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# Permaculture Cairns

Empowering communities with sustainable solutions

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## Media Release

Australian of the Year nominee Tasmanian Senior Citizen of the Year in 2010, and national icon, Bill Mollison, is coming to Cairns to attend a major permaculture conference in September 24-27 at the Candlenut Steiner School, Kuranda.

Co-founder of permaculture, Mr. Mollison, 82, is still travelling, teaching, consulting and thinking of intelligent designs for homes, business and farms that provide for their own needs, do not pollute, and are sustainable.

Mr. Mollison gained popularity worldwide as a teacher and writer. He has written several famous books on Permaculture including the international text *Permaculture: A Designers' Manual*, which is the curriculum of the two week permaculture design course.

He has taught over 40,000 graduates of the two week course which is now offered world-wide. Almost every country in the world has a permaculture group or association that meet at biannual and triennial conference events.

In 1981 he received the prestigious Right Livelihood Award, also known as the "Alternative Nobel Prize", for his work developing and promoting social transformation through permaculture.

Permaculture is an integrated system of design. It incorporates agriculture, horticulture, architecture, ecology, money management, land access and legal systems for businesses and communities.

Conservation of soil, water and energy are central issues to permaculture, as are stability and biodiversity.

"Mr. Mollison is a national living treasure," said conference organiser Ms. Georgina Kruse.

"Mr. Mollison is energetic, inspiring and passionate. And his message has never been more important.

"There are now thousands of people who understand, practice and promote the simple permaculture principles that he helped refine over years of practical work in every climate zone on Earth," she said.

"We are unlikely to see Mr. Mollison return to North Queensland. Attending the Festival of Permaculture during the conference is a great opportunity for everyone."

The Festival will also be attended by actor and environmental campaigner, Ms. Daryl Hannah, former Australian Governor General, Major General Michael Jeffery, and television personalities Josh Byrne (ABC) and Costa Georgiadis (SBS).

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