

# Permaculture Appreciative Inquiry Session

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2019

**Topic:** How broad is Permaculture? Using Permaculture as a lense for Stewardship & Sustainability in Poatina, what Permaculture activities are we already doing?

## Permaculture Flower

The permaculture journey begins with the Ethics and Design Principles and moves through the key domains required to create a sustainable culture. The spiral evolutionary path joins together these domains, initially at a personal and local level, and then proceeding to the collective and global level.

Some of the specific fields, design systems and solutions that have been associated with the wider view of permaculture are listed below.

### Land & Nature Stewardship

Bio-intensive gardening	Holistic Rangeland Management
Forest gardening	Natural Sequence Farming
Seed saving	Agroforestry
Organic agriculture	Nature-based forestry
Biodynamics	Integrated aquaculture
Natural Farming	Wild harvesting & hunting
Keyline water harvesting	Cleaning

### Building

Passive solar design	Earth sheltered construction
Natural construction materials	Natural disaster resistant construction
Water harvesting & Waste Reuse	Domestic building
Biotechnology	Pattern Language

### Tools & Technology

Reuse & creative recycling	Bio-char from forest wastes
Hand Tools	Co-generation
Bicycles and electric bikes	Micro-hydro & small scale wind
Efficient & low pollution wood stoves	Grid-tied renewable power generation
Fuels from organic wastes	Energy storage
Wood Gasification	Transition engineering

### Education & Culture

Home Schooling	Social ecology
Waldorf education	Action Research
Participatory arts and music	Transition culture

### Health & Spiritual Well-Being

Home birth & Breast feeding	Spirit of place, indigenous
Complementary & Wholistic Medicine	cultural revival
Yoga, Tai Chi & other	Dying with dignity
body/mind/spirit disciplines	

### Finances & Economics

Local and regional currencies	WVDFing & similar networks
Carpooling, Ride sharing & Car share	Tradable Energy Quotas
Ethical Investment & Fair Trade	Life Cycle Analysis & Emergey
Farmers markets & Community	Accounting
Supported Agriculture (CSA)	

### Land Tenure & Community Governance

Cooperatives & Body Corporates	Open Space Technology &
Cohousing & Ecovillages	Consensus Decision Making
Native Title and traditional use rights	



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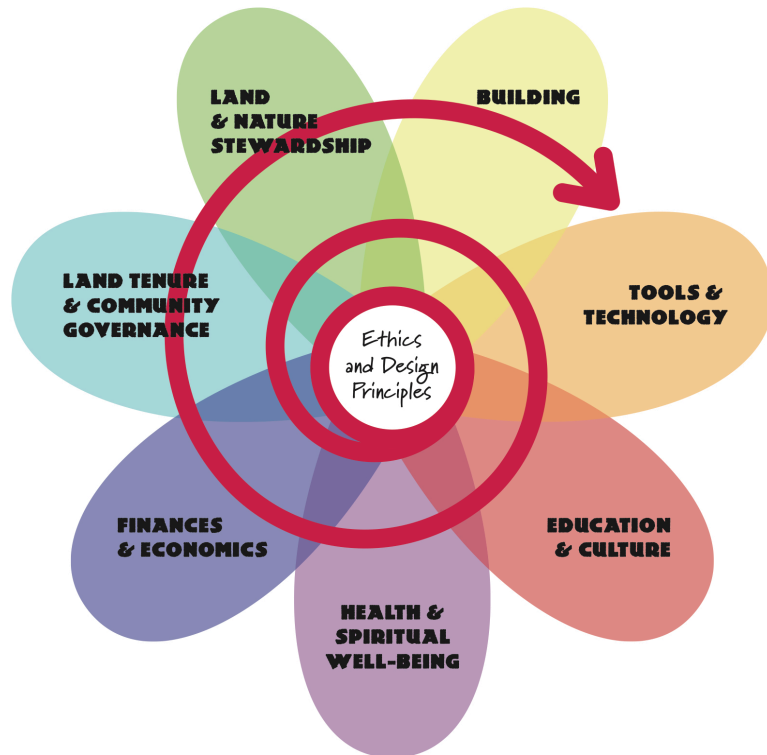


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The Permaculture Flower has been adapted from David Holmgren's book Permaculture: Principles & Pathways Beyond Sustainability. Permaculture Flower Poster 1.0



Look at David Holmgren's "Permaculture Flower," showing the Seven Domains of Permaculture...

Using this link you can click on each petal of the flower in the diagram and scroll down to see a list of all the possible areas that might be included in that aspect of Permaculture - <https://permacultureprinciples.com/flower/>

These include (in no particular order): Health and Spiritual Wellbeing; Finances and Economics; Land Tenure and Community Governance; Land and Nature Stewardship; Building; Tools and Technology; Education and Culture.

Listen to David talk about the Flower:

[https://permacultureprinciples.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/Holmgren\\_Pc\\_Flower.mp3](https://permacultureprinciples.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/Holmgren_Pc_Flower.mp3)

How does this change or expand your ideas of what Permaculture is about?

Appreciative Inquiry - How can you see Permaculture already happening in Poatina and the local area?

What might a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) Analysis on some of these areas, come up with?

Look at the Permaculture Ethics and Principles:

Ethics – Earth Care, People Care, Fair Share - <https://permacultureprinciples.com/ethics/>  
Design Principles - <https://permacultureprinciples.com/principles/> (including a diagram where you can click on each area to see the Principle, and watch a 5min video)

How could these be helpful as we find small, manageable ways to grow Stewardship and Sustainability in Poatina?