

CERES PDC Schedule PDC37 – August to December 2024

The CERES Permaculture Design Course is like a ‘user’s manual’ for the planet you live on. As we explore the huge elements that drive our living planet (energy, climate, geology, ecology etc.) we will stay grounded in the simple, practical steps participants can take to live full and meaningful lives within the limits of what nature offers.

The design skills of the CERES PDC will embolden participants to make clear decisions that balance big-picture thinking with local, practical life choices, whether applied to a rental property in the inner city, or a large rural setting.

Day	Date	Theme
Saturday	3 Aug	Welcome and introduction to Permaculture - Ethics, Principles, History
Wednesday	7 Aug	Earth Systems 1. Physical Principles
Wednesday	14 Aug	Earth Systems 2. Living/Ecological Principles
Saturday	17 Aug	Design 1. and Water in the landscape
Wednesday	21 Aug	Design 2.
Wednesday	28 Aug	Soils 1.
Saturday	31 Aug	Design 3. Reading the landscape and more analysis and Design site visit
Wednesday	4 Sept	Design 4.
Wednesday	11 Sept	Animals in Permaculture
Saturday	14 Sept	Water in the Home and Design 5.
Wednesday	18 Sept	Soils 2.
Break for School Holidays		
Wednesday	9 Oct	Annual Food Systems
Saturday	12 Oct	Urban Field Trips

Sunday	13 Oct	Urban Field Trips
Wednesday	16 Oct	Perennial food systems
Wednesday	23 Oct	Social Permaculture
Saturday	26 Oct	Design 6. and Wild Food Systems/Harvesting
Wednesday	30 Oct	Economics
Melbourne Cup Day Weekend		
Wednesday	6 Nov	Food Sovereignty/Seed Saving
Saturday	9 Nov	Tools & Technology and Extending the Harvest
Wednesday	13 Nov	Building Design, Retrofit & Materials
Wednesday	20 Nov	Energy, Civilisations & Future Scenarios
Saturday	23 Nov	Field trips: rural systems (overnight)
Sunday	24 Nov	Field trips: rural systems
Wednesday	27 Nov	Retro-suburbia - Household Resilience
Wednesday	4 Dec	Open Space Session + Course Review
Saturday	7 Dec	Design 6 - Design presentations and beyond the PDC

Session Times

Wednesdays: 6.30 - 9.30pm

Saturdays: 9.30am - 4.30pm

7 Saturday sessions, 16 Wednesday sessions, 2 Sat+Sun weekend field trips

Please note: Topic order may be subject to change