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Permaculture Cairns News

Empowering communities with sustainable solutions

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November Public Info & General Meeting Night

Tuesday 19th 6:30pm for 7pm start.

Flexible Learning Centre, 90 Clarke Street, Manunda

Clarke Street comes off Hoare on the Salvos Corner. There is wheel chair access.

If you can spare the time, come early (6.15) to help us set up tables and chairs.

Members please bring a plate of food to share for dinner, or make a small donation towards the refreshment costs.

OOH! and bring a friend, all welcome but !

Financial Members are free. Un- financial members and non members pay \$5 for the info night and dinner

SPEAKERS for the month:

Steve Bailey from Terrain Natural Resource Management will be our November Guest Speaker.

Steve has recently been involved on a broad range of catchment issues with a wide variety of stakeholder groups. Some examples of relevant projects:

Prioritisation of catchment repair programs

Strategic targeting of weed control

Trials of new erosion control measures in riparian areas

Revegetation of degraded sites for habitat connectivity – working with local Landcare groups.

Building constructed wetlands as nutrient and sediment sinks on farm lands.

Water quality monitoring – in particular looking at pesticide/herbicide runoff.

Working with primary producers to help transition a move away from some conventional farming methods and adopting alternative practices where possible.

LAST MONTHS' GUEST SPEAKER

Jaide from King Brown Technologies, the makers of King Brown Compost was our guest speaker at the last meeting.

Jaide explained the trial project she and Daniel have been working on in Karumba, with the local Carpentaria Council.

The project is to make compost out of abundant fish waste, road kill, cow manure and vegetation waste during the high tourist season when 90,000 people invade the area.

The grey nomads catch fish but wait until reaching home to clean the fish, so there are lots of fish carcasses. There are many roads connection various parts of Karumba so also lots of road kill. A live cattle export site has lots of manure and the local vegetation waste is available for use.

This was a very interesting and enlightening talk which makes one think about all the other small towns in Australia that spend lots of money transporting and burying nutrient rich materials at great cost.

Continuing the 12 Principles of Permaculture **as written by David Holmgren.**

Principle 11. Use edges & value the marginal

The interface between things is where the most interesting events take place. These are often the most valuable, diverse and productive elements in the system.

The icon of the sun coming over the horizon with a river in the foreground shows us a world composed of edges. The proverb “don’t think you are on the right track just because it is a well-beaten path” reminds us that the most popular is not necessarily the best approach.

If you would like to know more about David Holmgren’s Principles and Practices of Permaculture see them at <http://permacultureprinciples.com>

from the Management Committee

PERMACULTURE CAIRNS monthly meeting and ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF NEXT MONTH ie 10TH DECEMBER NOT THE THIRD TUESDAY AS USUAL.

FORMS for Nominations to the Committee and the Appointment of a Proxy are included at the end of the Newsletter.

Please give some thought to becoming more involved with Permaculture Cairns and perhaps become a committee member (even if it is only for one job, eg. when we have the meetings and events) so we can spread the load. You will get to know some wonderful people and be involved in the exciting process of making things happen.

Permaculture Cairns members have the opportunity to access the Permaculture yahoo group when they join. Robert, the Administrator will email you to determine if you are agreeable to receive emails from the permaculture cairns yahoo group. The group has a forum for questions and info. Late news items not received in time for the Newsletter will also be sent through the yahoo group email. These news update are only available to members.

NEWS ITEMS

GRAFTED PLANT GROWING POTATOES AND TOMATOES COMING TO AUSTRALIA NEXT YEAR

Andrew Boylan of New Zealand has produced a grafted plant producing tomatoes and potatoes.

The plant is grown in a container so you are not able to "bandicoot" the potatoes during the growing season but when the tomatoes have finished producing the potatoes are harvested and this can be up to 4kg from one plant potato.

Andrew explained that the market for container grown plants for people who don't have a garden is very strong. People from the 20's upward are wanting to grow some food, be it on the roof or patio and tomatoes are popular. A similar grafted plant has only just been released in the UK.

Community Foods CO-op unwrapping new campaign

That does it...we have had enough of putting single-use food packaging straight from the cupboard into the bin.

