

Te Ao Māori Workshop



Painting of Papatūānuku by Phil Mokaraka Berry of Ngāpuhi, accessed from Te Ara – the Encyclopedia of New Zealand www.TeAra.govt.nz/en/artwork/18374/papatuanuku

We are proud to bring to you for the first time a new permaculture design module: Te Ao Māori.

Tutors: Āwhina Barrett and Matua Hēpara (Shepherd Isaac)

As with most of te reo Māori, 'Te Ao Māori' is not easily translated into English, because Māori language and culture has a multitude of different concepts, ideas and understandings not encapsulated in te reo Pākeha. In its simplest form, 'Te Ao Māori' can perhaps translate as 'the Māori world' or 'the world/Earth, from a Māori perspective'.

Included in this module

- Learning about Māori relationships to land, waters and sky. Includes Māori stories, culture and spirituality, and how this links to the practices of Earth care and People care.
- Rongoā - an introduction to the medicinal use of plants.
- A story of native planting, for personal, societal and environmental healing. Includes trip to a native planting land, where cultural protocols and practices will be observed. All of the permaculture principles will be incorporated into this mahi.

Learning objectives

- Basic understanding of Māori culture and relationship to land, waters and sky.
- Develop understanding of personal relationship to land, waters and sky.
- Develop an understanding of the importance of native areas and restoring Papatūānuku (Mother Earth) for us as individuals, communities and the world.

When: Saturday, 29 October; 9am– 5pm.

Where: Waikato Environment Centre, 242 Peachgrove Road, Hamilton.

Fee: \$135 (Discount available for WEC members)

This session can be attended as a workshop or be credited towards our [Permaculture Design Certificate](#) (Module 10).

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