

# LUKE MATHEWS

## RESUME

### PERSONAL DETAILS

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### CURRENT.

Acquired 30 acre property in Finch Hatton, Central Queensland Coast, with partner Harmony. The property is being developed as a permaculture sanctuary.

Volunteers for Mackay Community Garden, Happy Daze Music Festival, Mushroom Valley Music Festival and works for the Wintermoon Folk Music Festival.

### HISTORY.

#### **March 2005- Now Mackay Community Garden Inc.**

- Duties include:
- \* Establishment and development of all aspects of an Incorporated Association.
  - Establishment and development of administrative structures to facilitate the group's activities.
  - Development of projects both on and off site.
  - Facilitation of 6 x 72hour Permaculture Design Certificate Courses.
  - Working with schools to kitchen garden establishment including planning, design, funding application and implementation.
  - Facilitating workshops including Introduction to permaculture, planning and design, composting and worm farms.
  - Consistent regular presence at the site.
  - Liaison with general community, media, other administrative structures, other local Not-for-profit groups and environment groups.
  - Funding applications.
  - Development of educational training program funded by Mackay and Whitsunday Natural Resource Management including activities at local State schools.

- Organization, management and supervision of 6 Work for the Dole Activities.
- Delegation of tasks to champion members.
- Organization of staffing for on and off site projects.

**March 2004-April 2006 Future Scene Landscaping.**

- Duties include:
- \* Structural Landscaping. Nth Queensland.
  - Bobcat and mini excavator operation.
  - All aspects of landscaping including carpentry.
  - Industrial irrigation systems.
  - Ex ground tree planting.
  - Turf laying.
  - Quantifying materials and ordering.

**May 2001-March 2004 Self employed.**

- Minor landscape work.
- Facilitation of 3 Introduction to Permaculture workshops through the St. Helens neighborhood house, Tasmania.
- Self help work.

**Sept 2000-May 2001 Design and implementation of Permaculture system on Steve Alexander's property in Maleny, SE Qld.**

- Duties include:
- Research
  - Consultancy
  - Plan and design development.
  - Plan and design implementation.
  - Facilitating and organizing contractors.
  - Site development.

**Dec1999-Sept2000. Forest Futures for the Living System Design group.**

**Planning for the implementation of a sustainable community cooperative for the Byron Bay area NSW.**

Duties include:

- Research into Farm Forestry, Bamboo production, Coffee production, cut flowers, Bush flower remedies, culinary and medicinal herbs.
- Designing polycultural forestry systems based on production and return.
- Community liaison and education with a focus on the development of co-operatives and eco-villages for the region.
- Sustainable land management practice consultancy for local land holders.

**Nov 1997-Dec 1999 Tagari farm management team, The Permaculture Research Institute.**

To establish and develop Tagari Farm, a 150 acre site as The Permaculture Research Institute in Tyalgum NSW. The objectives of this venture was to establish a facility which promotes, demonstrates and educates sustainable land management systems as well as human settlement systems, based on permaculture principles for the global community. We also facilitated and supported overseas projects and networking.

Duties include:

- \* Facilitating voluntary labor including wwoofers.
- \* Facilitating interns with research projects on site.
- \* Book keeping and general administration.
- \* Planning, development and design of systems on the site.
- \* Public liaison through tours, looking after students, general inquiries, and other related networking via the internet, phone or snail mail.

- As a Trainer:
- \* Member of training team which conducted PDC's every 2 months on site. 13 in total
  - \* Member of training team which conducted 2 week Advanced Permaculture Systems establishment and implementation course's every 2 months 6 in total
  - \* Assisted in teaching another 5 PDC's off site, including the research, organization, development and facilitation of the first PDC to be taught in PNG under emergency response conditions.

**1995-1997:** Manager and owner of 'Vegetation Restoration' company SE.QLD.

- Duties include:
- \* Revegetation of degraded sites for large housing development sites.
  - \* Administration, marketing and public relations.

**1995-1997:** Farm-Camp manager, Singisi Farm and the Save Valley Conservancy. Chiredzi. Zimbabwe. The Save Valley conservancy is one of the largest privately owned animal conservation parks in the world. This project is sponsored by WWF.

- \* Supervising work teams on both the sugar farm and the wildlife conservancy.
- \* Establishment of sustainable land management practices, road construction techniques, water harvesting and pumping techniques and systems and solar technology.
- \* Built an air strip, slabbed mahogany using mobile saw mill, developed and maintained 45 km. of electric fencing. General administration, planned salary/voucher distribution for workers, host for clients on game ranch.

## **EDUCATION AND FURTHER TRAINING.**

**2006:** Diploma in ‘Accredited Permaculture Training’ RTO-Hortus Aust.

**2005:** Certificate IV in Workplace Training and Assessment. QLD Training, Mackay.

**1999:** Creative Facilitation Course, Robin Clayfield.

**1997:** PDC, Bill Mollison.

**1986-1990:** Landscape Gardening Apprenticeship. Albert Bakowski Landscaping. Melb.  
This included Cert iv Horticulture

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT – VOLUNTEER WORK.**

**2005-Now** **Mackay Community Garden Inc. volunteer**

**1993-1997** Landcare volunteer. Noosa Landcare.

**1996-1997** Assisted the formation of the ‘Noosa Farm Forestry Program’

**1995-1997** Noosa Landcare Management Committee member, Secretary for one year and Farm Forestry rep for the second.

**1995-1996** Fremantle Inner City Agriculture, Community garden volunteer. Martin Ander.

**1995-1996** Member of WA Forest alliance.

## **REFEREES:**

Janet Millington. [miltech@bigpond.com](mailto:miltech@bigpond.com)  
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