Australians generate over 2,000kg of waste a year each...and half of that ends up in landfill. Yes, we recycle where we can but there is one step better – don't buy the rubbish in the first place!

In support of this idea, Community Foods will be focusing on ways to use more unpackaged foods. Some of our volunteers were inspired by a documentary called "[No Impact Man](#)" and have lived without purchasing packaged food for over 3 months now

It has had surprising benefits:

- Virtually no reason to shop at supermarkets anymore
- Extra support for local businesses
- Personal relationships with the butcher, delicatessen and farmer
- No packaging means no processed foods which means no preservatives etc.

...and of course, less trips out to the stinky bin!

So, join in our journey. Watch the Community Foods, <http://www.comfoods.org.au> website for recipes on preparing yummy, nutritious, packaging free meals. We also have a fun Pinterest board happening with all sorts of suggestions on living without packaging. Visit it here: <http://www.pinterest.com/taniacobham/no-wrapping/> Also, don't forget to bring your jars, bottles and bags into the store to get just the amount of food that you need with the benefit of a 5% discount for your efforts.

CSIRO - NEWS RELEASE

Herbicide runoff reduced to Great Barrier Reef

An innovative new approach to sugarcane plantation weed management trialled in select catchments have shown a 90 per cent reduction in runoff of highly soluble herbicides into waterways. In the lower Burdekin region of northern Australia, scientists from CSIRO's Water for a Healthy Country Flagship trialled a new technique for applying herbicides to raised beds of furrow irrigated sugar cane by using a specially adapted shielded sprayer. The technique minimises the likelihood of herbicides such as diuron, atrazine, ametryn and hexazinone coming into contact with irrigation water.

Many of the herbicides used in the region are PSII herbicides that are known to negatively impact reef ecosystems. These waters discharge into the internationally recognised Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area and subsequently into the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. Improved farming techniques such as the shielded sprayer help keep herbicides on-farm have potential to have a significant and positive impact on water quality in the GBR.

"The conventional application of herbicides in furrow-irrigated sugarcane production is to broadcast spray across the whole field using boom sprayers, which applies herbicides to both beds and furrows. Irrigation water then carries the herbicides with the tail water into the drainage channels, into nearby creeks and rivers and potentially into the GBR lagoon," CSIRO research leader, Dr Rai Kookana said. "Given the importance of improving GBR water quality additional testing and demonstration of these technologies across different soil types, farming systems - and possibly with different combinations of chemicals - would provide valuable additional testing of the approach from an industry perspective. "These trial results are extremely encouraging, and clearly demonstrate that the use of precision herbicide application technologies by the industry, including using shielded sprayers for furrow-irrigated sugarcane cultivation, can be highly effective in reducing herbicide run-off."

CSIRO scientist Danni Oliver said the geography of the region meant that almost the entire flow from the Burdekin River Irrigation Area in the dry season (from July to January) was made up exclusively of irrigation water from sugarcane and other cropping. "The trials show that while there will certainly be some herbicide loss following the first irrigation or rainfall event, the marked decreases in losses documented in this study - a reduction of to 90 per cent - could lead to significant improvements in off-site water quality, particularly during the dry season," Ms Oliver said.

According to Jon Brodie of James Cook University the amount of some herbicides in creek and estuarine waters during this period regularly exceeds Australian water quality guidelines and could potentially affect, for example, coastal seagrass. The results of the study have been published in the international journal Science of the Total Environment.

Project partners This work is supported by the Australian Federal Government through Reef Rescue Research and Development funding from Caring for Our Country Initiative. The Reef Rescue program is a five year, \$200 million investment by the Australian Government. This initiative takes a coordinated approach to restoring the health of Australia's environment and building on improved land management practices.

This research was led by CSIRO's Dr Rai Kookana and is one of four Tasks within a larger project led by Mr Jon Brodie, Principal Research Scientist from the Centre for Tropical Water & Aquatic Ecosystem Research at James Cook University. The project is "Herbicide dynamics in the Great Barrier Reef catchment and lagoon: management practices and model validation in the sugarcane industry".

CSIRO is grateful for the cooperation and on-site assistance of staff from the James Cook University and the growers who provided access to their land.

