



APW PERMACULTURE DESIGN CERTIFICATE

2021 PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in the Auckland Permaculture Workshop (APW) Permaculture Design Certificate (PDC). This document provides detailed information about the 2021 PDC programme.

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

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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, video links 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

2021 PROGRAMME CALENDAR

The 2021 programme runs from February to November on the following Saturdays:

Philosophy and Design	20 February
Landscape Design	6 March
Living Communities	27 March
Appropriate Technology	17 April
Tree Crops	1 May
Economics for People	15 May
Built Environment	19 June
Urban Design and Living	17 July
Resources and Redefining Waste	21 August
Design Project Presentations 1	4 September
Permablitz	18 September
Fertile Gardening	2 October
Empowerment and Resilience	16 October
Living Locally in the Auckland Bioregion	6 November
Design Project Presentations 2	27 November

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 are provided with the pre-workshop information prior to each workshop.

We ask that all participants communicate by midday on the Monday prior to the start of any 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 an educator, facilitator and designer with a passion for community empowerment and resilience. Finn has been actively involved in permaculture education, community development and facilitating change throughout Aotearoa since 2003. His particular interests and skills are in the socio-sphere, the realm of social ecology, social innovation and participatory design. He is co-founder of [Auckland Permaculture Workshop](#), [Resilio Studio](#), [Dark Green Auckland](#), CommonGround Community Gardens, Transition Pt. Chevalier, Grey Lynn 2030 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, design thinking 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. Finn lives with his whānau on a suburban homestead in New Lynn.

GARY MARSHALL

Gary is a passionate designer who discovered permaculture through his ongoing investigations into all things design and sustainability. Gary is a permaculturalist, landscape architect and educator with over 15 years experience. He works with a number of organisations and public agencies working on a wide range of design projects at different scales including regional spatial planning, catchment-wide strategy, feasibility studies, social innovation and tactical urbanism. He is co-founder of [Auckland Permaculture Workshop](#), Grey Lynn 2030, [Resilio Studio](#) and [Dark Green Auckland](#). Gary brings to APW an extensive understanding and working knowledge of the design process, landscape and urban design, design history and theory, social innovation, productive gardens, water sensitive design and design education. Gary currently lives in Mount Eden with his daughter Tilly.

RON SPERBER

Ron is an environmental educator and consultant with a passion for hands on permaculture practice – both in ‘doing’ and teaching. After seeing the impact of consumerism on 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 the former chair of the Auckland Zero Waste Alliance Trust and 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 1/4 acre permaculture paradise in West Auckland. Ron lives with his family on a large suburban permaculture property in Glen Eden.

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.

PREM TYLER – COORDINATOR

Prem handles administration including coordination of registrations and communications with participants during the year. She completed her PDC with APW while developing a property up north as her Permaculture Design Project in 2012, and is an artisan handweaver.

BILLY CRIMSON – DIGITAL

Billy manages all things web – mainly the website and pre & post-workshop participant communications. She converted APW's antique website in 2011 to an open source platform as part of her APW Design Project and this year she's upgrading the site again. Billy balances life in front of the screen with plenty of time outside satisfying her green fingers.

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 2021 participants are expected to submit their design project briefs to tutors by **Friday 5th of June** to complete their certificate in 2021
- 2021 design project presentation dates are listed above in the programme calendar.

WORKSHOP FORMAT

Our intention is to deliver the programme face to face as 12 full day workshops, two presentation dates, and a permablitz as described in this document. However in the event of a pandemic or similar event that restricts our ability to gather in person, we reserve the right to move our workshops to an online format, and/or adjust dates and times of programme sessions if necessary in order to respond to these changes.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETING A PDC

- Attend at least 9 APW (or equivalent*) workshops
- Presentation of a permaculture design project (20 hours minimum design time and a 10-15 minute presentation)
- Participants have 2 years to complete their PDC from the start date of their first workshop, additional costs will apply after the first 12 months

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

2021 FEES

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- The cost of the PDC programme as a full time participant is \$1,650.00 if paid in full on registration

OR

- You can choose to take advantage of our payment plan – a deposit of \$710 secures your place on the certificate, the balance in three installments of \$380 each due on the **2nd April, 4th June** and **6th August 2021**. The total cost for this option is \$1,850.00. The deposit is non-refundable.
- We are offering a limited number of Early Bird places in 2021 – the cost is \$1,550.00 for payments received by 20 November 2020.
- PDC programme registrations are non-transferable once a participant has started the course.

INDIVIDUAL WORKSHOPS

- The cost for individual workshops in 2021 is \$250.00 each.

This fee is non-refundable for any cancellations within 7 days prior to any given workshop.

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

SPENDS are only available for full-time participants.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

- PDC participants unable to attend any workshop within the 12 months following registration can attend the following year provided space is 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 \$250.00
- **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 \$ 250.00 per workshop.
 - **... on a per workshop basis and change to full time** – part way through the year, the total fee payable is \$1,850.00 in 2021. This can be made in one payment or as a deposit plus installments scheduled by APW.
 - **... after the programme has begun** – the cost for any workshops attended in the subsequent calendar year will be based on that subsequent year’s workshop fees.
- Modular PDC workshops completed through other PiNZ affiliated NZ providers can usually count towards your APW Permaculture Design Certificate. Please send us an email to confirm in advance. Participation in non-APW modular PDC workshops are at participants’ expense.
- APW reserves the right to use discretion.

REFUND + TRANSFER POLICY

- PDC programme registrations are non-transferable once a participant has started the course.
- Full time participants withdrawing from the certificate:
 - withdrawal after attending 1 or 2 workshops, the cost is \$250 per workshop
 - the equivalent of a \$710 deposit is non-refundable after the third workshop offered from the time of participant registration.
- The individual workshop fee is non-refundable for any cancellations within the 7 days prior to any given workshop
- In circumstances where refunds are provided, APW will retain 15% of the refund for administration costs.

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

Gary Marshall | Finn Mackesy | Ron Sperber – Directors and Principal Tutors
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