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Hi All

Only a few more days to the AGM, and then it will be Christmas and a time for reflection and rest. It has been a good year especially with the success

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

of the Cairns Regional Council's Climate Change and Sustainability - Resilient Communities Workshops. Poultry in the City is the last of the series and will be held early next year. We plan to print a booklet with all of the notes from the workshops. To meet the demand for knowledge as indicated in the workshop survey results we plan to run another series of workshops next year. We have applied for a Gambling Community Benefit Fund Grant to help us maintain the momentum. Watch this space!!!!

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING NIGHT & AGM : Tuesday 11TH DECEMBER 6:30 for 7:00 pm start. Flexible Learning Centre, 90 Clarke Street, Manunda (comes off Hoare on the Salvos Corner) If you can spare the time come early (6.15) to help set up. Bring food to share when we have a cuppa during the break.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Angela from Cairns Tropical North Queensland TAFE will explain the ins and outs of the Diploma of Sustainability available at Cairns TAFE next year.

Wade Allen, CEO/Managing Director of Naked Energy will talk about solar power and future developments in the waste to energy area.

!!!!!!!IMPORTANT REMINDER: All memberships for 2013 become due on the 31st December, unless recently paid. Our insurance only covers people for FOUR visits to our meetings so if you have been to four meetings and are not a financial member you need to cover yourself by becoming a financial member. Singles \$20 Household \$30.

NEWS ITEMS:

Niki's Energy Transfer Day – this Saturday 8th December - 9 to Noon at 6 Crowley Close, Whitfield. Please let Niki know if you are coming as she will be holding a Sausage Sizzle when the work is done. Email her at – tropicus@bigpond.com

Niki has a very attractive tropical garden as well as the vegetable patch and her main purpose is to turkey proof the garden, move some rocks and generally see what else needs doing with regard to Permaculture principles and practices.

WEB SITE: Our new updated web site should be up and running within a day or two, check it out www.permaculturecairns.org.au

INTERNATIONAL PERMACULTURE CONVERGENCE 11 is taking place in Havana, Cuba in November 2013. Check web site www.permaculturenews.org for updates.

JOEL SALATIN is coming to Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre - GATTON, Queensland Feb 2013
RegenAG is bringing Joel out again next year for two, one day workshops.

WHEN : February 21 for YOU CAN FARM – this is a master class and is perfect for beginner farmers, wanna be farmers, tree changers and landholders ready to get serious about regenerative agriculture, as well as existing farmers looking to broaden their on farm offerings. This master class will look at how to succeed in a diverse farm enterprise.

WHEN: FEBRUARY 22ND for PASTURED POULTRY – Learn how to set up your own farm enterprise for “beyond organic” mob stocked beef (with integrated eggmobiles) and piggerator and forested pigs, using cost effective, ethical, DIY systems. Joel will share his family’s hard won knowledge on how to start small and succeed in producing ethical, 100% pastured beef and pork that is of exceptional quality and which can be part of a profitable, regenerative farming enterprise, built from the ground up. This master class will look closely at Polyface beef and pork operations from start to finish..
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WHAT TO PLANT NOW

Tubers and roots : Aerial potato, Casava, Coco Yam, Taro, Yams, Arrowroot, Ginger, Galangal, Turmeric, Sweet potato, Choko. Asparagus

Greens: cuttings or plants: Brazillian Spinach, Ceylon Spinach, Okinawa Spinach Purple and Green, Egyptian Spinach, Kang Kong, Abikia, Surinam Spinach, Sweet leaf, Lebanese Cress, Moringa, and Sweet potato.

Seeds: Amaranth , Asian Greens, Rocket, Basil, Beans, Beetroot, Capsicum, Chili, Chives, Eggplant, loose leaf Lettuce, Madagascar bean, Snake beans, Mustard greens, Okra, Radish, Rosella, Sweet corn. All the melons, and pumpkins, Cucumbers, Serpent gourd this is a good substitute for zucchini which is very difficult to grown on the coast in the wet.

Herbs in pots; Thyme, Lemon Thyme, Oregano, Parsley, Marjoram, Chives, Garlic chives, Vietnam mint, Mint ,Thai coriander, 5 spice is a good substitute for oregano if you have trouble growing the real thing and Rosemary(best put under cover during heavy rain)

To grow herbs during the wet season it is best if they are grown in pots with a very free draining potting mix. All will grow all year round in full sun, although the mint, and Thai coriander grow best where they don’t get full sun in the hot part of the day. Keep the seed stalks cut on the Thai Coriander and you will get lots more leaves to pick.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES:

NU LEAF in Little Spence continues with their SPECIAL on Searles Potting Mix 30l. for \$8, and you can drive in and they will load for you, great service. They also have a good range of pots and other garden needs, wholesale and retail.

ENVIROMART on the corner of Scott and Aumuller Sts have a great range of useful gifts for Christmas as well as the Cheese making kits and a fresh supply of seeds for sprouting and growing microgreens. A fascinating shop for a browse, check out the great range of books.

Limberlost Nursery – in Freshwater, has the best range of tropical and sub tropical fruit trees, seedlings and ornamentals. Even if you are not looking for plants, it is still worth a visit to see the diversity of plants. Neil is an incredible source of useful information about growing plants, including , pest and disease control.

Cheers Carol