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SPECIAL EVENT: 2008 EBANZ ANNUAL CONFERENCE

25-27 October
Parua Bay, Whangarei Heads

TOURS, WORKSHOPS, SPEAKERS & AGM WEEKEND!

This special edition is to highlight the awesome opportunity available to everyone this labour weekend!! Come for the whole 3 days or book yourself in for just one of them, its your choice!

There will be professionals, builders and home owners itching to talk about earth building!

[DON'T MISS OUT - CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW](#)

[Be quick, book now](#), for this premier 3 day earth building event!

Rich with earth house tours, demonstrations, workshops, speakers and of course the Annual General Meeting, this event is a must for all earth building professionals and serious enthusiasts.

Conference site will be a permanent buildings campsite on the shores of picturesque Parua Bay, 25 minutes drive east of the Whangarei city centre.

Cost:

EBANZ members \$**210.00**

Non-members \$**250.00** - Includes 1 year membership (Prices include GST)

Enquiries: T. Drupsteen ph 09 4014 737 registration form at: www.earthbuilding.org.nz



THE PARUA BAYCAMP BUILDING - photo thanks to <http://www.holyground.org.nz/>

Come and enjoy three days of earthbuilding, tours and fun!



(houses visited on bus tours in past conferences)

My wife thought I was mad.(Testimonial)

"Come to Christchurch for a dirty weekend" I said. The Earth Building Association is having a weekend to look at mud houses, after three weeks Sharon said yes, so we did. Will we do it again? Yes and yes.

About the weekend, well where to start:

We arrived like many others, newly joined to save some money. We looked around and thought are all these people interested in mud bricks? We found that not only were they interested but had been for a long time, within five minutes we where made welcome and we entered an exciting new world.

Soon after we were off on one of the two buses, both drivers did a great job. House after house we visited, all different. Such friendly owners who made us all feel welcome. it was quite funny watching all the owners when 24 of us turned up in the small bus, then the big bus arived and and it brought the total up to about 68. They couldn't believe that so many people were interested in their homes and we certainly keep them busy with all our questions.

The time just disappeared. Before we knew it, it was smoko, lunch then dinner time. The food was all great, we were never rushed but kept on schedule. But I suppose we have one complaint; too much food! So much that after we all had at least three helpings they took the food around to the homeless shelter and it feed many people. Great thinking! Such friendly people that we got to know. As new joiners Sharon and I learnt so much from the old hands who shared their knowledge freely - Thank-you all.

It makes me wonder how many mud brick house will come of this, I know of one.

To sum it all up:

Organisation - Excellent

Food - Excellent

Friendliness - Excellent

Homes Visited - Excellent

From me to all those people who helped convince Sharon to build a mud brick house, thank-you.

Kind Regards-

Bourke Thomas

About the 2007 EBANZ AGM (Testimonial)

"The Earthbuilding Association AGM 2007 at Riverside Community was a fantastic experience that I will always remember, fabulous food, great company and awesome earth buildings! The hands on workshops really helped me in my ongoing search for earth building knowledge" - D. Mohr.



About The Earthbuilding Association of New Zealand Annual Conference/Tour

Youve probably heard that modern earth homes are wonderfully comfortable buildings with special features - warm in winter and cool in summer, no condensation or mould problems, quiet, solid, and durable. They have a distinct style all of their own. Here is your opportunity to find out more.

EBANZ is a network of enthusiastic and experienced volunteers, who are interested in promoting environmentally friendly, sustainable building, with a focus on earth as a construction material. EBANZ publishes a bi-monthly magazine, runs an interactive web site, lobbies government organisations, sends out regular free email newsletters (EB News), organises an Annual Conference and local events in your area to promote earth building.

This year EBANZ is holding it's Annual Conference in Parua Bay Whangarei, over Labour Weekend, 25-27 October. We will be visiting a range of local earth homes, holding hands on courses and there will be presentations by those in the know.

Come along and mix with some of New Zealand's most experienced earth builders, designers, and earth building enthusiasts, and see some wonderful homes.

