

What earlier students have written about the course

Nita wrote

I did the course last year and it was life changing! Well maybe that's an exaggeration, but it has changed the approach I take towards my garden and the choices that I make in my day to day living as the course has also thought me to be more focused on sustainable solutions.

I found the most valuable aspect of the course are:

- 1. Attending the course over several weeks which allowed me to digest the information and even put some of the ideas into action while doing the course.*
- 2. The friendships and network formed with other like-minded people. Post the course I still keep in touch with a few of the students and it's great to be able to share our journey and experiences in putting permaculture principles into practice.*
- 3. We visited a different permaculture garden each weekend, which gave me a lot of inspirations and ideas.*
- 4. The wealth of knowledge of the teachers.*
- 5. The Permabee at my place which helped me to bring my design to life – really helpful as I work full-time and without the Permabee's help, I would have been overwhelmed and would not know where to start.*

Nita is now so excited about permaculture, she is now a PSN Management Committee member, which is a volunteer role.

Video

Here is a link to a video that Nita has created about her garden

https://www.facebook.com/1417357511844656/videos/1957658821147853/?hc_location=ufi

Matt wrote

"The title 'Introduction to Permaculture Design' only scratched the surface in conveying my experience participating in this course. Yes, I was introduced to new information, ways of thinking and the skills required to action this new found knowledge. However, it's the introduction to likeminded and inspiring human beings that has resonated most strongly. Their passion of permaculture, empathy for others and morning tea baking know how, cultivated an environment for collective wisdom to flourish."

Cheers,
Matt

Wendy sent us her reflection on the Intro course

This course is an excellent introduction to fundamental permaculture concepts. Both Dianas worked really hard to bring a well run learning program together. We got to visit members' gardens and lessons were delivered at these various sites which also tapped into the expertise of those members. So we got to learn from many other expert Permies plus we got to visit their gardens and saw first hand how they implemented various permaculture concepts. We also benefit from getting to know fellow students who shared the same passion for a more sustainable life style. It was definitely a learning experience I would strongly recommend to anyone wanting to learn more about permaculture and gain more knowledge and skills for sustainable living.

Wendy Dwyer
Class of 2016-2017

Sue wrote

Wow, what a great course! Having the course spread over a number of weekends was great, as we got to see lots of permaculture gardens with an incredible variety in the interpretation and application of permaculture principles. I didn't fully understand (before the course) that permaculture is much more about a holistic sustainable way of life rather than just about organic gardening.

The course assignment (designing a permaculture solution to your own property) was a great way to tie all the course content together and has helped me solve the challenges of living on a steep bush block with very little sun. Since the course, for example, I've significantly reduced the amount of water needed for my garden by building a number of swales and wicking beds.

Cheers,
Sue

Nita has posted a video of her garden - showing what she has managed to achieve after her Intro and telling us what she thought of it - please share

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