News snippets from afar :

On GMO and Roundup from www.foodfreedom.wordpress.com.

By Rady Ananda
[Food Freedom](#)

Early Sunday morning, French police stood helpless as sixty people, locked inside an open-air field of genetically modified grapevines, uprooted all the plants. In Spain last month, dozens of people destroyed two GMO fields. On the millennial cusp, Indian farmers burned Bt cotton in their Cremate Monsanto campaign. Ignored by multinational corporations and corrupt public policy makers, citizens act to protect the food supply and the planet.

The French vineyard is the same field attacked last year when the plants were only cut. But the security features installed after that incident kept authorities at bay while the group accomplished its mission yesterday. Speaking for the group, Olivier Florent told [Le Figero](#) that they condemned the use of public funds for open-field testing of GMOs “that we do not want.”

Pitching tents in the rain near France’s National Institute for Agronomic Research (INRA) site in Colmar the night before, the group waited until 5 AM before converging on the site and locking the gates behind them. They uprooted all 70 plants, then submitted to arrest. This is the second attack on GMO crops to make international news this year. In July dozens of people destroyed two experimental corn crops in Spain. In an anonymous [press release](#), they wrote, “This kind of direct action is the best way to respond to the fait accompli policy through which the Generalitat, the State and the biotech multinationals have been unilaterally imposing genetically modified organisms.”

In the late 1990s, Indian farmers burnt Bt cotton fields in their [Cremate Monsanto](#) campaign. Monsanto did not disclose to farmers that the GM seeds were experimental. “Despite the heavy use of chemical fertiliser, traces of which still can be observed in the field, the Bt plants grew miserably, less than half the size of the traditional cotton plants in the adjacent fields.” .

After the Haiti earthquake this year, Monsanto offered 475 tons of hybrid corn and terminator vegetable seeds in partnership with USAID. In June, [10,000 Haitian farmers marched](#) in protest of the “poison gift” which produces no viable seeds for future plantings and requires heavy chemical inputs. Haitian farm leader Chavannes Jean-Baptiste observed that the biotech plan makes farmers dependent on multinational corporations.

In the US, GMOs were secretly foisted on the public in the mid-1990s, and only now is the US Supreme Court addressing the scourge. In June, the high court upheld [partial deregulation of GM alfalfa](#), which permits limited planting while the USDA prepares an Environmental Impact Statement. Natural and organic alfalfa supply is threatened by the very real potential of GM contamination. This would [destroy the organic](#) meat and dairy industry.

Last Friday, a federal court took a tougher position on GM sugar beets. Judge Jeffrey S. White [revoked USDA approval of the GM beet](#), while allowing for its planting this year only.

Also this month, a British farmer exposed that milk and meat from [cloned animals](#) had secretly entered the food supply.

Public opposition to GM crops has grown in recent years as more evidence surfaces that DNA-altered crops:

- Require massive chemical inputs which destroy local biodiversity and poison the water tables;
- Cross-pollinate with [natural](#) and [weedy](#) crops;
- Create [superweeds](#); and
- Have been shown to cause [organ damage](#), [sterility](#), and [diabetes and obesity](#) in mammals.

Meanwhile, President Obama has stacked his Administration with [biotech insiders](#) going so far as to appoint [Islam Siddiqui](#) as Agriculture Trade Negotiator. Siddiqui is a former pesticide lobbyist and vice president of CropLife America, a biotech and pesticide trade group that lobbies to weaken environmental laws.

The US is pushing hard at the world to accept GM foods. Recently, the American Farm Bureau Federation called for [stronger sanctions](#) against the European Union for its GM crop ban.

But as governments and trade agreements circumvent the will of the people, some take matters into their own hands. The rise in GMO crop destruction is a clear indication that the world's people reject chemical and genetic pollution of the food supply and the environment.

Science speech on glyphosate toxicity halted by attack on attendees, public officials

By [Amnesty International](#)

URGENT ACTION

THREATS and VIOLENCE DENY COMMUNITY ACCESS TO RESEARCH

On 7 August, violence and threats in the remote northern Argentinian town of La Leonesa stopped community activists hearing a talk by a renowned scientist about his findings of the health impact of chemicals sprayed on rice and soya crops.

