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Welcome to 2008!

I hope you are all easing into the new year greenly and cleanly!
There is heaps happening in February, have fun!

Quick Links

Quick click the courses below or scroll down 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).

Event:	Contact:	Location	Date
Sustainability EXPO	www.sustainabilityexpo.co.nz	Rolleston	26-27 Jan 08
Sustainable Living	Sustainable Households	Various	Various
Sustainable/Energy/ Earth Building	www.envirocentre.org.nz	Hamilton	Various dates
Native Bush for Health	rjbright@paradise.net.nz	Mangawhai	10 & 24 Feb 08
Good Life Expo	07)834 2249 or click here	Hamilton	23 Feb 08
Advanced Adobe Workshop	ess@ts.co.nz	Golden Bay	12-16 Feb 08
Design a Green Home	slc@ecomatters.org.nz	New Lynn	23 Feb 08
Permaculture Design Courses	www.rainbowvalleyfarm.co.nz	Matakana	22 Feb-7 Mar 08
Ecoday	eventfinder	New Lynn, Ak	9 Mar 08
Permaculture Design Course	events@tuitrust.org.nz	Golden Bay	24 Feb-9 Mar 08
Luminate 08	nativeharmonics.co.nz	Golden Bay	7-11 Feb 08
Water Storage	vicky@nzsses.org.nz	Christchurch	14 Mar 08
World Environment Day	www.unep.org	Wellington	5 June 08
Green Wood Working	koanga.co.nz	Kaiwaka	29 Mar 08
Earth Building /Permaculture	Info@sustaining-hb.org.nz	Hawkes Bay	Various dates

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

Sustainable Livingcourses

Find out how you can do your bit for the planet and for future generations of New Zealanders!

Be part of the solution with your new practical skills and relevant knowledge...

These community education classes feature good discussion, hands-on learning methods, and well-researched notes, additional to items available on this site. Action leaders/study tutors are helped by a 'facilitators guide' and reference information resources on CD, regional training events, plus telephone and email support from the national coordinator. To make enquiries or register interest in learning or tutoring,

Email _____ from _____ ourRegistration _____ Page.
or <http://www.sustainablehouseholds.org.nz/courses1.htm>

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NZ Native Bush for Health Seminar

R1- Sun 10 February & R2- Sun 24 February 2008

Mangawhai

Certificated Rongoa 1 and 2 workshops. Inspiring and experiential seminar, discovering 7 of our common native plants utilised for food, medicine and health in a beautiful forested surrounding

When: R1 Sunday 10th Feb 08, and R2 - Sunday 24th Feb

Where: The Kowhai Room, Milestone Cottages, Mangawhai

Time: 10am 4:30pm

Investment: \$95 per day

Includes seminar handouts, morning and afternoon teas, 30% off all 100% natural Bright Earth products (at seminar), bush teas, organic coffee and bush food all supplied. We will bush walk and harvest traditionally, sampling our delicious potent forest and products

Limited Spaces book your place today!

Jules Bright (09) 431 5994 rjbright@paradise.net.nz

Reg Nurse, Naturopath, Medical Herbalist, Body therapist, Ambulance officer

Good Life Expo

Saturday, 23 February 2008

Hamilton

Hamilton Permaculture Trust presents the Good Life Expo - an exciting vibrant festival of stalls, activities, and entertainment. Sustainable living, composting, talks, workshops, organics, produce, plants for sale, energy efficiency, green shopping, productive animals - the alpacas are coming again. Speakers include James Samuel talking about Transition Towns (life after peak oil)

In conjunction with Right Bank Arts Festival.
Enquiries phone Cheryl at the Permaculture Trust 834 2249 & [click here](#)

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



Design a Green Home

23 February 2008

New Lynn

Sympathetic building solutions that work WITH the environment

4 Olympic Place, New Lynn, Waitakere City -[Map](#)

10.30-12.30pm \$10!

Want to build a healthy, happy and sustainable house or bach? Eco-architect Johann will lead you through design process when considering a new building project
see an example of a low budget modular holiday home
find out the questions to ask and ideas to consider before approaching your architect or builder
create the home of your dreams that doesn't cost the earth!

Johann Bernhardt-Architect, Building Biology & Ecology Institute

Please book your workshop...

ph 826 0555 / email: slc@ecomatters.org.nz

The original 72-hour Permaculture Design Course.

