

MATAKANA MODULAR PDC: MARCH – SEPTEMBER 2021

Trish Allen and Guenther Andraschko are running their annual for the internationally recognised modular PDC course plus additional optional hands-on permaculture workshops which takes place over 8 months with 13 full days of course time – 10 Saturdays + 3 Sundays from March to September 2021.

The course content covers a range of essential permaculture themes during the knowledge days and supplementary practical workshop days over a Saturday and Sunday respectively approximately once a month.

The topics and schedule are outlined below:

Date	Topic / Workshop	Venue
Sat, 13 March	Permaculture Ethics, Principles, Sectors, Zones	RVF
Sun, 14 March	Gardening & Seed Saving	RVF
Sat, 27 March	Ecology & Climate	Matakana Venue
Sun, 28 March	Deep Ecology	Whangateau Hall
Sat, 10 April	Water	RVF
Sun, 11 April	Fermentation Workshop	Matakana Hall
Sat, 1 May	Soils, Gardens & Compost	RVF
Sun, 2 May	Permaculture Properties Tour	Matakana Area
Sat, 22 May	Trees, Forestry, Food Forests	RVF
Sun, 23 May	Compost & Plant Propagation	RVF
Sat, 19 June	Design Process, Animals & Insects	Matakana Hall
Sun, 20 June	Animal Integration and Processing	Matakana Area
Sat, 10 July	Social Structures, Economics & Waste	Matakana Hall
Sun, 11 July	Mushroom logs, Pruning & Grafting	Matakana Area
Sat, 14 August	Appropriate Technology & Building	Matakana Hall
Sun, 15 August	Eco-Building Practical	Matakana Area
Sat, 18 September	Design Presentation	Matakana Hall

To fulfil the requirements of the PDC content and hours to earn the certificate, participants should attend all the Saturday knowledge-based sessions and at least 3 Sunday practical workshops.

The practical workshops are varied and can be selected according to your more specific interests.

Workshop outlines are as follows:

Sun, 14 March 2021: Gardening & Seed Saving

This session will cover soil fertility, crop planning, companion planting and crop rotation. Everything you need to know to build confidence in your growing skills. A further practical will include the collection of seed, processing of seed and methods for storing seed.

Sun, 28 March 2021: Deep Ecology

Drawing on the work of Joanna Macy, John Seed and Arne Naess this workshop will empower you to act on behalf of Earth with clarity, love and direction. The workshop incorporates experiential practices, poetry, ritual, movement and silence to guide our journey through the four stages of the spiral of the Work That Reconnects. These four stages support one another and help us experience firsthand that we are larger, stronger, deeper, and more creative than we have been brought up to believe.

Sun, 11 April 2021: Fermentation - Vegetables & Dairy

Learn how to make classic sauerkraut, kimchi, beet kvass and other veggie ferments. Get your head around the magic of SCOBYs for Kombucha, grains for Kefir, mothers for vinegar and take some starters home. Learn how to make simple, tasty, traditional raw cheeses.

Sun, 2 May 2021: Permaculture Properties Tour

Get inspired by how others have applied the principles of permaculture design to create resilient homes and abundant gardens and orchards. We will visit four outstanding permaculture properties in the Matakana area starting in the village.

We will see:

- an eco-house in the village built from timber, surrounded by an edible landscape on a quarter acre section
- a garden and orchard with integrated chickens, volunteer cottage with compost toilet
- a newly completed strawbale eco-house surrounded by gardens, orchard, swales, ponds and chickens
- an owner-built recently completed low impact strawbale house, gardens and orchard

Sun, 23 May 2021: Compost & Plant Propagation

We will explore different composting methods and homing in on hot composting compiling a heap from accumulated materials and inoculating it with beneficial anaerobic microbes to ensure the development of fungal networks and sequestration of carbon. We will also learn how to grow plants from seed, root division and cuttings. Best timing for these practices will be covered, plant species suited to the season, and how to care for your transplants once in your garden.

Sun, 20 June 2021: Animal Integration and Processing

We will be looking at integration of different types of animals into permaculture systems and how they support these systems, from bees to chicken, sheep and cows. We also demonstrate how to home process your own chicken humanely and ethically.

Sun, 11 July 2021: Mushroom logs, Pruning & Grafting

We'll be covering the growing of different mushroom species on various growing mediums and inoculating logs as well as pruning of various types of fruit trees such as apple, feijoa, pear, oranges, fig, and many more!

Sun, 15 August 2021: Eco-Building Practical

The building practical looks at various techniques of earth building in a hands on project environment. The actual nature of the project is decided closer to the time.

Trish and Guenther will host students at various locations around Matakana particularly at the Matakana Hall and the Rainbow Valley Farm. The course also includes inspiring field visits to permaculture sites in the area.

Course costs:

\$1495 (paid prior to course starting) or \$1795 payment plan (\$595 deposit + 3 payments of \$400). Modules for Saturday sessions can be attended @ \$185 each.

If you are not attending the full certified PDC, individual Sunday practical workshop sessions can be attended @ \$110 each or \$90 each if attending 3 or more (payable in advance). Anyone is welcome to attend.

For full course schedule and ENROLMENT form follow the link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FLGnjVMiBYND0dmJtpdiAGHBIBDBZVyzOOJerEtpoQ/viewform?edit_requested=true

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More info about the tutors:

Trish Allen is a Permaculture NZ affiliated teacher. She has over 30 years' experience as a permaculture practitioner including establishing the award-winning Rainbow Valley Farm with her late husband Joe Polaischer. The farm demonstrated permaculture in action and inspired thousands. Trish has now moved on and established a village-scale model of permaculture and shares her knowledge by teaching permaculture-related courses and workshops.

Guenther Andraschko is a Permaculture NZ affiliated teacher. He is an experienced workshop facilitator, earth builder, permaculture and landscape designer. With over 25 years' experience in designing and creating unique outdoor environments utilising permaculture ethics & principles. Guenther brings a wealth of practical knowledge and experience and enjoys supporting others to realise their own permaculture projects and aspirations.