Community activists from La Leonesa, a small town located within an area of large scale rice production in the Argentinian Chaco Department, went to attend a talk that was to be given by Professor Andres Carrasco, a scientist and doctor from the Buenos Aires University Medical School. A delegation of two provincial deputies, a former public official and members of the neighbouring community of Resistencia also came to La Leonesa to hear the talk. Professor Andres Carrasco's research, concluded in 2009, highlighted the negative effects of glyphosate, a commonly-used agro-chemical, on embryos.

On arrival in La Leonesa at around 4pm, the delegation headed for the school where the talk was due to take place. However, the talk was suspended because the delegation was attacked by a group of around 100 people who threatened them and beat them. One person has since suffered from lower body paralysis after being hit on his spine, and another is undergoing neurological examinations after receiving blows to the head. The former provincial Sub-Secretary of Human Rights, Marcelo Salgado, was struck in the face and left unconscious. Dr Carrasco and his colleague shut themselves in a car, and were surrounded by people making violent threats and beating the car for two hours. Members of the community were injured and a journalist's camera equipment was damaged. Members of the community who witnessed the incident have implicated local officials in the attack, as well as a local rice-producer and his workers and security guards. They strongly believe that the violence was promoted by them, and motivated by the powerful economic interests behind local agro-industry. Despite calls to local authorities asking for help, the police were slow to respond and failed to send sufficient reinforcements to stop the violence.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In April 2009, Dr Andres Carrasco finalised his 15-month study into the impact of glyphosate, an herbicide commonly used on soya and rice crops. His findings pointed at the negative effects of glyphosate- in doses much lower than those used in agro-industry- on the morphology of embryos. His findings provoked a hostile media campaign aimed at undermining the legitimacy of his findings, and he received anonymous threats.

Activists, lawyers and health workers in areas of Argentina where agro-industry and glyphosate spraying are widespread have started to conduct their own studies, registering cases of foetal malformations and increased cancer rates in local hospitals. To date, no systematic epidemiological study of these reported phenomena has been carried out by State authorities.

United States and Japan organic partnership

October 2013 · by australianorganic · in Exporting, Organic Industry

The United States and Japan announced that beginning 1 January 2014, organic products certified in Japan or in the United States may be sold as organic in either country.

This means that as long as the terms of the arrangement are met, US and Japanese organic products certified to the USDA organic standards or Japanese Agricultural Standard (JAS) may be sold, labelled and represented as organic in both countries.

USDA or JAS organic products must be produced or have their final processing or packaging occur within the US or Japan. Therefore USDA certified products produced in Australia won't be eligible to be exported to Japan under this new agreement and JAS certified products produced in Australia won't be eligible for export to the US.

Products from the US to Japan or Japan to the US will still have to go through relevant certifying importers as Australian Certified Organic products do. Australian Organic has lobbied the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) for a similar equivalency agreement with the USDA. The organic sector spokesperson at DAFF was unavailable for comment.

One of Australia's largest organic meat exporters Arcadian Organic & Natural Meat Co. doesn't send product to Japan and therefore doesn't see this agreement impacting on its sales.

For more information about exporting requirements to Japan and the US contact Australian Certified Organic 07 3350 5716 or contact@aco.net.au

From Australian Organic News

A Message from Frog safe

(Cairns received lots of rain each year – this creates acid soil)

Acid soils are the perfect growing medium for diseases such as flesh-eating bacteria and toxic fungi. These pathogens are not target specific – their job is to break down tissues for uptake by living plants. So they can make your plants die; they kill frogs, and they can put you in hospital.

Find out what you can do – Take the soil health questionnaire on our site and follow the corrective steps to fix your soil. Our site has heaps of other information, on helping frogs and the environment, cane toads, new frog diseases etc.

www.frogsafe.org.au

DATE CLAIMERS

Biodynamic FNQ

Sunday 24th November, 2013 10-4pm

Reading and Understanding Your Soil Tests with Adam Collins

Understanding your soil tests and how to work with them.

Bring your soil tests and a good shovelful of soil in a box.

At: Tim Fisher's- RN 59, Days Rd, off James Rd, Wondecla.

