PERMACULTURE RESOURCES AROUND AUSTRALIA:

VICTORIA

Holmgren Design- run by one of the founders of Permaculture, David Holmgren, they run Permaculture Design Courses here.


Taranaki Farm - practices & promotes ethical animal husbandry, regenerative landscape stewardship and stands for local community renewal.

Yandoit Farm- is a beautiful 140 acre natural farm in Central Victoria focusing on diversified small scale animal husbandry, annual and perennial food systems and broad scale regenerative agroforestry. [facebook.com/YandoitFarm/](http://facebook.com/YandoitFarm/)

Melbourne:

Ceres Community Environmental Park- non-profit Sustainability Center w/ environmental education programs, urban agriculture projects, green technology demonstrations, a market, grocery, café, community kitchen, organic online supermarket & a permaculture & bushfood nursery. [http://ceres.org.au/](http://ceres.org.au/)

Permaculture Victoria- a member based non-profit established in 1981 which promotes sustainable development in Melbourne. [https://www.permaculturevictoria.org.au/](https://www.permaculturevictoria.org.au/)


Very Edible Gardens. A permaculture group in Brunswick run by Adam Grubb and Dan Palmer. They run PDCs, run all kinds of projects in the Melbourne area, co-founded the permablitz network (a volunteer backyard makeover network.) They make wicking beds (water efficient gardening kits [https://www.wickingbeds.com.au/](https://www.wickingbeds.com.au/))
NEW SOUTH WALES

The Permaculture Research Institute (Zaytuna Farms)- Premier learning center for Permaculture globally. The PRI is located on a Permaculture demonstration site in The Channon NSW, and is headed by Geoff & Nadia Lawton. They specialize in education & training worldwide. They also provide daily Permaculture news and info.
http://www.permaculturenews.org/ Additionally, “This will be the premier place to find out who is doing what, and where, in the permaculture world. You can search for projects by keyword, and/or filter to specific project types. You can even constrain your search by climate zone, so you can find others working in similar conditions as yourself. As you search, you’ll see pins on the world map below appear or disappear to reflect your search results, and you can either browse the project cards or click on map pins to go to individual project profiles.”

Milkwood - holds Permaculture Courses (including Permaculture Design Courses) in New South Wales (including Sydney) as well as Victoria (including Melbourne).
https://www.milkwood.net/about/

Sydney area:

Permaculture Sydney Institute - permaculture education center in Sydney offering classes in permaculture (including Permaculture Design Courses!) and urban permaculture.
http://www.permaculturesydneyinstitute.org/

Permaculture Sydney North- Permaculture Sydney North is a non-profit group based in Sydney, Australia. Members have a huge range of skills in self reliance, permaculture design, teaching and community development. http://www.permaculturenorth.org.au/

Permaculture Sydney West- http://www.permaculturesydneywest.com.au/ Permaculture group of the greater Western Sydney region offering monthly information evenings, garden blitzes, seed saving, sustainable living workshops, community garden support, food security, urban food growing, water and waste management and sustainable energy techniques. Also offers in depth training in how to apply the ethics and principles through their Urban Permaculture Course and authorised, Permaculture Design Certificate. (PDC)

Milkwood- (repeated because they work in Sydney)- They teach Permaculture courses around Sydney, other parts of New South Wales, and Victoria (including Melbourne).
https://www.milkwood.net/about/

Pocket City Farms- working to bring urban farming to Sydney’s unused spaces
http://www.pocketcityfarms.com.au
Marickville Food Forest - food forest in the local area

The Happy Herb Shop - herbal medicine apothecary in Sydney
http://happyherbcompany.com/newtown

Byron Bay area:

Byron college of Permaculture at Byron Community College - From their website:
“Byron Community College has a strong history with Permaculture. We have successfully run the Certificate III in Permaculture for the past 6 years, with many of our graduates moving on to exciting opportunities including further studies and employment in the Byron Shire and beyond. We’ve held many successful Permablitz short courses around the local area which have transformed barren spaces to thriving hubs of Permaculture design showcases, plus we added the Certificate IV in Permaculture to our course list for the first time this year.”
www.byroncollege.org.au

Starseed Gardens - Gardens and Cultural Center in the heart of Byron Bay
http://www.starseedgardens.com/vision/

Wybolena organic farm - organic farm in Byron Bay

Paradise One Permaculture Resort - retreat center, holds permaculture events in the area.

Growing Roots Permaculture - Permaculture Farm in Mullimbimby
facebook.com/GrowingRootsPermaculture/

Djanbung Gardens (Permaculture College Australia) - a permaculture education centre and living learn-scape (in Nimbin), the gardens demonstrate diverse ways permaculture can be applied to practical living, working and production systems. hosting a permaculture Design course January 8 - 21, http://permaculture.com.au/djanbung-gardens/

House of Herbs - Herbal Apothecary “Naturopathic Dispensary” in Byron Bay.

