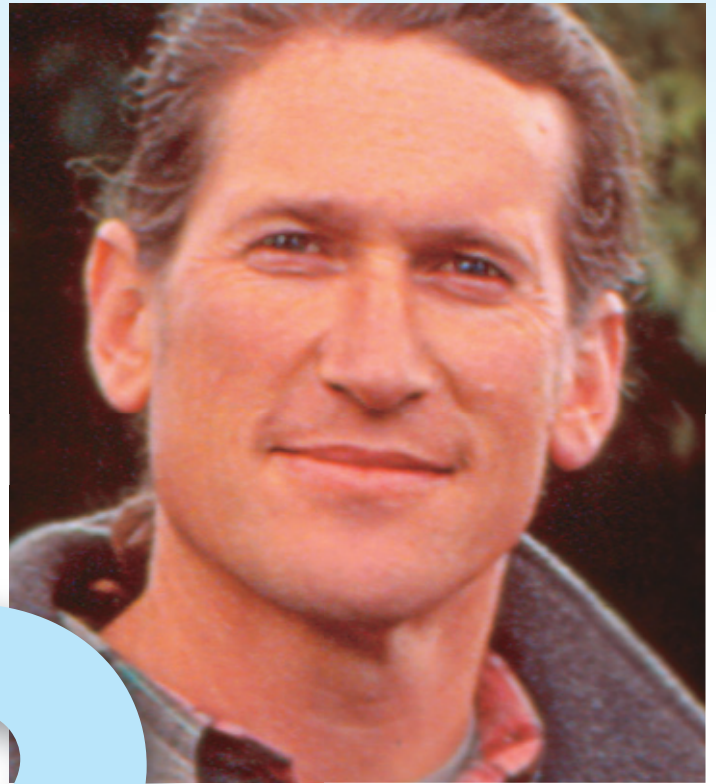


POSITIVE LOCAL SOLUTIONS TO THE LOOMING OIL CRISIS



RICHARD HEINBERG

PEAK OIL Powerdown & Relocalisation

Richard Heinberg is acknowledged as one of the world's finest peak oil speakers and writers, and a key spokesperson for the Powerdown and Depletion Protocol projects. Fresh from an extensive speaking tour in the United States, Richard brings his clarity of thinking and professional presentation skills to Australia, to help us understand the threats that we face from the depletion of conventional oil supplies, resource wars, terrorism and economic and social collapse.

"Richard and David are the very best in their fields. If you have any interest in the future of our energy, don't miss these talks." Rowan Tucker-Evans - sydneypeakoil.com

DAVID HOLMGREN

PERMACULTURE

Peak oil is the critical issue now. Falling supplies of natural gas will follow. "Energy descent" challenges us to find local solutions that suit the particular nature of sites and cultural contexts. Universal recipes will no longer work. From a bottom-up perspective, many local, integrated, multi-faceted solutions can be found. Permaculture is the best available framework for re-designing the way we think and act to resolve the looming energy crises we face.

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PEAK OIL & PERMACULTURE RELOCALISATION IN THE ENERGY DESCENT FUTURE

Peak oil – a “tipping-point” in our delicate relationship with our finite planet – is now recognised as a serious threat to our consumption-driven, globalised supersystem on wheels. While the jury is out on the actual date of the world peak, even the oil companies agree a peak will occur. The only question is; when?

Just as the jury is out on the date, the jury is out on what we can expect to experience after the peak. The optimists believe that we will enjoy “the invisible hand of the market”, guiding us unerringly into a renewable hi-technology future. The pessimists see the opposite; a world depression, skyrocketing oil prices, stockmarket panic, high unemployment ... and worse.

In August-September 2006, permaculture legend David Holmgren will be joined by Californian Richard Heinberg – widely regarded as one of the world’s foremost Peak Oil educators – on an Australian public speaking tour focusing on the realities and opportunities posed by the end of cheap, abundant oil.

