



Narara
ecovillage
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Sustainability experts David Holmgren and Nicole Foss at the first permaculture gathering of Narara Ecovillage

Sunday 29th June: 9:15am - 2:30pm

Narara Eco Living Network (NELN) is delighted to welcome David Holmgren and Nicole Foss to Narara Ecovillage to open our inaugural Permaculture Gathering.

Permaculture groups in the Greater Sydney Region are especially welcome.

For details of Narara Ecovillage, please see page 2.

Survive and Thrive with talks from David Holmgren and Nicole Foss.



Nicole Foss is the former editor of the Oil Drum–Canada & ran the Agri-Energy Producers' Association of Ontario with renewable energy solutions. She advised on EU and Russia Nuclear safety; is a finance and energy expert; a Permaculture teacher; and editor of <http://www.theautomaticearth.co>

Nicole will talk about building resilience in an era of limits to growth. She will show that we are approaching many limits to growth over the next several decades. There are challenges for energy, environment, resources and climate change, as the on-going global financial crisis (GFC) continues to demonstrate.



David Holmgren is the co-originator of Permaculture, with Bill Mollison; an ecological educator and environmental designer. He is also the author of "*Permaculture: Principles and Pathways beyond Sustainability*" and "*Future Scenarios: How communities can adapt to Peak Oil and Climate Change*" see <http://holmgren.com.au>

David will give a talk on Permaculture Surfing the Property Bubble Collapse. He will focus on solutions, and will update and extend his "retrofitting the suburbs" theme. It will include approaches such as getting out of debt, downsizing and rebooting our dormant household and community nonmonetary economies.

Program:

8:45am for 9:15am start	Talks by Nicole and David, \$15 / \$10 concession & NELN members
10:30am	Site tour (free)
12:15pm	Lunch (pizza supplied, plus bring lunch to share)
1pm	Developing the local Permaculture network
2:30pm	Close

Date: Sunday 29th June, 2014

Venue: 25 Research Rd, Narara (near Gosford)

RSVP by Thursday, 26 June: Linda Scott at living@nararaecovillage.com or 0400 546 323

The inaugural Permaculture Gathering at Narara Ecovillage

Narara Ecovillage Co-operative is an intentional community developing a leading-edge residential village at Narara on the Central Coast of NSW. Our Ecovillage will blend the principles of ecological, social and economic sustainability; good health, business, caring and sharing and other options that may evolve for our well-being.

The principles of permaculture will play a large part in our approach, and the Co-operative has many permies who bring much wisdom and experience into the mix of people from all walks of life.

We welcome the opportunity and are very excited about showing you this beautiful 63 hectares that has over 90 species of birds as well as much other wildlife and contains a large conservation area. As a former horticultural research station, there are also many and varied productive trees to see. Our objectives for the day are:

- Introduction to Narara Ecovillage and tour of site
- How we are incorporating Permaculture Principles in our Ecovillage design
- A social gathering and a rare opportunity to look for synergies across permaculture groups in the wider Sydney region
- General feedback on proposed projects
- Level of support for future workshops at Narara Ecovillage

Narara Ecovillage has owned the land for a year and has made much progress with the Master Plan and a number of DA's already being lodged with council. Within Stage 1 of the development, it includes 33 individual blocks of land for residences and a further 27 homes available in two groups of cluster houses. Members are currently developing a Permaculture Plan for productive plantings after holding a workshop with Peter Brecknock.

Narara Ecovillage is a healthy 15 minute walk from the Narara railway station. For those coming by train to Narara, there is a 7.15am train from Central arriving Narara 8.45am. For a lift from the station, please text Linda on 0400546323 upon departure from Central. By car (about a 10 minute drive) from the Gosford or Ourimbah exit.

RSVP

Please circulate this to your members. We've asked for your RSVP by Thursday, 26th June but recommend that if you want to attend David and Nicole's talks, you advise Linda Scott living@nararaecovillage.com ASAP.

Narara Eco Living Network (NELN) is a not-for-profit association supporting and promoting Narara Ecovillage as a model for an environmentally, socially and economically sustainable intentional community and share this vision and knowledge. We look forward to welcoming you to Narara Ecovillage. Check the websites: <http://neln.org.au>, <http://nararaecovillage.com/> or ask to join our facebook group: Narara Ecovillage Community.

Hosted by Patricia Meagher; Narara Eco Living Committee Member and Narara Ecovillage Land Team Leader, a horticultural researcher with a science degree & PDC.