

APW PERMACULTURE DESIGN CERTIFICATE

2019 PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in the Auckland Permaculture Workshop (APW) Permaculture Design Certificate (PDC). This document provides detailed information about the 2019 PDC programme.

We encourage all participants to read this document prior to registering for the programme.

PERMACULTURE DESIGN CERTIFICATE

A PDC is an internationally recognised qualification. The original PDC format is a 72-hour residential intensive educational programme. A modular PDC distributes the same content and material over a series of evenings, days and/or weekends. This provides participants greater flexibility and opportunity to familiarise themselves with content material, integrate and synthesise new knowledge with existing understanding and experiences and develop a more detailed design project.

The **APW PDC** uses the modular format and draws together emerging strands from permaculture and other disciplines to provide an Auckland specific bioregional design education programme. The PDC includes a design project which provides an opportunity for participants to apply what they have learned to a project that is personal and meaningful to them. APW issue a Permaculture in New Zealand (PiNZ) affiliated PDC.

To attain an APW PDC participants need to complete a minimum of nine of the twelve workshops and a design project.

PAYMENT FOR THE FULL COURSE INCLUDES:

- Attendance to 12 full day workshops over the calendar year
- A PDC programme folder and printed handouts for each workshop
- Detailed pre-workshop recommended readers and reference material
- Post-workshop slides and reference material
- Permaculture design project mentoring
- Opportunity to participate in our annual APW permablitz
- Two design project presentation days

2019 PROGRAMME CALENDAR

The 2019 programme runs from February to December on the following Saturdays:

Philosophy and Design	16 February
Landscape Design	2 March
Living Communities	30 March
Appropriate Technology	13 April
Tree Crops	4 May
Economics for People	18 May
Built Environment	15 June
Urban Design and Living	20 July
Resources and Redefining Waste	17 August
Design Project Presentations 1	1 September
Permablitz	14 September
Fertile Gardening	12 October
Empowerment and Resilience	2 November
Living Locally in the Auckland Bioregion	16 November
Design Project Presentations 2	1 December

PRACTICAL DETAILS

The PDC combines classroom work with site visits and practical activities. Some workshops are predominantly classroom based and others are run outside in the field. Pre-workshop recommended readers and videos are supplied as well as detailed reference material before each workshop - online in a private, student-only area of our website.

All workshop venues are located as close to public transportation as possible and carpooling is often arranged between sites. Details for workshop locations will be provided with the pre-workshop information prior to each workshop.

We ask that all participants communicate by midday of the Monday prior to the start of a workshop if they are unable to attend, as there are often waiting lists for our workshops.

PERMABLITZ

In addition to formal workshops we also offer an APW organised permablitz as part of the programme. A Permablitz is a community working bee involving a group of people coming together for a day to implement a design for a productive system (e.g. garden) that integrates permaculture design principles. It is a great opportunity to learn practical skills and apply concepts from the workshops to real life projects. More information about the permablitz will be provided during the programme. Participation in this event is optional.

TUTORS

Our tutors have extensive experience in permaculture design, philosophy and practice. The principal tutors for the course are:

FINN MACKESY

Finn is a qualified educator, facilitator and design consultant with a passion for community empowerment and resilience. Finn has been actively involved in permaculture education, community development and facilitating change throughout Aotearoa New Zealand since 2003. His particular interests and skills are in social permaculture, the realm of social ecology, social innovation and social design. He is co-founder of Auckland Permaculture Workshop, [Resilio Studio](#), CommonGround Community Gardens, Transition Pt. Chevalier, Grey Lynn 2030, Permaculture Friends Savings and Our Amazing Place (formerly Pt. Chevalier Treasure Hunt). Finn brings to APW a thorough understanding of teaching pedagogy and practice, design education, social innovation and co-design processes, dynamic facilitation and accelerated learning practices, a love of human cultures and a breadth of experience and exposure to indigenous knowledge and sustainable practices from around the globe.

