



TRANSITION TOWN
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"The Cottage", 16 Peter's Lane, Pialba, Qld, 4655

APRIL 2010



JERRY COLEBY-WILLIAMS VISITED HERVEY BAY ON SATURDAY, 27TH MARCH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN QLD

Jerry is a curator, writer, executive, member of Qld Conservation Council, director of the Seed Savers' Foundation, a patron of ANZES (the Aust. & New Zealand Solar Energy Society), & an ABC TV Gardening Aust. Television presenter.

The lecture theatre at USQ was almost packed to capacity with people keen to hear Jerry talk about creating sustainable food gardens in urban settings, and the importance of the link between healthy soil, healthy plants and healthy people. Jerry showed us slides of how 'Bellis' developed from a typical suburban house block of just over 800 square metres into a highly productive edible landscape that often features on ABC's Gardening Australia. A seed swap followed the presentation, where Jerry was on hand to answer questions from individuals and to present Transition Town Gardeners with plants and seeds from his garden, to share with the local community. To see photos of the event, visit www.transitionfrasercoast.org.au
<http://sites.google.com/site/frasercoastsubtropicalfruits/home/hervey-bay-seedsavers-network> for the seed register.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE TRANSITION TOWN GARDENER'S VERY FIRST BYO BBQ

When: **Sunday, 25th April, 2010 - 11AM to 2PM**

Where: **At the Cottage, 16 Peter's Lane, Pialba**

Why: To share good food with good people in the wonderful garden that is evolving.

BYO everything (includes plates, cutlery and drinking vessels) and mix with like minded people while you share recipes, gardening tips and make new friends. There will be a raffle, plant sales and an opportunity to meet one of Hervey Bay's leading chefs, Alex from Hearty Foods.

See you there!



"THE COTTAGE" VOLUNTEERS



Cathy (far right) and her wonderful helpers share the running of "the Cottage" and its many services.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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WHAT'S ON IN APRIL AT "THE COTTAGE"

Transition Town gardeners get together on the 1st and 3rd Thursday and 2nd and 4th Saturday of March and April from 8am until 11am until further notice. The full seed bank will be available on Thursdays. A bank of locally grown seeds will be available on Saturdays. If you are not a member, filling out a form with your details and \$5 is all we ask to cover membership, then you can join in all the fun.

THURSDAY, 1ST APRIL - TAFE KITCHEN HERB GARDEN MAKEOVER - Wanted as many volunteers as we can get! Please see box below - please contact Maggie if you're keen to join in.

SATURDAY, 10TH APRIL - Christine and Linda will take you on a journey of LIQUID MANURES AND TEAS & their preparation. Give your garden a treat and learn all about these fascinating techniques.

THURSDAY, 15TH APRIL - GARDEN TOOL MAINTAINENCE WORKSHOP - Do you want to learn how to properly care for you garden tools? Well this is the workshop for you. Jen will teach you all the dos and don'ts in this practical workshop. A must for the diary!!!

SATURDAY, 24TH APRIL - NATURAL HEALTH & CARE FOR ANIMALS - Sara will show everyone how to use produce from the garden for basic first aid, herbal remedies, homeopathy & bush essences on our sweet pet members of the family. Don't miss it!

THURSDAY, 29TH APRIL - AQUAPONICS REVAMP - Come and get wet and dirty for a great cause! We need lots of volunteers to help clean out Transition town's Hervey Bay aquaponics system located at Bay Crest. This is a great opportunity to see aquaponics in action, we'll meet at the cottage and go from there - contact Maggie for more info

SATURDAY, 17TH APRIL and SUNDAY, 18TH APRIL TWO DAY INTENSIVE-INTRODUCTION TO PERMACULTURE COURSE

Time- 10-4pm each day

Cost- \$100/\$80 concession for transition town members

Course content includes permaculture principals, garden design, organic gardening, worm farming, composting, Integrated pest management, companion planting, natural animal care, social permaculture AND MORE...

Contact Sara for more details

While Transition Town Hervey Bay, Transition Town Gardeners and the Neighbourhood Centre support the permaculture course, it is an independent activity.



SUNDAY, 25TH APRIL TRANSITION TOWN BBQ

11-2pm

FUN, FUN, FUN

Please see the front page for more detail



WANTED FOR THURSDAY, April 1st

Lots of volunteers to help weed, prune, mulch, plant seedlings and water the herb garden at the local Wide Bay Tafe. This garden is used by students and chefs. It is a three dimensional garden and very inspiring when looking its best.

Please bring trowels, buckets, secateurs and watering cans and your enthusiasm.

Please contact Maggie on 0407 746148 for a time and meeting place.

The TTHB meeting scheduled for the last Thursday of March has been cancelled due to our meeting room being closed for refurbishment.



DON'T FORGET EARTH HOUR
- 8.30PM TIL 9.30PM,
SATURDAY 27TH MARCH
TURN OFF ALL
NON-ESSENTIAL LIGHTING &
APPLIANCES - for more info, go
to www.earthhour.org.au, register
& be in the running for a 3Kw PV
system for your home.