22 February - 7 March 2008

Rainbow Valley Farm, Matakana

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

More detail: http://www.rainbowvalleyfarm.co.nz/index_files/Page325.htm

web site: www.rainbowvalleyfarm.co.nz

More from Rainbow Valley Farm:

Modular Permaculture Design Course

Modules 1 & 2: Permaculture Philosophy & Design

25 & 26 April 2008

Rainbow Valley Farm, Matakana

For those who don't have time to take the 2 week course, doing a Permaculture Design Course in modules is also an option. Modules may be taken at any one of the providers (see list on www.permaculture.org.nz) over any length of time. A certificate will be issued on completion of all the modules. Rainbow Valley Farm is offering the first two modules over a weekend in April 2008.

In this 2 day course you will learn about the ethics, principles, methods and concepts of design in Permaculture. We will explore the ideas of an ecological sustainable future based on Permaculture design. We will look at the landscape and show you how to read the patterns.

Bookings essential, deposit required.

Web Link: http://www.rainbowvalleyfarm.co.nz/index_files/Page350.htm



(Pictured above: Joe Polaischer & Students, Rainbow Valley Farm)

Ecoday

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 <http://www.eventfinder.co.nz/2008/mar/waitakere-city/ecoday-2008.html> for full article

Permaculture Design Course

24 February - 9 March

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) 525 8399 (message only)

email: events@tuitrust.org.nz

Luminate 08

7-11 Feb 2008

Canaan Downs, Takaka Hill, Golden Bay



Festival of Music, Art, dance, Creativity, and Sustainability. Steeped in myth and legend, the spectacular quartz and limestone landscape of Takaka Hill provides a stunning backdrop to this holistic, cultural event.

Workshops include Sacred Geometry, Permaculture, the Mayan calendar, Qi Gong, Yoga, Poi, Juggling, Healing techniques, Sanskrit Mantras, Didge, Sustainable living, Hemp, Bellydancing, traditional arts and crafts and more.

Tickets are available from Invisible (Takaka), Cosmic Corner (www.cosmiccorner.co.nz) and local outlets nationwide.

\$100 until 21st Jan, full price \$120. Under 12s free, family friendly, no alcohol or dogs.

No gate sales. Luminate is a zero waste event:

Full story: Web: <http://www.nativeharmonics.co.nz/>

email: nativeharmonics@paradise.net.nz

Friday Forum #8 - Water: Supply & storage

14 March 2008

Venue: Christchurch

When: Friday, 14 March 2008

Time: 9.00 am - 12 noon

Where: MWH Office, Deans Ave, Christchurch

Speakers: Dr John Bright - Aqualinc, Professor Derrick Moot - Lincoln University, and Dr Terry Heiler - Irrigation NZ

Fee: Free to members of NZSSES, \$40 incl. GST for non-members

Register now by emailing Vicky - vicky@nzsses.org.nz

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 <http://www.unep.org/Documents/Multilingual/Default.asp?DocumentID=519&ArticleID=5677&l=en>

For the full article

Introduction to Green Wood Working

29 March 2008

Koanga Gardens, Kaiwaka

John Aiken

Learn how to utilise your own woodlot without expensive power tools. This one day course will introduce you to the basic tools and skills needed to convert trees into a variety of useful products including fencing products, gates and hurdles, tree and garden stakes, tool handles, hay rakes and charcoal. Learn how to split wood, shape wood with a side axe, use a draw knife and shave horse, turn wood on a pole lathe and make charcoal.

You will learn about the traditional uses of different tree species. **Price**

105.00,9 - 4pm

Click: http://www.koanga.co.nz/pages/2005_workshops.html

Physical address:

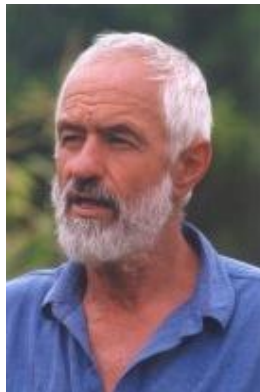
State Highway 1, 4 km north of Kaiwaka, on the left heading north.

Postal address:

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Fax: (09) 431 2745

Acknowledgment

Joe Polaischer is a tireless proponent of permaculture in Matakana.
Joe teaches permaculture in New Zealand and internationally.
He is expert at explaining climatechange and emergy and balancing the
picture
by providing a leading example of positive action and appropriate technology
at Rainbow Valley Farm.



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