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### [Funnies of the month](#)

[Where am I going ... and what am I doing in this hand-basket?](#)

[If it's broken and can't be fixed with a hammer or duct tape ... it's rubbish.](#)

[The probability of someone watching you is directly proportional to the stupidity of your action.](#)

[How many mystery writers does it take to change a light bulb? -](#)

[Two - One to screw it almost all the way in and the other to give it a surprising twist at the end!](#)

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### **Quick Links**

Quick click the courses & useful links 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 & an **image** to the editor (click the link at the top).

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Mar - Nov

<http://www.vironaki.co.nz>

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### **Green Building Summit 08, Auckland CBD**

May 28

[carolyne@propertynz.co.nz](mailto:carolyne@propertynz.co.nz)

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### **Introduction to Permaculture Design**

May 13 - July 1

[Email info@shbt.org.nz](mailto:info@shbt.org.nz)

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### **World Environment Day, Wellington**

5 June

<http://www.mfe.govt.nz/withyou/wed/index.html>

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### **Straw Bale Design & Construction, Geraldine**

22-28 Nov (& see other courses below!)

[sarahjohnston@ihug.co.nz](mailto:sarahjohnston@ihug.co.nz)

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### **Earth Building/Permaculture Workshops for Self**

**Reliance, Hawke's Bay**

Feb 1 to December 31

[Info@sustaining-hb.org.nz](mailto:Info@sustaining-hb.org.nz)

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**International Permaculture Design Course, Whitianga**

July 5 - 19

[bobc@sustainablehabitats.co.nz](mailto:bobc@sustainablehabitats.co.nz)

**Green Building Workshops**

May 28

[events@nzgbc.org.nz](mailto:events@nzgbc.org.nz)

**Workshops for Self Reliance, Hawkes Bay**

Feb 1 to Dec 31

[info@shbt.org.nz](mailto:info@shbt.org.nz)

**Permaculture events and courses**

[www.permaculture.org.nz/events.php](http://www.permaculture.org.nz/events.php)

**Earthbuilding Workshop and other courses, Nelson area**

03-528 4751, [ess@ts.co.nz](mailto:ess@ts.co.nz)

**Earthbuilding Workshop, Nelson**

**5 - 7 Sep**

03 545 0240 or [contact@solidearth.co.nz](mailto:contact@solidearth.co.nz)

**Sustainable/Energy/Earth Building, Hamilton**

Various dates

[www.envirocentre.org.nz](http://www.envirocentre.org.nz)

**Sustainable Indicators, Auckland**

**30 May**

[vicky@nzsses.org.nz](mailto:vicky@nzsses.org.nz)

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## **Earthbuilding Workshop**

**5 - 7 September**

Nelson

### **When...**

Friday 5th, Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th September 2008  
9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

### **Where...**

SolidEarth Adobe Brickyard, Wakapuaka, Nelson North

### **Costs...**

\$ 290.00 for the three days. This includes materials and theoretical information.

Hot drinks and a warm lunch will be provided. Please bring your own snacks.

We restrict places to ten participants in order to do some serious hands-on work in small groups and enable you to get one-to-one tuition. You will be either working on one project of your choice or rotate to experience the many possibilities of the building material earth.

### **Topics covered...**

Making and laying Adobe Bricks

Building walls and furniture from cob, light-earth, wattle-and-daub(traditional techniques)

Sculpting an outdoor pizza oven

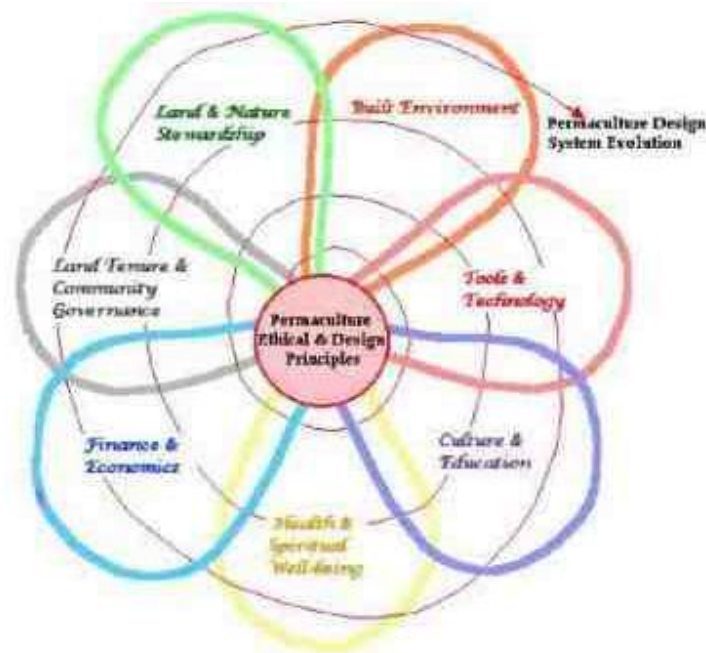
Experimentation with earthen plasters, natural paints and sealants

