

CERES PDC Schedule PDC35 – August to November 2023

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 |
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| Saturday | 5 August | Introduction to Permaculture and the PDC (and welcome lunch) |
| Wednesday | 9 August | Energy laws and Flows |
| Wednesday | 16 August | Ecology Principles |
| Saturday | 19 August | Design 1 - Base mapping. Sectors and zones. Water |
| Wednesday | 23 August | Design 2 |
| Wednesday | 30 August | Soils Part 1 |
| Saturday | 2 September | Design 3 - Site analysis and reading the landscape |
| Wednesday | 6 September | Soils Part 2 |
| Wednesday | 13 September | Annual Cropping Systems |
| Break for School Holidays | Sat 16 Sept to Sat 30 Sept | |
| Wednesday | 4 October | Perennial Cropping Systems |
| Saturday | 7 October | Field trips: urban systems |
| Sunday | 8 October | Field trips: urban systems |
| Wednesday | 11 October | Animals in Permaculture |
| Wednesday | 18 October | Catching & Storing Water, greywater, compost toilets |

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| Saturday | 21 October | Design 5, Wild food systems/harvesting |
| Wednesday | 25 October | Building Design and Materials + disaster preparedness |
| Wednesday | 1 November | Social Permaculture: Patterns in community building |
| Melbourne Cup Day Weekend | | |
| Wednesday | 8 November | Retro-suburbia – Household resilience |
| Saturday | 11 November | Alternative tech, power, energy systems + individual designs |
| Wednesday | 15 November | Alternative Governance and Economics |
| Saturday | 18 November | Food sovereignty/seed saving, extending the harvest |
| Wednesday | 22 November | Energy Reality, civilisations, future scenarios |
| Saturday | 25 November | Field trips: rural systems |
| Sunday | 26 November | Field trips: rural systems |
| Wednesday | 29 November | Open space session |
| Wednesday | 6 December | Re-gen land management |
| Saturday | 9 December | Design 6 - Design presentations |

Session Times

Wednesdays: 6.30 - 9.30pm

Saturdays: 9.30am - 4.30pm

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