For more information contact www.earthbuilding.org.nz

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Visit our web site www.earthbuilding.org.nz

-Richard Morrison past Chairperson, EBANZ

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LOOK:EBANZ Annual Conference!!, Whangarei

25 - 27 October

ph 09 4014 737, click below for registration form:

www.earthbuilding.org.nz

SUSTAINABLE LIVING PROGRAMME,

Dunedin

14 - 16 October

mhoward@slingshot.co.nz

Build Your Own Pole Lathe, Koanga Gardens, Northland

25th/ 26th October

info@koanga.co.nz Tel: (09) 431 2732

Alternative Energy Field Day, Dunedin

1 November 03-2048618

pmgnicol@xtra.co.nz

Earth Oven & Bread Baking Workshop, Golden Bay

14-17 November 2008

03 525 7515 or cobdance@gmail.com

Cob Pizza Oven Building Workshop, Hawke's Bay

29 November

info@shbt.org.nz

"Kakiriki Earth"

Straw Bale Design & Construction, Geraldine

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

sarahjohnston@ihug.co.nz

H.A.N.D.S. Market, Golden Bay

14 December in the Treefield

03 525 8399 or events@tuitrust.org.nz

ORGANIC RIVER FESTIVAL, Levin

16 - 18 Jan 2009

Nature Coast, Levin

www.ecofest.co.nz

Cob workshop - SITE REQUIRED!, at your place?

Feb 1 to March 3, 2009

Shannon Dealy: dealy@deatech.com

72 Hour Permaculture Design Course, Matakana

6 - 21 Feb 2009 Rainbow Valley Farm

Contact: adminrainbowvalleyfarm@gmail.com, www.rainbowvalleyfarm.co.nz

Links & ongoing courses:

Modular Permaculture Design Certificate, Taranaki

Mar - Nov

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

Ecologically links and events:

www.ecobob.co.nz

Koanga Gardens Events Workshops

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

Workshops for Self Reliance, Hawkes Bay

Feb 1 to Dec 31

info@shbt.org.nz

Most permaculture events and courses are detailed on:

www.permaculture.org.nz/events.php

Earthbuilding Workshops and other courses, Nelson area

03 528 4751, ess@ts.co.nz

Sustainable/Energy/Earth Building, Hamilton

Various dates

www.envirocentre.org.nz

LOOK: International Day of Peace, 21 September

<http://www.internationaldayofpeace.org/>



SUSTAINABLE LIVING PROGRAMME

14 - 16 October

Dunedin

Enrol now for COMMUNITY SUSTAINABLE LIVING CLASSES in St Clair, NEV and Seacliff: This interactive eight-week course will assist you to learn and share practical tips that make a difference and can save you money, meet others in your community who are interested in living more sustainably, gain support for introducing lifestyle changes you want to make. Facilitated by Dr Maureen Howard, c/o Water and Waste Services, Dunedin City Council.

COURSE CONTENT: Introduction - Sustainability in the home. Making changes; Energy - Efficiency and conservation, Renewables; Waste - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle; Composting Shopping - Making better choices. Making your own cleaners; Gardening - Attracting wildlife. Growing your own veggies; Water - Conservation, collection, reuse and keeping waterways clean; Transport - Travelling more sustainably; Final - Community Focus

UPCOMING COURSES:

ST CLAIR, daytime. Start Date: Thursday 16 October, each Thursday, 9.30 -11.30am.

DUNEDIN NORTH, evening. Start Date, Tuesday 14 October, each Tuesday, 7- 9pm.

NEV, daytime. Start Date, Wed 15 October, each Wednesday, 10am-noon.

SEACLIFF, evening. Start Date, Wed 15 October, each Wednesday, 7- 9pm.

All courses are free with a Koha/Donation requested (\$25-35 recommended). Courses are restricted to a maximum of 14 people. Registration is essential: Phone Maureen 4739967 or email mhoward@slingshot.co.nz



Build Your Own Pole Lathe - 2 days

25/26th October

Koanga Gardens (Maungaturoto Northland)

John Aiken

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th October

Price: \$275 includes Marae style accommodation, an evening meal, breakfast and Sunday lunch.

A pole lathe is a wood turning lathe which requires no motor or electricity to work, instead the operator uses a treadle driven by a springy sapling to rotate the work piece so that it can be shaped with a chisel. Pole lathes can create tool handles, candle sticks, chair legs and bowls. Construct your own Pole Lathe to take home. Tel: (09) 431 2732 info@koanga.co.nz

Alternative Energy Field Day

1 November 10 - 4pm

Otago

BOOK FAST, LIMITED SPACES!

