



## Feb 12<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 **PERMACULTURE DESIGN COURSE**

**at Tui Community, Golden Bay, South Island, NEW ZEALAND  
 with a Deep Ecology & Community Development Emphasis**

'Permaculture' is an integrated land-use design methodology based on ecological principles, with practical application from sustainable household to eco-nation to global restoration.

This course covers the *standard two week international Permaculture Design Certificate curriculum*, taught over a 2½-week period in an integrated hands-on way, culminating in a comprehensive land-use design project. Upon completion, a Permaculture Design Certificate will be issued by **The Institute of Earthcare Education Aotearoa**.

The tutors have extensive experience and have worked in a wide range of countries and conditions. Their lives and work are dedicated to conscious design and development of 'all-species communities' while their teaching style caters for all learning modalities, is inspiring, interactive, dynamic and fun.

The beginning of the course offers the opportunity to personally deepen in the ecological and social foundation of Permaculture. This includes spending time studying in 'the library of nature', experiencing Deep Ecology and the Maori world view, and visiting inspirational properties in the Golden Bay which demonstrate Permaculture in practice.

The themes of community building and eco-village development will weave throughout our 2½ weeks of practical permaculture learning, which encompasses many hands-on skill building activities and mini-design exercises happening on Tui land, where this residential course takes place. Community culture as lived on Tui is intrinsic part of our daily rhythm to provide an insight into community living.

### **Course Programme:**

- permaculture **ethics**, design **principles** and **installation**,
- **organic growing** methods (vege gardens, herbs, fruit),
- **rural** land management (orchards, pastures, trees, water systems),
- integrated **animal** systems,
- **water** harvesting & storage, grey-water recycling,
- ecological **building**, 'waste' recycling & renewable **energy** systems,
- **urban/suburban** scale household design,
- sustainable **community/eco-village** design and development,
- '**invisible structures**' (eg financial, legal, governance systems)
- design for **wildlife habitat** & degraded land restoration,
- **nature** connection, wild foods harvest.





## LOGISTICS

### Venue

Tui Community is a 28 year old, 35 member, rural, intentional community governed by a Charitable Trust. It is situated on 150 acres of land, has an established orchard, gardens, wilderness areas, many creatively designed buildings and a thriving community business.

We will be based at Tui's Outdoor Events Treefield, situated in Wainui Bay, adjoining the Abel Tasman National Park. Accommodation is camping-style in your own tent or communal sleeping structures. For more on Tui and its programmes visit: [www.tuitrust.org.nz](http://www.tuitrust.org.nz)

### Cost

New Zealand participants: \$ 2050/1850/1650

Overseas participants: \$ 2050/1950/1850

*Includes:* tuition, accommodation, field trips, manual, food

### Addendum to Registration Costs:

- Cost is based on a sliding scale according to income & financial means. The sliding scale is a method of enabling those less able (eg students, lower income earners) to get a significantly discounted rate, whilst providing the opportunity for those more able to pay full fee, to average 'break even'.
- The differentiation in the bottom end of the sliding scale for NZers and overseas people is an attempt to equalise exchange rates and earning powers, thereby supporting more NZers to participate.

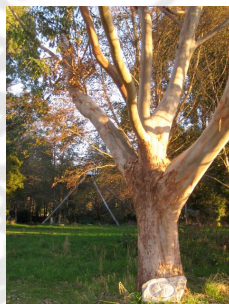
### Registration

Registrations will be accepted on a 'first come' basis (15 min, 20 max).

To register, please post or email the following:

- Name, nationality, contact details: phone, email, address
- Physical limitations or special needs e.g. dietary.
- Describe your experience and any qualifications in: permaculture, organic growing, community. Also share about your motivation for choosing to attend the course.
- The amount you plan to pay on the sliding scale.

Once registration is accepted, a deposit of NZ\$350 payable by cheque or direct credit is required to hold your place. From mid January onwards, we will email out an information sheet, including 'what to bring', 'how to get here', and further programme details.



## MAIN TUTORS BACKGROUNDS

### Robina McCurdy

Robina is co founder/resident/trustee of Tui Land Trust & Community and founder/trustee of the Institute for Earthcare Education Aotearoa. She has a Diploma in Permaculture, plus various teaching qualifications.

For almost 30 years Robina has been engaged in community development, permaculture design and tutoring, organic growing, the development of environmental education resources and the creation of participatory processes for decision making and collective action. She has taught in households, neighbourhoods, schools, farms, ecovillages and bioregions, in Aotearoa/New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Ireland, Brazil and USA. Robina was the originator/coordinator of Golden Bay's 'PLANET Organic', a year-long vocational training in community-scale sustainable landuse design, management & facilitation. Throughout her life, she has worked to bring about significant changes in the lives of people, their communities and their environment. Consequently, human capacity building is one of Robina's special skills - inspiring, guiding and offering specific tools and techniques for people to access their gifts, develop their potential, build their resourcefulness, and live their dreams.



### Gary Williams

Gary works as a consultant engineer on water and soil resource management, specializing the management of catchments and river systems. He grew up on a hill country sheep and cattle farm and 20 years ago, moved to the Horowhenua to pioneer, develop and co-manage (with his wife Emily) a 50 ha permaculture farm, using organic and biodynamic methods. This haven features a diversity of gardens, farm, forest and wilderness. Gary is on the executive committee of PINZ (Permaculture in New Zealand). As a passionate organic practitioner, he co-initiated an organic support group in the Horowhenua area, as well as an organic cluster group formed under Enterprise Horowhenua to promote organic agriculture in the region.

Gary has authored a deeply thought-provoking book on cultural transformation, 'Out of the Helix' - about how the patterns and principles governing the natural world (especially the forms and processes of water) relate to social systems, supporting humans to shift to holistic thinking to achieve a healthy, just, sustainable way of life.



### Inna Alex

Inna is a trained Environmental Planner and Landscape Architect. Living at Tui Community, she aims to integrate her Permaculture knowledge by co-ordinating and co-teaching some of Earthcare's Permaculture Education Programmes, living actively in intentional community, teaching yoga and tending the garden. Her main focus in teaching is deep ecology.



### Registration Dates & Discounts

Registrations open August 25<sup>th</sup>

- .Deposit by Fri 25 Oct, 2013 - \$100 discount
- Deposit by Fri 13 Dec, 2013 - \$50 discount
- Fri 31 Jan, 2014 - Registration Closing Date

### Enquiries & Registration

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