GARY MARSHALL

Gary is a passionate designer who discovered permaculture through his ongoing investigations into all things design. Gary is a permaculturalist, landscape architect and educator. He works with a number of organisations including lecturing landscape architecture at Unitec Institute of Technology and AUT where he teaches and co leads a range of papers on design, sustainability and social innovation. He is co-founder of Auckland Permaculture Workshop, Grey Lynn 2030, and [Resilio Studio](#). Gary brings to APW an extensive understanding and working knowledge of design process, landscape and urban design, design history and theory, social innovation, productive gardens, water sensitive design and design education.

RON SPERBER

Ron Sperber is an environmental educator and consultant with a passion for hands on permaculture practice – both in ‘doing’ and teaching. After seeing the impact of consuming the planet through the lens of his work in the tourism industry, Ron found his calling in permaculture in 2007 and has successfully devoted himself to embracing this both as a career and lifestyle. Ron has previously delivered waste minimisation education to many schools in Auckland; is a cofounder and was formerly chair of the Auckland Zero Waste Alliance Trust and through this was a key architect of the Zero Waste Event campaign that reduced event waste by 88%. Alongside this, Ron is retrofitting his home and property into a ¼ acre permaculture paradise in West Auckland.

SUPPORT TUTORS

Finn, Gary, and Ron are supported by several other expert tutors who bring their particular skills, experiences and passion to different workshops throughout the programme. Support tutors include Cathy Angell, Derek Craig, and Buffie Mawhinney.

DESIGN PROJECT

The design project is an opportunity for participants to apply their knowledge of permaculture to a relevant, real life situation of their choosing. There are no absolute limitations on the subject matter of the project, so long as students demonstrate an understanding of the design process and apply permaculture design principles introduced in the first workshop – **Philosophy and Design**.

The design can be completed individually or in groups with the expectation that each participant spends at least 20 hours on the project. Tutors will be available for feedback and mentoring during the process. Participants will be required to create and present a 10-15 minute presentation of their project to tutors, peers and colleagues.

- The full design project brief outline will be provided at the first workshop
- All 2019 participants are expected to submit their design project briefs to tutors by **Friday 31st of May** – at the latest – to complete their certificate in 2019
- 2019 design project presentation dates are listed above in the programme calendar

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETING A PDC

- Attend at least 9 APW (or equivalent*) workshops
- Presentation of a permaculture design project (20 hours minimum of design; 10 - 15 minute presentation)
- Participants have 2 years to complete their PDC from the start date of their first workshop

**Participants unable to complete 9 workshops with APW can complete workshops through another PiNZ affiliated modular PDC programme.*

2019 FEES

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- The cost of the PDC programme as a full time participant is \$1595 if paid in full on registration
OR
- You could choose to take advantage of our payment plan – a deposit of \$700 secures your place on the certificate, the balance in three installments of \$350 each due on the 5th April, 7th June and 9th August 2019. Total cost \$1750 and the deposit is non refundable.

PDC programme registrations are non-transferable once a participant has started the course.

INDIVIDUAL WORKSHOPS

- The cost for individual workshops in 2019 are \$210 each.

The individual workshop fee is non refundable for any cancellations within the week prior.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

- Workshops not attended in the year of registration can be completed the following year provided spaces are available – individual workshop fees apply.
- Design Projects not undertaken within the calendar year of registration can be completed the following year. The additional cost for design mentoring and presentation in the subsequent year is \$250.
- If you begin your PDC as a full time participant and cease during the year, workshop fees are re-calculated based on the number of individual workshops completed at \$210 per workshop.
- If you begin your PDC on a per workshop basis and change to full time participation, the total fee payable is \$1750 in 2019. This can be made in one payment or as a deposit plus installments scheduled by APW. This option expires after your third workshop.
- If you begin your PDC after the programme has begun, the cost for any workshops attended in the subsequent calendar year will be based that year's fees.
- Modular PDC workshops completed through other NZ providers can sometimes count towards your APW Permaculture Design Certificate. Please [send us an email](#) if you have any questions about this.
- APW reserves the right to use discretion.

SPENDS

- If cost is a barrier, a portion of fees for the PDC programme can be offset through other contributions during the year. The number of SPENDS places are limited.
- Read about [SPENDS](#) on our website.

CONTACT DETAILS

If you would like further clarification on any details about our programme please contact us at info@apw.org.nz or call Finn on **+64 (0) 21 562 995**.

Further information about us, our tutors and our programme is available at apw.org.nz

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