Come and see a working permaculture site with the home totally off grid using wind and PV for electricity. Learn about the costs, compromises, capabilities and complexities of these type of systems. Is solar and wind a viable option, too right it is!!

Bookings essential. Cost \$10 per person.

Location is at 13 Edeivale Rd, Edieivale. 9kms toward Tapanui from Raes Junction or 19kms from Tapanui toward Raes Junction. There are limited spaces available so book early. Paul Nicol

Contact info :03-2048618 Email : pmgnicol@xtra.co.nz



Earth Oven & Bread Baking Workshop

14-17 November 2008

Tui Community, Golden Bay

Wood-fired cob ovens have been used for many centuries and are great for cooking everything from baking breads and pizzas to roasting meats & vegetables. We'll build an earthen oven while learning some bread baking tips & techniques from two bread bakers. **Contact:** John or Lyn at 03 525 7515 or

email cobdance@gmail.com for full details and registration.

Cob Pizza Oven Building Workshop

29th November

Hawke's Bay

Full Dayworkshop Saturday 29th November

Cost: \$55

Part of Sustaining Hawke's Bay Trust's Workshops for Self Reliance Series

info@shbt.org.nz

For more details and to enrol contact Environment Centre Hawke'sBay 06 8787 4942

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

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 or 03 693 7369



H.A.N.D.S. Market in the Treefield

14 December 2008

Golden Bay

Enjoy a healthy exchange of HANDS at the seasons solstice market. Vegies, arts, crafts, food and performances all nestled in a canopy of trees and close to the beach. Enquire about overnight stays.

Contact: Jessica at 035258399 or email events@tuitrust.org.nz

Organic River Festival

16 - 18 Jan 2009

Nature Coast, Levin

Three day festival for families and fringe dwellers who appreciate the beautiful bush and river, alternative and spitual workshops, music, dance, entertainment, fire pits, creative stalls, organic wine and fantastic food.

Run by the ecofest charitable trust the festival attracts campers and families from all over NZ that want a wonderfully entertaining, feel good camping experience.

Early-bird camping tickets (limited) go on sale 1st July for the 9th Organic River Festival, Nature Coast, Levin (16th - 18th Jan 2009). Visit www.ecofest.co.nz for updates.
Ph Malcolm Hadlum 06 3684465

Cob workshop - at your place?

Sunday Feb 1 to Tuesday March 3, 2009

Shannon Dealy of the Cob Cottage Company is coming to New Zealand at the beginning of February 2009 and needs a site to host a workshop. Hosting a workshop could provide a boost for any project to build a Cob dwelling.

<http://www.cobcottage.com/>

Follow the address below for information about hosting a workshop.

http://www.deatech.com/deatech/workshop_hosting.html

If you are interested email Shannon: dealy@deatech.com

location: Your place?



72 Hour Permaculture Design Course

Feb 6 - 21, 2009

Rainbow Valley Farm, Matakana

This is the original 72 hour design course - graduates will be awarded a certificate from Bill Mollison's Permaculture Institute in Australia.

This is an intensive 14-day course where students have the chance to get fully immersed in the permaculture way of thinking and acting while studying on a working permaculture farm. The course covers sustainable living systems for a wide variety of landscapes and climates. It includes the application of permaculture principles to food production, home design, construction, energy conservation and alternative economic structures. Students are invited to bring details of their own sites or potential sites.

Lead Tutor: Darren Doherty.

Darren is an Australian who has been teaching permaculture for 14 years in Australia, New Zealand, United States, Argentina, Spain and Vietnam. He is an experienced and sought after designer with more than 1,200 designs to his name. Co-tutors: Trish Allen, Graeme North, Sabine Drueckler, Wolfgang Hiepe.

Course outline: http://docs.google.com/View?docid=dct6rvhv_46cdxk4mhg

Contact: adminrainbowvalleyfarm@gmail.com, website: www.rainbowvalleyfarm.co.nz

Location: Rainbow Valley Farm, Matakana



Pukete Sustainable Living Expo

Friday, September 26
Hamilton

On the 26th Sept The Pukete Neighbourhood House is hosting a Sustainable Living Expo and we are looking for people to exhibit their products that will help us all be more sustainable in our day to day living.

It is **free** to have a stand and Pukete is in the Northern end of Hamilton.

If you are interested please email me on pukete1@hnpl.net.

Look forward to hearing from you all.

Spotlight:

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