David and Richard will provide you with a thorough briefing on the world situation, and then flesh out some sustainable alternatives to the wars that we are told will “not end in our lifetimes” and a system that threatens to “overshoot the planet”.

While the peaking of world oil production would be the most significant single energy event in the history of the world, it is also perceived as a bad-news story rivalling climate change. Yet, peak oil provides an important opportunity to implement a wide range of positive, environmentally-benign, economic and social alternatives that will help us bridge the energy gap.

We can take advantage of the opportunities that peak oil represents to rebuild our personal and household self-reliance. We can relocalise our communities and economies. And we can succeed in navigating the rapids of our looming “energy descent”.

Using technology that is available today, and 25 years of permaculture-inspired “bottom-up” solutions to problem-solving, we can overcome the avalanche of confusing disinformation coming from vested interests, and assist people to adapt to – and excel in – the challenges and opportunities to come.

Join David Holmgren and Richard Heinberg at one of these two very special nights in Sydney. Look forward to two great talks. Look forward to positive local solutions to the looming oil crisis. Look forward to book sales & signings. And look forward to meeting others who share your concerns for the future.

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Richard Heinberg is the author of six books including *The Party’s Over: Oil, War and the Fate of Industrial Societies* (New Society, 2003, 2005), and *Powerdown: Options and Actions for a Post-Carbon World* (New Society, 2004). He is a journalist, educator, editor, lecturer, and a Core Faculty member of New College of California, where he teaches a program on *Culture, Ecology and Sustainable Community*, and is widely regarded as one of the world’s foremost Peak Oil educators.

Richard’s monthly *MuseLetter* was nominated in 1994 for an Alternative Press Award and has been included in *Utne Magazine’s* annual list of Best Alternative Newsletters. His essays and articles have appeared in many journals including *The Ecologist*, *Z Magazine*, *The Futurist*, *European Business Review*, *Earth Island Journal*, *Yes!*, *Wild Matters*, *The Proceedings of the Canadian Association of the Club of Rome*, *Alternative Press Review* and *The Sun*; and on many web sites including *EnergyBulletin.net*, *Alternet.org*, *ProjectCensored.com* and *Counterpunch.com*. Richard is a Fellow of the Post Carbon Institute and a member of the Association for the Study of Peak Oil and Gas.

Richard’s latest book *The Oil Depletion Protocol* will be available by August. This tour offers a rare opportunity to purchase Richard’s books in Australia.

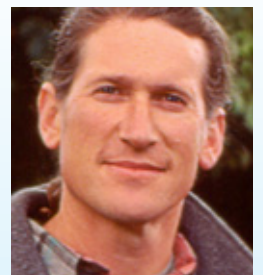


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David Holmgren BA (Env.Des.) is an environmental design consultant, author and teacher with a broad range and depth of practical and professional knowledge of sustainable land use. He is best known as co-author with Bill Mollison of *Permaculture One* (1978), a milestone in the application of environmental design to productive land use (published in six languages).

For over 25 years David has given courses, seminars, radio and television interviews dealing with the application of permaculture principles to gardening, agriculture, forestry, conservation, landuse planning and architecture. Apart from his pioneering articulation of the permaculture concept in the 1970s, he has written several more books, developed three properties using permaculture principles, conducted workshops and courses in Australia, New Zealand, Europe & Japan. Within the growing and international permaculture movement, David is respected for his commitment to presenting permaculture ideas through practical projects and teaching by personal example. He believes that a sustainable lifestyle is a realistic, attractive and powerful alternative to the oil-dependent consumerism that has led to our current energy demise.

David’s latest book *Permaculture: Principles and Pathways Beyond Sustainability* is a definitive work to guide us through the energy descent period.



MEDIA ENQUIRIES: To organise interviews with Richard Heinberg or David Holmgren, phone Penny Pyett on (02) 9888 2575 or Ian McPherson on (02) 9439 8860.

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