

Eco Parenting with Jane Hanckel NEW

This course is for parents who care about their children's health and the environment. It will provide information about common toxins in our environment and food, toxic toys, food additives, pesticides and toxic cleaning products. There will be suggestions of how to protect children, environmental triggers and how to save money. Covering common childhood concerns - ADHD, asthma, obesity and precocious puberty - you will be shown positive steps you can take to lower a child's risk of exposure.

2 Tuesdays, 15th March to 22nd March 7pm-9pm
Concession: \$32 Full fee: \$38

Urban Farming with Sharon Gibson

Want to change your yard to an edible landscape? Find out how to grow most of your own fruit and vegetables in a small area. This includes converting your lawn to garden, propagating plants, composting, good value annual and perennial vegetables, dwarf fruit trees and strategies for lower maintenance. Expect to get dirty hands in an inspiring yard in Mullumbimby.

4 Wednesdays 16th March to 6th April 9.30 am -1.30 pm
Concession: \$135 Full fee: \$145

Sub Tropical Food Forest with Janelle Schafer NEW

Be inspired by examples of integrated, diverse inter planting of sub-tropical orchards to provide nutrients and to control pests and diseases. Design your own food forest including companion planting, complementary animal systems and natural succession process.

2 Fridays, 18th March to 25th March 9:30am-3:30pm
Concession: \$98 Full fee: \$108

Solar Works with Rob Crosby

Hands -on demonstration session looking at passive and active systems, Photo Voltaic panels, Solar Thermal collection and storage. Measure the dramatic effects cause by shading or poor orientation. Fernleigh

Friday, 4th March 9:30 am - 3 pm
Concession: \$35 Full fee: \$40

Straw Bale Gardening with Sharon Gibson

Growing in straw bales allows gardeners to harvest large yields in poor soil conditions. Learn this inexpensive and labour saving way to garden and build soil at the same time.

Wednesday 9th February 9:30 am - 1:30 pm
Concession: \$30 Full fee: \$35

Native Butterflies & Host Plants with Kathy Vail

Come and discover the fascinating world of native butterflies, dragonflies and other wonderful creatures. You may be surprised how many beautiful species we have in this biodiversity hot spot! Find out how to identify species, the habitat they need to flourish and what actions you can take on your patch to attract and support them. Some butterfly vines will be planted on the day.

Saturday, 5th February 9am-11:30am Ocean Shores
Concession: \$20 Full fee: \$25

Sustainable Living: Tour an Intentional Community with Ray Flanagan

Have you ever wondered how a group of all ages can live cooperatively, have a low environmental impact and produce a lot of their own food? See for yourself! Visit the large organic community garden and small scale dairy. See renewable alternative technology for power generation, water and nutrient recycling. \$5 to tutor for farm produce morning tea. Held at **The Channon**.

Tuesday 29th March 9.30 -12.30 pm
Concession: \$25 Full fee: \$30

Growing Abundance with Sharon Gibson NEW

Create abundance and make money from your own garden. We will explore ways to find niches in the community market place to help you create a "right livelihood" that can actually increase your (and your community's) wealth, without exploiting others, or our planets resources. We will look at value adding, bartering, scavenging, wild harvesting, and ways of sharing your own (and others') over abundance. This course is especially aimed at people who already garden who are struggling to make ends meet and want to creatively explore ways to create abundance ethically and consciously.

Wednesday, 9th March 10am-2pm
Concession: \$32 Full fee: \$36

Transform Your Backyard Into A Rainforest Habitat

with Liane Simons NEW

Visit a suburban backyard in transition to a rainforest. Learn about site factors, soil preparation, choosing appropriate plants, planting, mulching and weeding, through practical experience in the tutor's garden. Create a mini rainforest habitat for animals in your own garden.

Saturday, 2nd April 9am-12am
Concession: \$25 Full fee: \$30



Enrol for Courses:

Online at www.byroncollege.org.au

By phone: 66843374

In person: Crn Burringbar & Gordon Sts.

Mullumbimby Mon - Fri 9am-5pm

Booking & prepayment is essential for all courses.

Refunds will not be given unless cancellations are received 3 working days prior to start and incur 10% admin charge



Living & Working Sustainably Workshops

February—April 2011



with the
Mullumbimby Community Garden Program

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Energy Efficient House Design with Dave Lawrence

Find out what makes a house energy efficient passive or active solar, all about BASIX, approvals, non toxic materials, adaptable design and more. Site Visits including to you place if possible. For Builders and renovators. Held in Byron Arts & Industry Estate.

3 Wednesdays 9th - 23rd February 6 pm - 9 pm

1 Saturday 19th February 9am – 1pm

Concession: \$90 Full fee: \$110

Bamboo Design & Construction with Patrick Flanagan NEW

Bamboo may be the world's most useful plant. and it is the fastest growing plant on earth. Find out how to identify the correct bamboo to work with, construction techniques . Come and discover how versatile this amazing plant really is. A materials fee of \$50 is payable to the tutor .