Earthbuilding theory and professional techniques

Visit of a commercial Adobe Brickyard and view realized projects relating to the above topics

### **more info...**

call verena on 03 545 0240 or email [contact@solidearth.co.nz](mailto:contact@solidearth.co.nz)



<http://www.environaki.co.nz/permaculture.htm>

## **Modular Permaculture Design Certificate 2008**

**March - November 2008**

Taranaki

This Permaculture Design Certificate is run over 8 weekends throughout 2008.

To obtain your Certificate:

- you must attend all weekends, starting with 1. **Philosophy and Design**;
- and
- you must complete a design project during the final weekend 8. **Design Project**.

A person is able to attend just the weekends that they are interested in, but will not receive a Certificate.

Each weekend will include at least one hands-on project to build peoples' practical skills, enhance learning, and have fun !

### **Costs** □

For someone enrolling in the whole Permaculture Design Certificate, each weekend will cost \$180 including food - otherwise, each weekend costs \$200 including food.

Staying overnight will cost an additional \$15, including a shower and breakfast.

For more information, email- [kamaburwell@iconz.co.nz](mailto:kamaburwell@iconz.co.nz) or ph 756-8229.  
Details- <http://www.environaki.co.nz/courses-education.htm>

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**Remember** - it is vital that you contact the **course provider** to confirm course details

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### **Garden Sculpture Workshop with Brent Sumner**

23 -25 May

Fee: \$150 + materials

At: The Quarry Arts Centre, 21 Selwyn Ave Whangarei

(Friday evening lecture - Sat-Sun, sculpture creation)

This workshop is designed to be a creative and fun event in which participants are able to create and complete a sculpture of their own design.

The workshop begins with a demonstration and individual practise at using DARJIT! For free form sculpture. Next the techniques for creating the skeletal forms for large sculpture are demonstrated. Wire netting a steel bars are typically used which can also be made from recycled material such as buckets and old furniture.

A wide variety of effects can be achieved with DARJIT, including embedded mosaic patterns, textured finishes and hand crafted fine details.

Brent will be available to assist each participant with technique and construction approaches for their individual design. Students can come with a project in mind or be spontaneously inspired.

For images of previous workshop go to:

[www.darjit.com](http://www.darjit.com) or [www.sculptureparty.com](http://www.sculptureparty.com)

for more info: Phone 09 438 1215 [admin@quarryarts.org](mailto:admin@quarryarts.org)

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## **Green Building Summit 08**

**May 28**

Auckland CBD

Wednesday, May 28, 2008 - Wednesday, May 28, 2008

New Zealand's foremost green building event has just been confirmed. Property Council New Zealand and the New Zealand Green Building Council are delighted to announce New Zealand's Green Building Summit 08.

DATE -Wednesday 28 May 2008

VENUE -TBA

TIME -9.00am - 5.00pm

This will be the event to attend in 2008, as we bring some of the key players in the world's green building movement to you – offering you a unique opportunity to gain knowledge from keynote international speakers operating at the cutting edge. Key note speakers will include Ché Wall (past Chairman of the World Green Building Council and Board Member of the Green Building Council of Australia) and speakers from Stockland and the Green Building Council of Australia.

For further information please contact Carolyne at the Property Council on 09 300 9589 or

[carolyne@propertynz.co.nz](mailto:carolyne@propertynz.co.nz)

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## **Sustainable Indicators**

**30 May**

Auckland

NZSSES announce the next in the 2008 series of one-day short courses and Forums.

Please pass this information on to your colleagues and networks.

Registrations are open - Email Vicky at [vicky@nzsses.org.nz](mailto:vicky@nzsses.org.nz) now for booking and enquiries

**What:** Sustainable Indicators

**When:** Friday 30 May

**Where:** AUT Conference Centre, 585 Great South Road, Penrose, Auckland.

**Time:** 9am - 5pm

**Presenter:** Dr David Kettle

**More information:** Download programme

from <http://www.nzsses.auckland.ac.nz/forums/index.htm>

This course is about sustainability indicators and frameworks. There is a growing awareness of the need to measure and monitor our 'quality of life', both in the present and into the future. The aim of the course is to provide participants a good working knowledge of the current state of indicators work throughout New Zealand and how this compares to other international work. Participants will debate their own views on indicator measures against the existing council's community outcomes and other national and international indicator programmes.

This course is particularly relevant to Local Government, practising engineers, planners, architects, developers, business and community groups.