Happy High Herbs Byron Bay - herb shop in Byron Bay offering different modalities of healing
http://happyherbcompany.com/byronbay

Central Coast:
Permaculture Central Coast- Permaculture Central Coast (PCC) Inc is a not-for-profit organisation, run completely by volunteer community members who believe in education, community sharing, partnership and who have a passion for a sustainable future. 
http://www.permaculturecc.org.au/

Permaculture Central Coast Gosford Show- Every year, PCC has a stand at the Central Coast Regional Show


The Long Jetty Produce Swap- a monthly meet to share backyard produce, knowledge and skills locally. They meet the first Sat of every month 10 – 11am at CWA Hall, 1 Pacific St, Long Jetty. Long Jetty Produce Swap is a way to make sure your garden surplus doesn’t go to waste – find a good home for it, and take home something different. Swap produce from your garden, plants, seeds, and cuttings. Make some friends, be a locavore and build community.

Gnostic Corner- Healing center including an herbal apothecary in Woy Woy

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The Food Forest- 15 hectare Permaculture farm in Gawler where they grow over 160 varieties of fruits, nuts, grains, and vegetables. They offer Permaculture Design Courses (PDCs) as well as many workshops throughout the year. https://www.foodforest.com.au/

Wagtail Urban Farm- organic urban farm in Adelaide which incorporates permaculture principles. Lots of opportunities to get involved! https://wagtailurbanfarm.wordpress.com/about/

Happy Herbs- herbal apothecaries with 3 locations in South Australia (Semaphore, Gleneig, and Adelaide) http://happyherbcompany.com/Adelaide

TASMANIA

Good Life Permaculture- permaculture farm in Hobart, Tasmania offering a wide range of opportunities and courses including Permaculture Design Courses (PDCs)
**Herbae Thylacinæ** - herbal apothecary with a focus on Native Australian medicine

**Gould’s Apothecary** - herbal apothecary in Hobart offering a wide range of natural medicines. They also have an organic herb farm.

**Biodynamics Tasmania** - From their website: “Bio-Dynamics Tasmania encourages its members to use a biodynamic farming and gardening calendar to develop their knowledge and intuition in the timing of ground preparation, sowing, weeding, transplanting, etc.”

**QUEENSLAND**

**Sugarloaf Permaculture** - Permaculture farm offering internships. From their website: “We are a Permaculture homestead site based in the Granite belt town of Stanthorpe in SouthEast Queensland, Australia (about 2 and a half hours from Brisbane). We try and live the Permaculture life - i.e. following the 3 ethics of Care of the Earth, Care of People, and Setting limits to population and consumption. It also means taking responsibility for our own existence. We are off-grid in terms of using solar power only, cell phone network for phone, NBN fixed wireless for internet, and catching and storing rainwater.”


**Noosa Forest Retreat** - Permaculture retreat center offering Permaculture Design Courses, internships, and living and land-share opportunities http://noosaforestretreat.com/

**Crystal Waters Eco Village** - ecological and conscious living area set in 650 acres of bushland at the headwaters of the Mary River. https://crystalwaters.org.au/

**SEED Internation Permaculture Workshops** - From their website: “We love to teach permaculture and help design productive permaculture systems such as city farms and community gardens; gardens in universities, schools and playgroups; backyard gardens; urban rooftops; small holdings and ecovillages. Our education programs are practical, fun and delicious. Students leave with inspiration, great design skills, confidence to implement projects, and of course, happy tummies. SEED International is a social enterprise based at the unique Crystal Waters Permaculture Village near Maleny QLD, Australia”
**Permaculture Cairns** - Permaculture Cairns is a non-profit community group. Our mission is to implement sustainable design systems throughout the Cairns community; the Far North region, through education, communal design projects; the shared individual experience of Permaculture. [http://permaculturecairns.org.au](http://permaculturecairns.org.au)

**Gold Coast Permaculture** - Permaculture center on the gold coast offering a large array of Permaculture education opportunities including permaculture education for kids! From their website “We help educate, support and inspire the Gold Coast community to learn about permaculture and local food production via workshops, our community garden, resources and networking.” [http://goldcoastpermaculture.org.au](http://goldcoastpermaculture.org.au)

**Brisbane:**

**Northey Street City Farm** - Urban farm in Brisbane located 5 minutes from city center. They have all kinds of amazing permaculture programs including a Permaculture Design Course (PDC) in February 9 - June 11, 2018. They also run kids Permaculture programs! [https://www.nscf.org.au](https://www.nscf.org.au)