(Follow Battunga B&B signs from Wondecla Roadhouse.) Bring chair and plate to share for morning tea or lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

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Sunday 8th December, 2013 10am to 4pm

John Priestley presents.....

Hear our Biodynamic Elder on his annual visit with so much knowledge to share – discussions, questions, much more. John has been a Biodynamic citrus grower and beef cattle farmer in Hunter Valley, NSW for the past 50 years.

Meeting at Rob and Michelle's, Brooks Rd, Millaa Millaa.

Bring plate to share and chairs. \$35 members and \$45 non members.

As we will be on a commercial poultry farm, we ask that you all respect the need for footwear and clothing cleanliness. If you have poultry, please bring clean shoes and outer clothing so you don't carry or bring any contaminants.

Saturday January 18, 2014 6pm -

Mid Summer Celebration Party

Wayne Rankine's , Picnic Crossing Rd, Yungaburra.

With Clarke and the Allstars band . Bring food to share, dancing shoes, and chairs.

For further information:

Contact Hilary Smith, Workshops Co-ordinator 0427 392753

Cheryl Kemp 40951119 See Website: www.biodynamicsfnq.org.au See us on Facebook

Cairns Seeds Savers launch

Come along to the first ever Cairns Seed Savers get together

come and discover a seedsavers , biodynamic, permaculture urban showcase garden in process.... be a part of a hands-on learning experience....see and feel and create what you can replicate or modify to suit in your garden... a journey of discovery....an adventure into the possibilities....a step into the 'next steps'

Tegan McBride, Permaculture Design and [Garden of Tegan](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Garden-of-Tegan)[facebook.com/pages/Garden-of-Tegan](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Garden-of-Tegan)

Wayne Rankine at [Propa Earth](http://www.propaeearth.com.au) and [FNQ Biodynamics](http://www.fnqbiodynamics.com.au)

working with you to create a sustainable future **0427 55 1887** www.propaeearth.com.au

thanks to kuranda-sprouts seedsavers, lisa@realfoodnetwork.com.au, seedsavers upnorth, mareeba

when : sunday 17th november 2013

where : cnr hood/queensborough

trinity park — phone **bec 0458 550 669**

(turn left at shop off reed road
and follow signs....)

program : 10am seedsaving

(feel free to come earlier)

start of cairns seedbank

(please bring organically-grown, non-hybrid
seeds from your garden if you have any spare)

11.30 – 12.30 seedsavers

12.30 – 1.15pm lunch and yarn

1.15 - introduction to permaculture

2.15 - introduction to biodynamics

building soil biology...composting

3.30 - community building

4pm - biodynamic 500 stir and apply

feel free to stay for dinner and a film

'united natures' by peter charles downey

some are camping over to continue on the monday...

**please bring : healthy food to share, chair, plate/cup/
cutlery, seedlings/cuttings/plants/produce for sharetable
and garden, if you have, family friends or just bring YOU**

there will be tea and coffee available,

thankyou for any kind donations to assist with costs

Community Foods visit a real Honey Farm

When: Sunday 17th November

Community Foods has a goal of connecting more with farmers...

We are pleased to invite you to join us on Sunday 17th November to help out at our [honey](#) producers farm in the Tablelands.

Robert will show us his orchards, water wheel, dam and introduce us to his hard working bees. We have also offered to lend him some woman/man power and help with burning off an area or mulching or weeding.

WHEN: Sunday November the 17th

Leaving Cairns at 8am, to get there mid morning

WHERE: Near Ravenshoe on the Tablelands

A 'mud map' will be provided to drivers once you have booked in

HOW: Car pool or hire a mini-bus if there's lots of us

WHAT TO BRING: - Lunch to share

- Hat, sunscreen, sun shirt

- Water

- Gloves, rakes, swimmers - to be confirmed

WHAT NEXT: Email beth@fnq.net.au and let us know if you're keen. If you want to bring a friend please let us know.

Once you have booked in we will provide directions and organise car pooling

TABLELANDS LETS NOVEMBER Calendar

Saturday 16th - 10am-1pm Kuranda Trade day at the Original Kuranda Market near the Real Food Network Area. Come and see the 100% BartleLETS Shop! Email Twiggy for more info sacredearthintention@gmail.com

Saturday 16th 12 - 2pm Malanda Trade Afternoon at Mary & Mathieu's place, directly after Malanda Market, bring a plate to share for lunch. 7 Cleminson Close, Malanda. Call Mary on 40966651.