**Fee:** \$295 including GST for members (NZSSES, IPENZ and RSNZ)

\$375 including GST for non-members

Special full-time student rates available on application

**Note:** A 25% cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations. Cancellations made within 48 hours and non-attendance on the day will incur the full fee

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## **Introduction to Permaculture Design**

**May 13 - July 1**

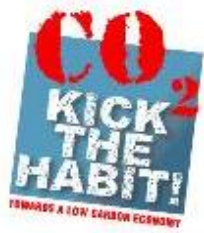
Hawke's Bay

Eight Tuesday evening sessions covering permaculture ethics and principles, site design, house design, soil, water in the landscape, developing community, and alternative economics, and two weekend half day practical sessions on composting, no-dig vege beds, and site design. Total 22 hours.

**Cost:** \$60

**Contact:** Environment Centre HB 06 870 4942 [email](mailto:info@shbt.org.nz) (info@shbt.org.nz)

**Location:** Central Hawke's Bay College, Waipukurau



## **World Environment Day 2008**

**5 June**

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>

or: <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/withyou/wed/index.html> For the full article.

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## **Straw Bale Design & Construction**

**22-28 November 2008**

Geraldine

### **A Theory & Practical Hands-On Workshop**

**LOCATION:** Struan Farm Retreat, Geraldine, New Zealand

**COST:** \$1015.00 NZD (includes food and accommodation)

This week-long straw bale design and construction workshop will be a blend of both theory (classroom) and practical (hands-on) experience. Your instructors will guide you through each step of the building process, from foundations to finish work. There will be an introduction to the art and science of straw bale building, the many techniques and components of a wall system as well as design considerations. You will gain experience in both post and beam as well as hybrid building systems, discuss and then apply earth and lime plasters.

**CONTACT:** [sarahjohnston@ihug.co.nz](mailto:sarahjohnston@ihug.co.nz) or 03 693 7369

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## MORE "Kakiriki Earth" Courses -

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### **Introduction to Earth and Straw Bale Building**

**Geraldine: 17-18 May & 20-21 Sep**

**Ashburton: 11-12 Oct**

A weekend workshop, introducing the various concepts and techniques for using earth and straw to create healthy and sustainable homes.

Cost: \$150

### **Introduction to Natural Building**

**Geraldine: 6 Sep**

**Ashburton: 4 Oct**

A one-day workshop, discussing the options for natural building. Topics include site selection, appropriate design, energy, water and material choices. This workshop is designed to give a broad overview of natural building, encourage critical thinking and provide participants with a framework for decision-making.

Cost: \$75

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[www.freeimages.co.uk](http://www.freeimages.co.uk)

### **International Permaculture Design Course**

**July 5 - July 19**

Whitianga

Tutors: Geoff Lawton, Rikirangi Gage, Kay Baxter, Bob Corker and others  
An intensive two week course covering the principles of natural design in agriculture, horticulture, land use, housing, community development with an emphasis on Maori perspectives. It gives a thorough understanding of how we can respect and work with the old ways within a modern setting.

Cost \$1200 (includes Marae accommodation and food) - Please see our [flyer](#) for all the details.

**Contact:** For more information

contact: [bobc@sustainablehabitats.co.nz](mailto:bobc@sustainablehabitats.co.nz)

or phone (07)3252719

**Location:** Whitianga Marae, Whitianga, Eastern Bay of Plenty, NZ

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## **Green Building Workshops**

### **May 28**

The NZGBC presents a day of practical workshops the day before the Green Building Summit, responding to industry demand for more focused information and opportunities for discussion on the following topics:

9.00am–12noon : Green Star NZ Submissions

This workshop is aimed at people who have completed Green Star NZ Accredited Professional training and will provide detail on the certification process and examples of what the Green Star NZ Assessors look for in a good submission.

1.00–3.00pm : Building Products

This workshop will explore the relationship between building products and the green outcome of the building; how products contribute towards Green Star NZ ratings; and the relationship between Green Star NZ and GreenBuild.

4.30-6.30pm : A Beginner's Guide to Green Star NZ

The session will overview the functionality of Green Star NZ Office Design V1 to give attendees a basic understanding of the system and its application. The session is aimed at people who do not necessarily want to become Accredited Professionals but need a general understanding of how the Green Star NZ system works and how it affects their business.

If you are interested in attending any of the above workshops, please email [events@nzgbc.org.nz](mailto:events@nzgbc.org.nz) to receive further details as they become available.

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## **Acknowledgment**



I would like to thank [Riverside Community](#) for their friendly hospitality during the EBANZ Conference 2007. What a magnificent venue, and what genuine people.

And just a note that the EBANZ Conference 2008 is coming up in October, watch this space as more details come to hand!!

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