**Crystal Waters** - Community Cooperative designed with Permaculture principles [https://crystalwaters.org.au/permaculture/](https://crystalwaters.org.au/permaculture/) PDC Course: April 29 – May 11, 2018

**Brisbane Tool Library** - Place to rent tools in the Brisbane area! [https://brisbanetoollibrary.org/](https://brisbanetoollibrary.org/)

**Tom Kendall/ Kendall Permaculture** - permaculturist teaching a PDC in January [https://kendallpermaculture.com/about-us/](https://kendallpermaculture.com/about-us/)

**Permaculture Research Institute Sunshine Coast**- their PDCs are taught by “Zaia” and Tom Kendall (above) [https://permaculturesunshinecoast.org/](https://permaculturesunshinecoast.org/)


**List of permaculture/ biodynamic farming classes around Brisbane**- [https://weteachme.com/classes/brisbane/permaculture-and-gardening-classes](https://weteachme.com/classes/brisbane/permaculture-and-gardening-classes)

NORTHERN TERRITORY

The Happy Farmer - organic farm utilizing permaculture techniques in the Northern Territory

Biodynamic Farming Class in the Northern Territory-

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Permaculture West- Permaculture Association of Western Australia offering education and resources. https://permaculturewest.org.au/

Perth:

Terra Perma Design : Permaculture, Education, and Design- permaculture business offering design expertise, Permaculture Design Courses (PDCs), and free workshops

Perth City Farm- urban farm in Perth offering workshops including Permaculture workshops. From their website: “Perth City Farm is a non-profit community environmental centre that provides space and opportunities to build community connections, and educates and enables people to live sustainably. We focus on the relationships between people and the environment, society, and one another.” https://www.perthcityfarm.org.au/


Happy Herb Shop in Perth- herbal apothecary in Perth
http://happyherbcompany.com/northbridge
Lorde Howe, and Christmas Islands:

Hidden Gardens Sustainable Farm - Organic farm on the Christmas Islands offering many workshops including permaculture workshops. “We believe people should have the opportunity to put fresh food on their plates no matter where they live. It shouldn't have to travel far, and it should be affordable. We don’t believe in waste, but we do believe in its potential to become a truly valuable resource.” http://hiddengarden.com.au/about/

Thornleigh Farms - organic farm on Lorde Howe Island. https://thornleighfarm.com/

Other Resources:

FREE Online Permaculture Course by Australia’s Geoff Lawton: Online Permaculture Course that will guide you through the what, why and how of Permaculture. http://www.geofflawtononline.com/


List of Books/ Authors to Check out:

- A Practical Guide For A Sustainable Future, Permaculture One and others by Bill Mollison (one of the founders of Permaculture)

- Books by Starhawk

- Permaculture: Principles and Pathways Beyond Sustainability and others by David Holmgrom (one of the founders of Permaculture).

- The Permaculture Earthworks Handbook and others by Geoff Lawton

- The One Straw Revolution by Masanobu Fukuoka

- Gaia’s Garden by Toby Hemenway

- The Earth Care Manual by Patrick Whitefield

- Herbal Medicine books by Rosemary Gladstar
Permaculture Design Courses and host sites around Australia:

The Permaculture Research Institute (Zaytuna Farms)

2018 Ashram Permaculture Design Course:  

Byron College of Permaculture:  All kinds of Courses (See website for details)  
www.byroncollege.org.au  
Yandoit farms (in Victoria)

Veg Permaculture Design Course  26 October - November 11, 2018 at Very Edible Gardens in Victoria

Permaculture Sydney Institute:  PDC January 8-21

Permaculture Sydney West

Sugarloaf Permaculture in Queensland

Permaculture Design Course at Milkwood (New South Wales) April 21st - May 4th, 2018  
https://www.milkwood.net/courses/


Okines Community House Permaculture Design Course  January 19 - Feb 2.  
https://permacultureaustralia.org.au/events/permaculture-design-course-23/


Candlelight farms- hosts PDCs in Perth

Crystal waters PDC Course (BRISBANE) April 29 – May 11, 2018
North Street City Farm PDC (Brisbane) Friday 9 February – 1 June 2018

https://www.nscf.org.au

FOR A LIST OF LOTS OF OTHER PDCs happening in Australia this year:

“The greatest change we need to make is from consumption to production, even if on a small scale, in our own gardens. If only 10% of us do this, there is enough for everyone. Hence the futility of revolutionaries who have no gardens, who depend on the very system they attack, and who produce words and bullets, not food and shelter.”

— Bill Mollison