL COURSE FEE:

**Early payment 10% discount**

If Full Course Fee is paid by 4.30 pm May 23, 2008, 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 June 27, 2008, a discount of 5% = \$87.50 AUD will be allowed:

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

No further discounts apply for payments received after June 27, 2008.

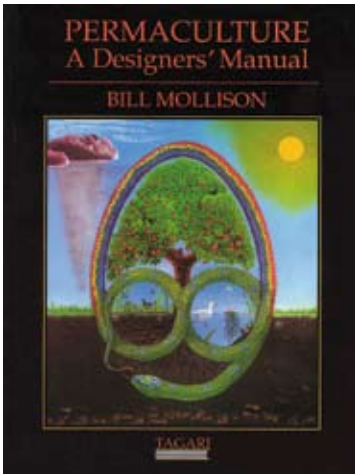
## BOOKS, PREPARATION AND READING:

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:

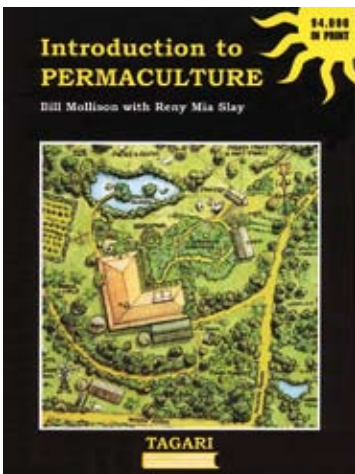
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### The curriculum for the course:

PERMACULTURE: A Designers' Manual by *Bill Mollison*

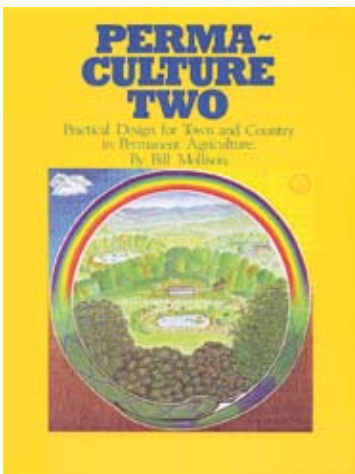
\$114.90 Plus postage



### 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 please 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:

Trinity College, Melbourne University

[Trinity College Location](#)

## TRANSPORT & PARKING:

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

Limited free parking will 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. Accommodation is available at Trinity College where the teaching team will be staying. Contact [Mark Gordon](#), Conference Manager, Trinity College.

Alternatively there is temporary accommodation [nearby](#) so view this link for a listing of hotels, backpackers accommodation etc:

## MEALS

Included in the Course Fee is the cost of morning and afternoon tea (hot and cold drink 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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