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From the new editor -

Hi everyone, my name is Daniel Mohr, the new editor of EB News. I have been an EBANZ committee member for 2 years. I work for [Graeme North Architects](#), in Warkworth designing & detailing earth buildings.

Richard & Doug have done a sterling job with the EB News to date. Stepping into these enormous shoes, I will aspire to the winning standard Richard has set.

Congratulations to Richard Morrison on receiving the *Elizabeth Drupsteen Award* for his super efforts on the EB News!

Please email me if you have any upcoming courses or events, workshops, ideas, conferences, expo's, photos are welcome.

Thanks & happy reading!

NZ Native Bush For Health and Food Workshop

Sunday 9 December 2007

Mangawhai

Come and learn how to forage for medicine and food in our clean pristine NZ forests Inspiring, encouraging, traditional knowledge..incredible

Limited spaces. Book now as spaces fill quickly!

You will leave with 100% natural potent bush products, Handouts and a whole new enthusiasm for our NZ bush.

Morning and afternoon teas, bush food and products supplied.
Visit the Koru clinic Reg.nurse, med herbalist, naturopath, body therapist
Contact Jules Bright: 09) 431 5994 rjbright@paradise.net.nz

Health and Food workshop:

Sunday 9th Dec. 10am 4:30pm

Investment: \$95

Experimental Earth Dome

On show now!

Snells Beach, Rodney

Brick Bay Sculpture Park



"The Last Drop" is an inspiring, daring new sculpture at Brick Bay Sculpture Trail.

Sculptor **Cat Simpson** (inside) & **Rob Upritchard** have formed an exciting bamboo and daub earth dome for all to see. Now hasperspex dome cap (not in photograph).

The piece is very fresh, it should be dry in a week or two and coated with beeswax.

The editor understands that this piece is for sale.

\$10 per person to view entire Sculpture Trail.

Click <http://brickbaysculpture.co.nz/> for more info

Email the editor for more detailed info

Northland Craft Trust Summer Do 2008

5 - 13 January 2008

Whangarei

Earth Building Henry Mackeson, Graeme North & Thijs Drupsteen

Henry Mackeson is an earth builder and developer of the adobe-in-situ method. He has been involved in earthbuilding projects in New Zealand, UK and Vanuatu. Henry is also a potter, sculptor and builder and has been tutoring earth-building methods since 1985.

Graham North (registered architect) has been pivotally involved with the growth of the earth building renaissance since 1971, being personally involved since then in the design of hundreds of earth buildings. He was founding Chairman of the Earth Building Association of New Zealand (EBANZ).

Thijs Drupsteen is a qualified engineer and has been involved in the research, design and standards writing for earth buildings since 1983. He is also involved in passive residential solar design.

Course Content

This is a hands on course, exploring a wide range of methods including adobe, rammed earth, cob, cinva brick and paving. Participants learn through building permanent structures, putting into practice the theoretical and technical knowledge gained. Students will also visit a diverse range of earth buildings in the area.

Other Tutors and courses

Painting - James Lawrence

Stone Sculpture - Iosefa Leo

Ceramics - Richard Parker

Life Drawing - Marianne Muggeridge

A Cappella singing Tony Backhouse

Slab Clay Sculpture Matt McLean

Experimental Printmaking Joan Travaglia

Flax Weaving Eileen Joy Wikitera

Course Fees of \$400.00 cover the tutoring, but materials are paid for separately, according to individual use. Workshops start at 9am daily. The official opening is at 9am, Saturday 5th January 2008. The Summer Do ends at lunchtime Sunday 13th January 2008.

Campsites are available at the Quarry at a cost of \$40.00 per person for the Summer Do duration. Breakfast supplies will be provided. We can also offer advice on local, low cost accommodation. Fully catered options will be available (including vegetarian) onsite for around \$180.00 per person for the duration of course. Daily Lunch/Dinner options will also be available.

For more information: The Quarry 21 Selwyn Ave, PO Box 1452, Whangarei.
phone: (09) 438 1215 email: nctrust@ihug.co.nz

Ecoday

Sunday, 9 March 2008

New Lynn

Free Eco / Sustainable Living Event!

EcoDay is a great opportunity to showcase your products and services to a public which is increasingly interested in sustainable living. We welcome your participation in this exciting event and look forward to working alongside you to make EcoDay 2008 a great success.

