



# PASA Newsletter January 2011

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## PASA 2011 Gatherings Announced!

The PASA Committee is pleased to announce this year's not-to-be-missed quarterly gatherings - so get out your diaries and start filling in the dates!

### Sunday 13th March - WOMAD

Meet in the Botanic Gardens (free entry) near the Kiosk, 10am-12pm. Guest speaker Kim Hill, talking about National Permaculture Day and zero dollar living. Activities include member meet and greet, bioregional group updates, and an edible food tour of the botanic gardens for anyone interested.

### Saturday 18th June - Winter Solstice

Venue: The Food Forest near Gawler.

Program:

10:30am - Morning tea provided

11:00am - Discussion Topic: 'Creating a food forest' followed by a tour of the property.

1:00pm - BYO BBQ-able lunch and salad.

Bread (incl gluten free), butter and drinks (cordial, fruit juice, tea/coffee) provided.

2:00pm - PASA Meeting and World Cafe event with coffee/tea and sweet things provided

2:30pm - Weather permitting some reveg planting on council land on the banks of the Gawler River adjacent to TFF

How to get there:

The address is Clifford Rd, Hillier (just West of Gawler). The Food Forest is at the end of the road.

It is easy to find using the Adelaide UBD street directory

By train: It is a 20 min walk from Tambelin Station and about a 10 mins bike ride.

By car: Please park cars on the road opposite the entrance and follow the arrows to 'the barn'.

### Sunday 25th September - AGM

Venue: Fern Ave Community Garden, Unley

Program:

10:30am - Morning tea provided

11:00am - Guest Speakers TBA

1:00pm - Baked Potato lunch provided (gold coin donation) and AGM

3:00pm - Tour of Fern Ave

### Sunday 27th November - End of Year

Venue: Warriparinga Wetlands

Program:

10:30am - Shared morning tea

11:00am - Fruit Tree growing workshop

12:00pm - "Working with Worms" with Chris Day

1:00pm - BYO picnic lunch

2:00pm - Tour of wetlands and gardens - mulberries included!

## **PASA display at WOMAD**

PASA will again have a stand at WOMAD. The festival runs from March 11-14 and permaculture in SA will be on display.

The stall needs volunteers. For 3 hours of your time on the stand talking with a fantastic public, you get to enjoy the rest of the day for free at the festival. You can of course also be on the stand if you already have a ticket and just want to offer some of your time!

Interested? Contact Annemarie Brookman for roster details on 8522 6450 or [foodforest@bigpond.com](mailto:foodforest@bigpond.com).

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## **Bioregional Groups Update by Atma**

This year the PASA committee has decided to place a focus on the Bioregional Groups. How it will play out is up to all of us.

For my part there is a strong commitment to assist, where possible, the formation of more localised groups in currently existing large areas or areas that have no group currently meeting. To begin working on this I welcome individuals communicating their needs and suggestions to me. Email, [atmapramoda@yahoo.com.au](mailto:atmapramoda@yahoo.com.au), ph. 8445 6145

I've become aware that many Bioregional group members aren't PASA members. Now this isn't a requirement but it would give more access to sharing information through the website, newsletters and journals, and help PASA to promote your bioregional group and tell your story.

A note on insurance cover for Bioregional events. Insurance cover at a gathering/working bee etc is only available from PASA if at least one person is a PASA member and a list of attendees is made and dated; noting whether the person is a member or "guest" if not a financial member.

## **Bioregional Group Activities**

### **Adelaide Hills Network**

Meets as needed (projects initiated by individuals)  
Contact Michael Tel: 8339 5250

### **Eastern Metro Suburbs**

Contact: Kevin Tel. 8363 1959 Meets 10.30am every 2nd Sat at Vege To Go in the Norwood Mall

To find out more go to [http://web.me.com/saulitaire/ESP\\_main\\_page.html](http://web.me.com/saulitaire/ESP_main_page.html)

### **Eyre Peninsula Group**

Usually meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month in Port Lincoln. Field trips on the following Saturday to a variety of interesting properties in the district. Chairperson: Travis Rogers. Secretary: Tom Dolling. Treasurer: Steve Sykes. Contact: Travis Rogers, 0448 698 192 Email [buandig1@bigpond.net.au](mailto:buandig1@bigpond.net.au)

### **Go West (Western Metro area)**

Contact Atma, ph: 8445 6145 or 0431 861 079  
Usually meets monthly towards the end of the month (except Dec and Jan) for lunch and working bee. We bring food to share and over lunch discuss anything of interest re permaculture, resources and whatever else is relevant. Activities can vary; work on a project in the host's garden, assist in garden design, sometimes have demonstrations eg pruning. New members welcome.

