

Care for Earth, Care for People, Share the Excess

# Permaculture Cairns Inc.

Empowering communities with sustainable solutions

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## The Answer is "Our Community Garden" - what are the questions?

- Where do people go to be inspired by nature?
- Is there an education centre around here?
- Where is the Permaculture group based?
- Where do we generate all or part of the Permaculture group's funding?
- What is sustainability?
- What will solve our food crisis (availability and price)?
- Where can you go to meet people who feel the same way about caring for the planet?
- Where do I find info about tropical gardening?
- Is it economically viable?
- Where do we learn about Permaculture in Cairns?
- Can we also do what they are achieving in Cuba with urban farms?
- Who will look after it after hours -security or caretaker?
- Who will manage it - core group?
- How do we finance for the future
- Do we have community support?
- What of vandalism? Is fencing the solution?
- Who will sponsor us?
- Who isn't welcome?
- How do we ensure Permaculture integrity?
- Who will be involved in the education Centre?
- Where do you learn forgotten knowledge?
- Where do people of all demographics get together?
- Can we gain qualifications and hold course?
- Are there resources here?

## Your Comments

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## Who will be involved with our community garden in 5 years?

Everyone concerned with the bigger picture for the earth.  
Challenged youth  
At-risk youth  
Schools  
People with disabilities  
Children  
Families  
Renewable energy developers ie: solar, wind, hydro & thermal  
Golden oldies  
Visitors  
Homeless  
Council  
International tourists  
Nurseries  
Green Harvest  
Seed Saving Networks  
Animal Husbandry experts  
TAFE  
JCU  
CSIRO  
CAFNEC  
Shoppers (at the markets)  
Multicultural Groups  
Artists / Artisans  
Musicians  
Educators - Permaculture and mainstream schools  
Other Permaculture groups  
WWOOF's  
Community Foods  
Indigenous Groups  
Trades people  
Locals  
LETS  
Appropriate local businesses  
Rehabilitating ex-prisoners.

## Your Comments

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## What varieties of plants / animals will be living here in 5 years time?

Goats  
Chooks  
Rabbits  
Ducks  
Sheep  
Pony  
Worm Farm  
Guinea Pigs

Fairies  
Gnomes  
And any other non-dominational  
nature spirit

Tropical fruit  
Tropical vegies  
Tropical herbs  
Aboriginal Bush foods / tucker  
Therapeutic plants  
Aquaculture plants  
Native Buffer plants  
Nitrogen fixers  
Soil enrichers  
Bird & bee attractors  
Local, in-season varieties

Leucanea  
Asian Vegies  
South Pacific Fruits  
South pacific Vegies  
Rice  
Oats  
Quinoa  
tapioca  
amaranth  
Various Bananas  
Medicianl herbs  
Spritual / healing herbs  
Bamboo(s)  
Mushrooms  
Herb Spiral  
Banana Circle  
Food Forest  
Companion plantings  
Shade trees  
Aesthetic plants  
"Safe" plants

## Your Comments

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Cairns Community Garden Sub-Project 1.0

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en – VISION - ed  
GARDEN

- Vision Meeting 2 June 08 ✓
- Vision Pic-Nic – 13 July 08
- Surveying other community gardens

Governance/  
Planning  
1.1

Construction/  
Establishment  
1.2

Community  
Integration  
1.3

Project Mgt  
1.1.1

Grants  
Submissions  
1.1.2

Stakeholder  
Mgt  
1.1.3

Site Design  
1.2.1

Site  
Construction  
1.2.2

Site Mgt  
1.2.3

Volunteers Mgt  
1.3.1

Community  
Partnerships  
1.3.2

Produce  
Distribution  
1.3.3

Fundraising  
Committee

Organising  
Committee

Treasurer/  
Finance  
Committee

Animals/Plants  
Mgt

Facilities/Café  
? Mgt

# AND THEN

## What things will be overheard at / about the garden in 5 years time?

This place is an inspiration!  
WOW!  
Look my first coconut!  
Very Lush!  
What sort of chicken is that? I love the eggs.  
This is the best community garden I've seen.  
Lots of healthy, organic food.  
Look at me Dad! (Kids sounds.  
How Calming!  
I now know how to grow my own garden in my own backyard.  
Smart people thought of this 5 years ago.  
This has helped me get back to Nature.  
Great sculpture!  
Let's go to the Permaculture Café for our organic coffee & gluten-free sticky date pudding.  
What a sensible and practical place!  
I can't believe an acre produced such diverse crops.  
Look those seeds I planted created fruit and cured my disease.  
Can we do this south of Cairns or anywhere  
Lets do this again somewhere else?  
Why did it work so well?  
Yummy, more please.  
What a welcoming, friendly, stimulating, colourful place.  
There are fairies at the bottom of the garden.  
I learnt so much.  
I can make a difference.  
Check out that butterfly.  
Bravo!

## Your Comments

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