



Food—the way it used to taste

ORGANIC GROWING

Purple Pear Organics, Mark Brown and Kate Beveridge, are operating a Community Supported Agriculture project from our property at Anambah

Our aim is to provide a range of produce centred on the “in season” staples as available in the region. Produce should include :- eggs, carrots, potatoes, asian greens, peas, beans, pumpkin, garlic, lettuce, zucchini, capsicum, tomato, spinach and others.

Through a long association with the Hunter Organic Growers Society and the Hunter Bio-dynamic Group, we have built an ethic of growing food biodynamically, using sustainable land practices.

We believe that caring for the planet can also produce reasonably priced, true value food. We aim to leave the earth in better condition than when we started.

BUYING LOCALLY

True to our Permaculture ethic we support local distribution, avoiding transport costs and energy expenditure. Freshness is an added bonus.

Food and Shelter

Accommodation is available in a bunkhouse with limited space. (First in best dressed) at \$10/night or there is plenty of room for camping at \$5/night if you prefer. There is a Bed n Breakfast up the road on a Biodynamic olive farm or Motel accommodation in Rutherford. Choose your preference on the application form and we can make the arrangements

Getting There

If you head towards Singleton from Maitland you will come to a roundabout with a BP service station and a McDonalds Restaurant. Take the next right (at the new roundabout) into Anambah Road. 1 kilometer on your left is our driveway (just after the Anambah sign). You should be able to see the chook domes over the polocrosse fields as you pass the housing development.

About Your hosts.

Mark Brown did his PDC with Bill Mollison in 1996 at Tylgum. He has been closely involved in establishing the Rutherford and Dungog community gardens. He has designed and constructed gardens in the Hunter Valley and ran an organic market garden at Fosterton (near Dungog). Kate works at the Steiner school at East Maitland—involved in educating children with a disability. She has been involved in the Hunter Valley groups of Permaculture, Organic Growers, and Biodynamics. She did her PDC with Mark at the Dungog Community Gardens in 2004.



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Permaculture Design Course

A hands-on course held in a Linda Woodrow style Mandala garden.

*May - June 2009
(see inside for dates)*



Course Outline

The course will be run over 5 weekends starting 9th May and concludes on June 21st. (not consecutive weekends) We will be working in the Mandala garden and other parts of the farm, as a way of reinforcing the learning sessions. There will be practical exercises in building a chook dome or earthworks (if time permits) and propagation from seed and cuttings, planting green manure crops and seedlings. You will need to bring a hat and gloves, and a journal or exercise book. An 85% attendance and successful completion of the assignment are required for issuing the Permaculture Design Certificate (PDC).

Days marked ① are mandatory for certificate.

Day One - Saturday 9th May ①

- 9 am Course registration and getting-to-know-you time
- 10 am Permaculture Overview.
- 12 pm Lunch
- 1 pm **Ethics, Principles, Characteristics.** a culture of sufficiency.
- 3 pm **The Ecology.** a flow of energy
- 6 pm **Vegetarian banquet**

Day Two - Sunday 10th May ①

- 8 am **Design Methods.** Think before you act.
- 10 am **Map Reading.** A practical look at topography.
- 12 pm Lunch
- 1 pm **The Climate.** Interactions that shape our environment.
- 3 pm **Micro climates.** modifying our environment.

Day Three - Saturday 16th May

- 9 am **Soils.** The basis of food production.
- 1 pm Lunch
- 2 pm **Water** the hydrological cycle.

Day Four - Sunday 17th May

- 8 am **Earthworks.** large farm or backyard garden
- 10 am **Plants.** Types of plants and their role in the design.
- 12 pm Lunch.
- 1 pm **Forests.** Their importance in the ecology.
- 3 pm **Windbreaks.** Understanding and planning.

Day Five - Saturday 30th May ①

- 9 am **Zone 0** Siting and building homes.
- 12 pm Lunch
- 1 pm **Zone I** The family food garden
- 3 pm **Zone II** The food forest.

Day Six - Sunday 31st May ①

- 9 am **Zone III** Cropping and large animals.
- 11 am **Zone IV** Harvest forests
- 12 pm Lunch
- 1 pm **Zone V** Natural forests.
- 5 pm **Site Analysis** Defining the challenges and potential of the land.

Day Seven - Saturday 13th June ①

- 8 am Patterns in Nature.
- 11 am World Regions and Cultures.
- 12 pm Lunch.
- 1 pm **Problem solving.** The solution is in the problem.

Day Eight - Sunday 14th June

- 9 am **Integrated Pest Management.** The role of "pests".
- 11 am **Weeds** Defining and understanding "weeds".
- 12 pm Lunch
- 1 pm **Chook domes/guilds.**

Day Nine - Saturday 20th June

- 9 am **Biotechnology.** Have we gone mad?
- 10 am **Income from Acres.** Making it work for you.
- 11 am **Aquaculture.** Further uses for water on the land.
- 1 pm Lunch.
- 2 pm **Bioregions** and local wealth
- 3 pm **Communities.**

Day Ten - Sunday 21st June ①

- 8 am Design for Disaster.
- 10 am Suburban Pc.
- 12 pm Lunch.
- 1 pm Urban Pc.
- 3 pm **Design Presentations** and course evaluations

Application Form

Please return the form below by 5 pm on Friday 1st May 2009
Post to Purple Pear Organics 131 Anambah Road Anambah
2320. If you have any questions call Mark or Kate on phone #
02 49320443 or email info@purplepear.net.au

Basic enrolment, (\$650/person or \$1000/couple), includes morning and afternoon tea. The deposit of \$50 will be refundable if canceled prior to the closing date. Balance is payable on registration day unless prior arrangements are made. "Mollies" (Hunter LETS) will be accepted as part payment depending on demand.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____

Accommodation Number in order of priority.

(1 is first choice)

Camping Bunkhouse B&B Motel

\$5 \$10 \$ TBA \$ TBA

Friday Night Saturday Night Sunday Night (circle)

Other

Meals (circle)

Breakfast \$5 Lunch \$10 Dinner \$15

Saturday Saturday Friday

Sunday Sunday Saturday

Course Fee \$650

Accommodation \$

Meals \$

less Deposit enclosed \$ 50

Balance \$.....

Signature: _____