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FROM THE EDITOR:

With the weather turning the sky to a crisper shade of blue, it is time to think about attending permaculture and sustainability conferences, eco expos, earth day celebrations, home living shows and science festivals.

Oh! ... you can find all that in this months EB News, read on!

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We always welcome new members! Just \$55 per year!

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You Get - subscription to 4 high quality magazines every year (includes glossy colour photos)

- access to earth building professionals via dedicated email chat-group
 - discounts on the annual conference/tour fees
 - access to EBANZ extensive library of [DVD/Videos](#)
 - help support the research and development of earth building in NZ (we've been doing heaps of research & testing of light earth bricks!)
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(Bill Mollison, David Holmgren and Steve Cran)

Australian Permaculture Convergence 2010

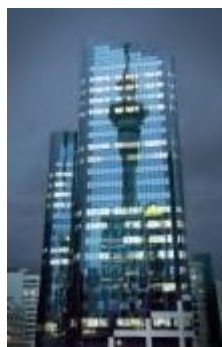
In three decades the movement has now grown into an international network with thousands of system designers on every continent on the planet. Permaculture has been described as one of Australia's most significant "intellectual exports" (Holmgren, 2009).

Register here (page under construction) [register](#)

Earth Day 22 April 2010



<http://www.earthday.net/>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Earth_Day



Greening NZ's Existing Buildings

28 April 2010, Auckland

Green building is becoming the standard for good design and construction. However, the fastest growing market for green building is in the upgrade of existing buildings. Building owners, managers and tenants

are focusing on energy efficiency, creating productive work-spaces, and better and greener buildings.

There are significant opportunities for owners, facility and property managers, and tenants to fully understand their buildings performance and integrate improvements.

Bought to you by Property Council NZ, and the NZ Green Building Council, this event will give a better understanding about the opportunity and approaches for greening our existing building stock.

[Event detail](#)



Permaculture Design Basics : Part One

Saturday 8th May 9—4, Kaiwaka

Tutor : Daniel Tohill

Cost : \$100

This course is an introduction to the concept of Permaculture.

Permaculture is: ' A land use system that looks at functional diverse plant and animal communities which enhances a sites ecological condition, soil fertility and natural productivity.'

The ethic of Permaculture is 'Care for the earth - Care for the people - Limit consumption, share the surplus'.

The date for the second part will be posted soon. It would be most beneficial to participants to commit to both days. An excellent first step for those who are perhaps interested to know the basics and how to put them into practise at your place, or for anyone considering some of the longer courses on offer and wanting to get a basic understanding.

Permaculture ideas can be used in many different situations, from a lifestyle block to a small urban garden.

For workshop bookings, or if you have any questions, please email:

info@koanga.co.nz

or phone us at the shop: **09 4312732**.

We ask for a deposit of 50% of the cost of the workshop when you make your booking.

Payment can be by cheque or internet banking.

[bookings click here](#)



Eco Family Expo

Saturday 15 May 2010, Tauranga

QE2 Centre, Tauranga 10am - 2pm

Helping families make greener choices.

Over 50 stalls and exhibits showcasing eco-conscious products and services needed to raise a healthy, happy 'green' family.

Clothing - toys - food - massage - decor - health - safety - education - preloved clothing - eco accommodation - plus lots more

Talks, demos, workshops, kid's activities, food & drink.

FREE goody bag to first 300 families.

entry \$5 per family

HUGE prize draw

Please bring cash - no Eftpos or ATM facilities at venue.

For more info or to have a stand please contact earthkindkids@hotmail.com



Better Home and Living Show 2010

22-23 May 2010, Napier

Do you want to improve the health and well being of your family through better housing, organic food and the latest advice on sustainable living ? Are you interested to learn how you can lower your energy consumption & improve your home using the latest environmentally friendly products ? Do you enjoy growing your own vegetables and planting native species in your garden? Are you passionate about the environment? If so then the Better Home and Living Show is for you !

Open hours: 10am - 5pm Saturday 22 May 2010 10am - 5pm Sunday 23 May 2010

Entry Prices: TBA

Venue : Pettigrew.Green Arena, 480 Gloucester Street, Taradale, Napier



The New Zealand Sustainable Building Conference – (SB10 NZ)

Wednesday, May 26, 2010 - Friday, May 28, 2010

The New Zealand Sustainable Building Conference – (SB10 NZ) will bring together a wide range of industry stakeholders to focus on the issue of sustainable building in the New Zealand environment. Following on from the successful SB07 held in Auckland 2007, the conference will bring together local and international speakers to share their knowledge and insights on innovative, high performance and low impact approaches to developing, maintaining and retrofitting the built environment for sustainability.



"Go Green Expo" Organic & Sustainability Expo

Sunday, July 11, 2010 - Monday, July 12, 2010

Organic & Sustainability Expo

The Expo will now be held in Spring 2010 in Auckland, Wellington & Christchurch

Register your interest [here](#)

Welcome to the Annual Organic & Sustainability Expo called the Go Green Expo.

The mecca of 'Organic and Sustainable living'!

Come and discover a whole new range of exciting products and services that will delight your senses and tantalise your taste buds, look for home improvements and buy gifts!

Click here >> <http://www.gogreenexpo.co.nz/>

Spotlight:

NZ International Science Festival 6-11 July 2010

Tuesday, July 06, 2010

EVERYDAY SCIENCE

food for thought!



World renowned experts confirmed

Two world renowned experts have been confirmed for the 2010 New Zealand International Science Festival. Everyday Science; food for thought is the theme for the festival, taking place this year in Dunedin from 6-11 July. In keeping with the theme, the visiting experts have expertise associated with environmental issues and health. Visit www.scifest.org.nz

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