EcoDay 2008 will be held on Sunday 9th March 2008 from 10am to 4pm at Olympic Park, New Lynn in Waitakere City
Click [here](#) for full article

Eco-Home and Permaculture Land Use

13 January 2008

Todd Valley, Nelson

Practical concepts and tips for designing your eco home and environment

Site selection

Eco building design

Mud brick construction

Solar power generation

Water collection

Sewer and waste disposal

Permaculture, Bio-dynamic and Organic land use

Fruit, nut and native selection/ production

Information booklet provides

Tim Maples has been developing his 15 hectare property and constructing his mud brick solar powered home for the last 12 years. Tim has an extensive background in Organic and Bio-dynamic horticulture and Permaculture methodology over the last 30 years.

phone: (03) 5452210 email: Tim at inovagroup@netaccess.co.nz



Advanced Adobe Workshop

12 - 16 February 2008

Takaka Golden Bay

This five day workshop will provide you with in depth knowledge of the design and construction process of adobe buildings. It involves a good amount of hands on practical experience to give you the techniques and confidence to build your own adobe building. Approximately half of the workshop will be on design and site and soil evaluation and half will be building a small adobe building. Contact Richard and Bella Walker at Green Horizon Workshops for more information and courses.

phone: (03) 528 4751 or email: ess@ts.co.nz



Organic River Festival

18 - 20 January 2008

Kimberley Reserve, Levin

The Organic River Festival is a vibrant and upbeat celebration of the good life fueled with the tastiest organic food, wine and beer - a weekend of sights and sounds, the arts, films, inspiration, relaxation and sustainable living. Turn up with your friends and camp for the three nights to have the best weekend of the summer.

A selection of international, national and top regional bands offer a continuous musical line-up on the main stage and in the main food marquee. A dynamic kidzone entertains all day.

Over 100 stalls from all over NZ show the latest eco trends, alternative technology, complimentary health and creative arts and crafts etc. Said to be NZ's answer to Glastonbury (in the sun).

Great family camping. For details, 3 day camping pass or day tickets visit Website: www.ecofest.co.nz



Build your own water tank

19 - 20 January 2008

Takaka, Golden Bay

Learn how to build your own ferro cement water tank for a fraction of the cost of a manufactured one. A water tank will be built during the workshop.

Contact Green Horizon Workshops for more information on this and other courses.

Richard and Bella Walker phone: (03) 528 4751 e-mail: ess@ts.co.nz

Sustainability EXPO

26 - 27 January 2008

Rolleston, Christchurch

Find out more about: solar electric (photovoltaic) and wind energy systems solar hot water systems and other sustainable technologies energy efficient appliances, building design, housing and transport information, advice, education...and much, much more.

See some working displays and talk to representatives.

Attend talks on a wide range of topics, there will be concurrent talks sessions on renewable energy, building, waste and water resources, general.

...for the benefit of our environment

10am to 5pm Saturday 26th January & Sunday 27th January 2008

Rolleston Community Centre, Rolleston 7614, Canterbury (New Zealand)

Mike O'Connell mobile: 027-457-6527 website: www.sustainabilityexpo.co.nz

The original 72-hour Permaculture Design Course.

22 February - 7 March 2008

Matakana, Warkworth

This is an intensive 14-day course where you have the chance to get fully immersed in the

permaculture way of thinking and acting whilst studying on a working permaculture farm.

The course will:

Give you a good understanding of the ethics, principles and patterns of permaculture design

Convey a general understanding of a wide range of common strategies and techniques

Explore the implications of social change towards ecological sustainability

Visit and observe some of the strategies and techniques within our bio-region

Practice the design methodology amongst the group, supervised by the tutors

Assist each student to access resources to take the course philosophy and methodology into their future lives.

The venue is the award winning Rainbow Valley Farm, Matakana, New Zealand

contact Trish Allen, phone: (09) 422 7432, email:

kana@rainbowvalleyfarm.co.nz

web site: www.rainbowvalleyfarm.co.nz



Permaculture Farm Tours

Sunday 13 January 2008, 2pm (& other dates below)

Matakana

We run educational guided tours of Rainbow Valley Farm over the summer months (November to May). All tours start at 2 pm and last approx. 3 hours. The philosophy behind the work at Rainbow Valley Farm is explained and examples are pointed out. Topics covered include sustainability, permaculture, edible landscapes, organic food production, compost toilets, non-toxic & passive solar houses and zero waste. Cost \$15 per adult.