2 Saturdays, 5th March to 12th March 9am-5pm

Concession: \$65 Full fee: \$72

Mullumbimby Community Garden Program

The College and Mullumbimby Community Garden have formed a creative partnership to provide a terrific program. These courses are booked through the college.

Chemical Free Bush Regeneration with David Rawlins NEW

To undertake your own bush regeneration project without using herbicides requires a greater understanding of natural processes and weed ecology and more strategic inputs of labour. This course will provide the knowledge and enthusiasm to get you started. Dave works in the conventional bush regen industry and on chemical free projects and has designed the course for people who wish to reduce their reliance on herbicides or undertake a chemical free project. This course is subsidised by **Brunswick Valley Landcare**

Saturday, 19th February 10am-2pm

Concession: \$20 Full fee: \$25

Getting started with Organic Gardening

with **Sharon Gibson**

We believe there is no such thing as a "black thumb"- everyone can grow food with some knowledge of the basics. Find out how to improve poor soils and how to create new garden beds, to plant with the seasons, sow seeds and seedlings and how to feed and water your plants appropriately. Discover the joy of growing even a little organic food at home or in a community garden.

2 Wednesdays 23rd February to 2nd March 10 am—4pm

Concession: \$80 Full fee: \$100

Bring Back The Birdwing Butterfly

with **Richmond Birdwing Conservation Network NEW**

This Butterfly is one of the largest and most beautiful native butterflies in Australia but it is endangered. Rainforest Rescue, has partnered with the Richmond Birdwing Conservation Network to help bring back this beautiful butterfly to northern NSW. Butterfly experts will teach you about the fascinating life history ; introduce you to the food plant of its larvae, and rogue look-alike plants which poison it; explain how to grow Birdwing vines for gardens and in revegetation; and outline current projects to bring the butterfly back. Free morning tea and a light lunch, a comprehensive information booklet and a Birdwing Vine will be provided.

Sunday, 13th March 9am-4pm

Concession: \$10 Full fee: \$10

Growing & Cooking Perennial Vegies

with **Sharon Gibson**

Perennial vegies are low maintenance and produce abundant crops throughout the year. There are many well suited to the subtropics such as celery leaf taro, asparagus, artichoke, Malabar spinach and many more. Find out how to grow, harvest, prepare and cook these valuable and delicious plants. \$5 ingredients fee at the first class.

Wednesday 1st June 9 am - 2 pm

Concession: \$35 Full fee: \$40

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58 Fridays 24th February to 25th November 9.30 am - 3 pm

Fee: \$1,950 Payment schedules can be arranged.

Natural Remedies From The Garden with Loretta Faulkner NEW

In an age when prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications are the norm, we forget that a large number of useful medicines can be found in our gardens. This course will explain how perennials, herbs and vegetables can be used for preventative medicine. You will learn how to identify some of these plants and their different uses as well as the ways to make the remedies.

Saturday, 26th February 10am-4pm

Concession: \$49 Full fee: \$55

Introduction to Permaculture

with **Andrew Carter**

Herb spirals, chicken tractors and self-sufficiency are examples of permaculture, but what is the essence of the permaculture approach? Learn about patterns found in nature that can be applied to everything from garden design and community development to how you live your life. The workshop includes some practical experience of permaculture outdoors.

Monday 21st February 10 am - 4 pm

Concession: \$38 Full fee: \$45

Backyard Chooks with Sharon Gibson

Chooks can make a brilliant contribution to your household as tireless workers and egg producers, provide poo for the garden and much enjoyment - and their needs are basic. Learn about chook breeds & behaviours, what to buy, housing and other needs.

Tuesday 15th February 10am - 4pm

Cost: \$38 or \$45 concession

Becoming an Agent of Change with Katrina Shields NEW

Do you want to make a difference – for the environment, social justice or community building, but not quite sure how to best be involved? Or perhaps you are involved but finding it frustrating, confusing or not getting the results you desire. We will explore Mayer's 4 roles of activism, the stages of social movements and how to build support networks. We will also clarify your personal contribution – the core work that makes the best use of your unique talents and passions.

2 Tuesdays 22nd February to 1st March 9:30am-12am

Concession: \$38 Full fee: \$45

Seed Saving for the Home Gardener

with **Loretta Faulkner**

Learn the art of seed saving and protect the world's genetic diversity from your backyard. Learn how to save vegetable and fruit seeds, seed identification, plant families, pollination and seed cleaning and storage.

2 Saturdays, 19th to 26th March 10 am - 4 pm

Concession: \$75 Full fee: \$90

Gardening with The Rhythms of the Moon

with **Loretta Faulkner**

For millenia gardeners have studied how the movements of the moon and stars influence the cycles of plant growth. In this course participants understand how the phases of the moon and zodiac signs their influence in the garden.

Saturday, 2nd April 10 am—4pm

Concession:\$38 Full Fee:\$45