Sunday 17th 11am-3pm - Cassowary Coast Trade & Social Gathering Christmas Affair at Kerry Macavoy's, 276 Warrakin Rd, Japoonvale, Mena Creek. Getting to Kerry's will require driving across a creek, though the water will be low. Anyone not wanting to drive across a creek, please contact Suari beforehand and she will meet you on Warrakin Rd to take you across. If there's really heavy rain, the event may be cancelled. Please contact Suari or Karen if unsure. Please bring lunch to share, chairs, plates, etc., swimmers to wear in the creek and items to trade. A Christmas theme would be good. Tea/Coffee by gold coin donation. It's a child-friendly venue. Contact Suari - 0403115261. Car pooling/collection service encouraged from the Tablelands and Cairns!

Tuesday 19th - 6.30pm - LETS Trading is encouraged at Permaculture Cairns meetings at the Flexible Learning Centre, 90 Clarke Street, Manunda. Cost for non-members to attend is \$5 for info session, supper and film etc. This is a Permaculture Cairns Event.

Saturday 23rd - 12-2pm - Yungaburra Trade at that retro cafe, Shop 2/20 Eacham Rd (Next to Miss Megs/Opposite Foodworks) Vouchers available for bartles, bring \$ for sweet treats. Trading Record Sheet and pen, any goods you wish to trade, promotional material of any services you are offering if applicable. Children most welcome. This event is directly after the Yungaburra Markets. Contact Melitta - 0437216122.

Sunday 24th - 11am-1pm - Millaa Millaa Trade & Sausage Sizzle at Lion's Park, Main Street (undercover area, below playground). Bring BBQ ingredients and drinks, goods to trade, promotional material of services you are offering if applicable, Trading Record Sheet or notebook and pen. Children and friends most welcome. Contact kate.martignier@gmail.com or 0429 925 246.

Thursday 28th - 6 to 8pm Trade Evening at The Octupi Garden Sanctuary, 78 Grigg Street, Ravenshoe (the lil blue shop). LET'S gather to share some food, trade our services, skills and wares Children welcome! Please bring a plate. Contact Hayley 0416 528 177 or hayleybuchanan8@hotmail.com

PDC's, Conferences & workshops

10 Steps to get started in Biological Farming

Date: Thursday 5th and Friday 6th December

Time: 9am - 5pm

Venue: Room B1.031, James Cook University

Morning and afternoon tea are provided

Early Bird registration \$190, Full fee \$250

Presented by: Andrew (Andy) McLennan Biological Agronomist

The aim of the day is to equip attendees with the 10 fundamental steps in biological farming, essential to both food security and growing nutrient dense food. It's a hands-on workshop with plenty of practical examples to support the theory behind biological farming practices.

The two day workshop covers:

10 Steps to Biological Farming

1. Soil Health to support ecology
2. Soil mineral balance
3. Soil biology, soil food webs, biodiversity and balance
4. Humus
5. Biological inputs
6. Integrated Pest and Disease management using biology
7. Building plant cell strength
8. Building stronger root systems
9. Foliar fertilising, liquid injection and seed treatments
10. Monitoring/measurement

Practical components

1. Interpreting a biological soil test
2. Brewing Microbes
3. Soil health card report
4. Measuring plant Brix levels.

Save \$ over time with decreased inputs of chemical fertilisers

whether you are a farmer or a gardener this workshop is for you

Learn to test the food you grow and eat for nutrient content (Brix level)

Booking via eventbrite and Facebook or call Tegan 0402953903 or Andy on 0456557596
Sponsored by Tropeco and Garden of Tegan

Earthship Update: - Summer workshop - Adelaide 6th Jan to 8 Feb 2014
check it out - <http://www.earthshipironbank.com.au/workshops.html>

NOMINATION AND PROXY FORMS FOR THE AGM ON 10TH DECEMBER

PERMACULTURE CAIRNS Inc.- 2013 AGM – 10th December 7pm NOMINATION FORM

(This form must be received by the Secretary by Monday 25th November 2013

P.O. Box 6535, Cairns 4870)

I hereby nominate Permaculture Cairns member _____ for the position of _____ in the election of office bearers at the Annual General Meeting of Permaculture Cairns to be held on 10th December 2013 (or at any adjournment of that meeting).