Tours go ahead rain, hail or shine. It is not necessary to book, just turn up. No dogs please - we have ground-nesting birds.

Please car pool if you can.

Tour dates 2nd Sunday of each month:

Sunday 9 December 2007, 2 pm

Sunday 13 January 2008, 2pm

Sunday 10 February 2008, 2pm

Sunday 9 March 2008, 2 pm

Sunday 13 April 2008, 2 pm

Sunday 11 May 2008, 2pm

The farm closes from May until November.

Address: Rainbow Valley Farm, Matakana Valley Road, New Zealand

Email Trish: kana@rainbowvalleyfarm.co.nz for directions if required.

Permaculture Design Course

26 February- 10 March, 2008

Golden Bay, Nelson

Permaculture Design - a two week community oriented residential course in integrated land-use design for sustainability.

This is an interactive, practically oriented international certificated course, where participants put into practice what they learn theoretically. Involves hands-on doing and ecological design of: natural buildings & renewable energy, organic gardens & orchards, water harvesting, animal systems, wildlife habitat, human settlements.

Maximum Number of People: 18

Main Tutors: Robina McCurdy & Huckleberry Leonard

For Further Info Contact: Jessica Trevino phone: (03) 5258399 (message only)

email: events@tuitrust.org.nz

2008 NZAEE biennial conference: Connections and Actions

16- 19 January 2008

Otago

Venue: Dunedin

The conferences main theme centres around education for sustainability, focusing on connections and actions: How environmental educationists/practitioners can connect and work with the people in their communities to enable further understanding and action on these issues

(Connections); and how we can all make further behaviour shifts, through heightened knowledge, towards our own sustainable living practices (Actions). Keynote speakers and workshops from New Zealand, Australia and Denmark, and a wide selection of field trips and displays featuring Education for Sustainability.

You are invited to register on line. Click [here](#) for more info.

World Environment Day 2008

5 June 2008

Venue: Wellington

New Zealand, one of the first countries to pledge a carbon-neutral future, will be the main host of World Environment Day 2008. The theme is Fostering Low-Carbon Economies. Global 2008 celebrations will be hosted in New Zealand with the focus on solutions and opportunities for countries, companies and communities to Kick the habit and make the transition to a low carbon economy and lifestyle...

Click [Here](#) for the full article

Quick Links

Click-through to the courses below to find further information (please ensure that you confirm all event details with the organisers). If you have any events or courses you would like listed in a future EB News, please email the details to the editor (link at the top).

Contact:	Event	Location	Date
Click http://www.dcms.co.nz/ for info	2008 NZAEE Conference	Otago	16-19 Jan 08
Click www.unep.org for info	World Environment Day	Wellington	5 June 07
rjbright@paradise.net.nz	Wild Food Course	Mangawhai	9 Dec 07
nctrust@ihug.co.nz	Summer Do 2008 Northland Craft Trust	Whangarei	5-13 Jan 08
www.ecofest.co.nz	Organic River Festival	Levin	18-20 Jan 07
ess@ts.co.nz	Build your own water tank	Golden Bay	19-20 Jan 07
www.sustainabilityexpo.co.nz	Sustainability EXPO	Christchurch	26-27 Jan 08
www.rainbowvalleyfarm.co.nz	Permaculture Design Course	Warkworth	22 Feb-7 March 08
events@tuitrust.org.nz	Permaculture Design Course	Golden Bay	26 Feb-10 March 07
Info@sustaining-hb.org.nz	Sustainable /Earth Building Courses/ Permaculture	Hawkes Bay	Various dates
www.envirocentre.org.nz	Sustainable /Energy/ Earth Building Course	Hamilton	Various dates

Acknowledgment



Richard Morrison

Richard has been an inspiring example we can all learn from. His passion for the editorship of the EB News over the past years continues to keep earthy and organic people informed and connected to interesting events, courses and workshops. His positive and enthusiastic attitude is always inspiring, I wish him luck in future endeavors.

- Daniel Mohr, editor

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