### **Mitcham Hills area**

Who? Anyone interested around the foothills or surrounds of Belair, Blackwood, Stirling and beyond. Why? A chance to get together and make positive steps in our community. Contact: Chris Day 0402 222 480 or Rosemary on 82787476

### **Northern Friends of Permaculture (Gawler region)**

Contact Rachel & Andrew Tel: 8527 7068

### **North East Suburbs Suburbs**

If you live in Pooraka, Para Hills, NE, Salisbury, Elizabeth & surrounding areas, please contact Alison Miller Tel: 8359 6781

### **Southern Grazers & Growers (Marion Area)**

Contact Jo Breschi Tel: 8296 3118

### **Permaculture Southern Flinders**

Contact Susan Greentree Tel: 8662 4101 Email [info@earthspiritorganics.com](mailto:info@earthspiritorganics.com)

### **Willunga Basin Bio-regional group**

Currently in recession. If interested contact Joyce Ph 8557 7956

### **Yorke Peninsula**

Contact Wendy Rushbrook Tel. 8822 7022

## Survey Request - A message from John Champagne, permaculture activist

Warm Greetings to all members of the Permaculture community,

The idea of unifying the many components that make up the Permaculture movement in Australia is not a new one, but after a rich 30 year history, an idea whose time has come. This survey initiative enables all of you that have completed a Permaculture Design Course in that 30 years or are currently active within your local Permaculture group to provide input toward progressing this concept to the next stage.

A brief history that has resulted in the culmination of this survey dates back to the Australian Permaculture Convergence in 2006 held in Melbourne. It began a dialogue that turned into a mateship between Bruce Zell, Ian Lillington and myself (the Amigo Troika) about what we perceived to be the differences embedded between key individuals and groups within the movement. We saw this as holding the voice of Permaculture back in its country of origin in order to refine an ideology that could effectively shape environmental and social capital at a time when the word 'sustainability' was on everyone's lips. Permaculture defines 'sustainability' yet our enormous grassroots efforts were not having much impact for a lack of unity. We were an elephant acting like a mouse and felt it necessary to apply Principle 8 - 'Integrate rather than Segregate', to ourselves.

We saw APC 10 in Cairns last year as an opportunity to flesh this subject out but wanted discussion beforehand to canvas views. We set up a Google Groups mailing list titled, 'Permaculture Australia' (<http://groups.google.com/group/permaculture-australia-?hl=en-GB>) to encourage this. The results of the discussions in Cairns were by no means conclusive, but rather a positive response to further the idea.

The 'Permaculture Australia' Google Groups list continues today and you are all welcome to join to get a better perspective of this issue by reading the past conversations (see Discussions & Pages) and contribute yourself to ongoing ones.

This survey is a product of these discussions as it was felt that many valuable contributors were unable to attend the Cairns Convergence and deserved an opportunity to have an input into this 'Great National Design Challenge'. It's a starting point and just one tool that will inform this design process. The survey will close at the end of March and all those that complete their contact details will be forwarded the results.

It's important that this survey reaches as many PDC holders and active group members as possible. Some of you have mailing lists of your local group, some are Permaculture teachers with a database of former students and some of you have friends you could pass it onto. Please, it's vital we get as many responses to the survey as we can.

Responses from the survey will remain completely confidential and none of the information obtained from the results of the survey will be shared with any other party without expressed written consent. We thank you for your contribution and here is the link to the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/permacultureaustralia>

Kind Regards

John Champagne on behalf of the Amigo Troika.

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## Other Events....

### March 2011

11-14 March

WOMADelaide Festival. PASA will have a display stall. Come and see us. For program details see: [www.womadelaide.com.au](http://www.womadelaide.com.au)

Saturday 19 March

Open Day at The Food Forest. Strawbale Information session: 10am-1pm. Permaculture Walk and Talk: 2pm-5pm. For details, contact Annemarie Brookman on 85226450 or [www.foodforest.com.au](http://www.foodforest.com.au)

### April 2011

Saturday April 16

Reskilling Festival at Glandore Community Centre. A chance for anyone who has any skills to share, and anyone who would like to learn, to get together, share practical skills, stories, ideas, lunch, and future plans. Visit <http://reskillingfestival.wordpress.com/> for more info.

Permaculture Design Certificate (10 days) with David Holmgren, Graham and Annemarie Brookman and guest presenters at The Food Forest, Gawler. Starting on the Easter /Anzac Day long weekend, 22-26 April. For details, contact Annemarie Brookman on 85226450 or [www.foodforest.com.au](http://www.foodforest.com.au)

### May 2011

Sunday May 1

National Permaculture Day, see [www.permacultureday.info](http://www.permacultureday.info). Activities across Australia include: open permaculture homes and gardens, eco-talks and workshops, practical demonstrations and Permaculture film viewings. Participation in most events is by voluntary donation (see <http://www.permacultureday.info> for details)

Weekend May 14, 15

Weekend workshop: Building with strawbales at The Food Forest, Gawler. For details, contact Annemarie Brookman on 85226450 or [www.foodforest.com.au](http://www.foodforest.com.au)

### Sept 2011

Tenth International Permaculture Conference in Jordan. For those of you who have the travel bug...The website for The Tenth International Permaculture Conference (IPC10) has now been launched. You are invited to view this at [www.ipcon.org](http://www.ipcon.org).