Name of nominee: _____

Signed by nominee: _____ Dated: _____ / _____ / 2013

Seconded by: _____

Signed: _____ Dated: _____ / _____ / 2013

I hereby agree to accept nomination for the abovementioned position.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____ / _____ / 2013

PERMACULTURE CAIRNS INC. – 2013 AGM 10th December 7pm APPOINTMENT OF PROXY FORM.

(this form must be submitted prior to the beginning of the meeting)

I hereby appoint _____ to vote on my behalf as my proxy at Permaculture Cairns Annual General Meeting (or any adjournment thereof) to be held on 10th December 2013. Should the first proxy referred to above be unable to attend the meeting, I appoint _____ as an alternate proxy.

I confirm that I am a financial member of Permaculture Cairns Inc. entitled as such to vote at the meeting. I also acknowledge that should I attend the meeting and vote in my own right, my proxy is automatically revoked.

Name: _____ Witness: _____

Signed: _____ Signed: _____

Dated: _____ / _____ / 2013

PERMACULTURE CLASSIES

RESOURCES:

The Booklet - "Notes from the Workshops" All notes from the Permaculture Cairns Resilient Communities Workshops are now available for purchase at the cost of only \$10.

Topics covered: Growing your own Fabulous Organic Food, Earthworms, Microgreens, Wicking beds, Aquaponics, Composting, Creating a raised garden bed, Tropical plants that grow all year round and recipes for cooking these, Drying and preserving excess fruit and vegetables, Balcony and patio gardening, The Bokashi Bucket, Waste not want not – recycling organic waste, Poultry in the city, Vegetables for the small tropical farm or garden, and a Sprouting guide.

This is a MUST HAVE - full of local knowledge.
Would make a great Christmas present.

SERVICES:

Bruce Zell, director of The Back Yard Revolution is a Permaculture Diploma graduate, Licensed Structural Landscaper and has extensive experience in landscaping, food garden design and implementation, project management and more. Contact Bruce for more details- email: brucezell@gmail.com, www.backyardrevolution.com.au or Mob. 0404 9944 528

Permaculture Cairns memberships:

2014 Memberships fees become due on the 1st January.

Fees: \$20 for Singles and \$30 for Households, unchanged since 2007.

and please note our INSURANCE only covers people for FOUR visits to our meetings so if you have been to four meetings and have not become a financial member and intend to attend meetings you need to cover yourself and Permaculture Cairns by signing up as soon as possible.

You can pay at meetings, online to Permaculture Cairns Bank Account:

BSB 704-966 A/c. 100009440 with your Surname as reference, or by Mail to PO Box 6535, Cairns, 4870.

**REMEMBER ONLY FINANCIAL MEMBERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE
AT THE AGM and COMMITTEE MEMBERS MUST BE FINANCIAL.**

**Those joining during November and December will be joining for the 2014 year and
the remainder of 2013.**

Membership form following



Permaculture Cairns Membership Form

One year's membership fee - 1 Jan - 31 Dec:

Household membership \$30 ☐
Individual membership \$20 ☐

Name(s) of all applicant(s) & DOB if under 18yrs:

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Postal Address:

Postcode:

Phone(s):

Email:

Signature:

Payment may be made at Meetings, by Post to P.O. Box 6535 Cairns
Online Direct Deposit - Permaculture Cairns Account at Cairns Penny Bank in Grafton
Street. BSB 704-966 Account No. 100009440 please include your Surname as reference.

Office Paid ☐ Cash Date received Paid up to
Use only \$ _____.00 ☐ Cheque ____ / ____ / ____ Dec 20__



Permaculture Cairns Public Meeting All Welcome

Third Tuesday of every month (except January). Doors open 6.30pm,
meeting starts at 7pm at: Flexible Learning Centre, 90-92 Clarke St.
(off Hoare St), Manunda

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